

## IV. Success stories

### Success stories of Banana farmers in Drone Technology Implementation

#### 1. A Subramanian

- Address: Agraharam, Varadarajapuram, Thottiyam, Trichy
- Banana Variety: Ney Poovan
- Date of Demonstration: 23.01.2023
- Feedback on Drone Technology: "Drone technology is very new to us. We've been relying on traditional sprinklers for years. Drones are invaluable as they save us time, especially considering the shortage of agricultural labours nowadays."



#### 2. T. Maheswaran

- Address: Pothanur, Paramathy Vellore, Namakkal
- Banana Variety: Poovan
- Date of Demonstration: 22.03.2023
- Feedback on Drone Technology: "Before the demonstration by the National Research Centre for Banana, we were unfamiliar with drone technology. The speed at which drones can spray 'Banana Shakti' micronutrient is remarkable. It took only 10 minutes per acre, compared to hours with traditional sprayers. We're convinced of its efficiency and plan to incorporate drones into our future farming practices."



#### 3. Selvakumar

- Address: Erasai, Theni
- Banana Variety: Poovan
- Date of Demonstration: 21.02.2023
- Feedback on Drone Technology: "Drone technology has been a game-changer for us. It significantly reduces the time needed for spraying compared to traditional methods. Considering our extensive banana cultivation spanning nearly 50 acres, we're seriously considering investing in a drone for pesticide and micronutrient spraying."



#### 4. Tamilselvan

- Address: Near Annasilai, Kalakkad, Tirunelveli
- Banana Variety: Nendran
- Date of Demonstration: 10.01.2023
- Feedback on Drone Technology: "Leaf spot disease is a prevalent issue in our region. Thanks to the National Research Centre for Banana for the initiative,



we witnessed the effectiveness of drone technology in controlling this disease. The even spraying of micronutrients on the upper side of the leaves is particularly noteworthy. Drones have proven to be both efficient and quick in completing the spraying process."

#### **5. RS Pandiyaraj**

- Address: Erasai, Theni
- Banana Variety: Poovan
- Date of Demonstration: 21.02.2023
- Feedback on Drone Technology: "The demonstration by the National Research Centre for Banana showcased the efficacy of drone technology in spraying 'Banana Shakti' micronutrient. The even and quick distribution of the micronutrient by drones impressed us greatly. We are considering adopting this method for future micronutrient spraying, especially considering its positive impact on yield. We extend our gratitude to the National Research Centre for Banana for this enlightening demonstration."

