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Press Release

Jayant Agro-Organics and Partners Announce Year 9 Milestones of the Pragati Sustainable Castor Program

Jayant Agro-Organics Ltd., along with project partners Arkema, BASF, and implementation partner Solidaridad, announced the Year 9 results of Pragati, the world's first program dedicated to strengthening the sustainability of castor bean farming. Launched in 2016, the initiative continues to transform castor cultivation practices in Gujarat—home to the majority of the world's castor supply—through focused action on productivity, environmental stewardship, farmer welfare, and women's empowerment.

Key Highlights of Year 9 are as under

- Over **10,000** castor farmers trained, audited, and certified under the SuCCESS sustainability code.
- More than **140,000** tons of certified castor seeds cultivated cumulatively since program inception.
- Year 9 yields recorded at **32%** higher than government estimates for the state of Gujarat.
- **12,000+** hectares of semi-arid farmland farmed sustainably and repeatedly in accordance with the SuCCESS code (see www.castorsuccess.org).
- **30%** reduction in on-farm water use recorded compared to conventional cultivation, through adoption of efficient irrigation practices.
- **10,000+** personal protective equipment (PPE) kits distributed, ensuring that all participating farmers now have access to protective equipment for safer field operations.
- **150+** medical camps conducted in project villages, benefitting thousands of farmers, farm workers, and their families.
- **450+** capacity-building training sessions organized during the year.
- **500+** lead farmers trained to strengthen community-based learning and sustainable practice diffusion.

Women's Empowerment at the Core

Strengthening the role of women in agriculture continues to be a central commitment for the Pragati program. In 2025 season:

- More than **1,150** women farmers were trained, with a focus on good agricultural practices, financial management, and leadership development.
- The program enabled structured training, exposure visits, and improved access to government welfare schemes, helping women become active decision-makers in their farms, households, and communities.

Pragati Farmer's Testimony

"Farming is my only means to support my family," says Patel Sharmistha Jagnish Ben, a farmer from Mehsana district, Gujarat. *"Through the Pragati program, I learned sustainable farming practices that improved my soil health and increased my yields, while also reducing my dependence on expensive chemical inputs. The training gave me confidence, not only to manage my farm better but also to make financial decisions for my family. Today, I support my children's education, and help other women farmers in my village adopt safe and sustainable farming practices. Pragati has truly helped me move towards self-reliance and progress."*



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The Project Starting Point

The project was driven by a baseline survey in 2016 of more than 1,000 castor farmers in Gujarat, India, where most of the world's castor supply originates. The baseline study highlighted that farmers see castor as a highly remunerative and profitable crop – easy to grow, and easy to sell.

The goal of the project has been to enable sustainable castor crop production by:

- Using good agricultural practices to increase yield and farmer income
- Efficiently using water resources and maintaining soil fertility
- Driving adoption of good waste management practices
- Enabling better health and safety practices and respecting human rights

Independent Validation of Farmer Benefits

According to an impact assessment conducted in 2023 by ThinkThrough Consulting (TTC) (www.ttcglocal.com), Pragati-certified farmers experienced a 30% increase in income compared to non-certified farmers, driven by reduced costs and higher yields.

About Jayant Agro-Organics Ltd.

Jayant Agro-Organics Ltd. is a global leader in castor oil-based and specialty chemicals. For 70+ years, the group has led innovation in castor seed processing, sustainability initiatives, and end-to-end value chain development. With a strong R&D focus and farmer-first approach, Jayant Agro continues to shape a greener, more inclusive industrial future.

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