

**Proceedings of the District Level Research-Extension Interface (REI) Meeting of
Kalahandi District held at KVK, Kalahandi on 31st October, 2025 at 4.00 PM**

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5.	Sj. Ajay Kumar Pradhan	: DDH, Kalahandi
6.	Dr. B.K. Senapati	: Deputy Director Veterinary, Kalahandi
7.	Sj. Abhinav Saha	: YP, OLM, Kalahandi
8.	Sj. P.K. Nayak	: ORMAS, Kalahandi
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The District Level Research-Extension Interface meeting of Kalahandi district was organized in the training hall of KVK, Kalahandi on 31st October, 2025 at 4:00 PM. The meeting was chaired by Dr. B.S. Nayak, ADR, RRTTS, Kalahandi. The meeting started with welcome address by Dr. Amitabh Panda, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalahandi. The chairman briefly introduced the objective of the meeting to ensure convergence of the activities of all departments like agriculture and allied sector to support their technological implementation in the districts. The respective members of different line departments shared their views in the meeting.

Sj. Suvendu Kar, CDAO, Kalahandi presented a brief overview of the crop condition in the district. He reported that the recent cyclone "Montha" had caused minimal damage, with only about 25-30 acres of paddy fields affected by lodging. There was no significant loss or damage observed in cotton, pulses and other vegetable crops. Maize cultivated over an area of 16,115 hectares, was 90-95% harvested. He further informed that disease and pest infestations remained under control across the district. The incidence of Brown Plant hopper (BPH) in paddy, which was observed in scattered patches earlier, has subsided due to the early onset of winter. The overall crop health and yield prospects are satisfactory, indicating a stable production outlook for the current season.

Sj. Ajay Kumar Pradhan, DDH, discussed the action plan for the implementation of horticulture schemes and activities. A total of 182 ha area has been proposed under the plantation programme for various fruit crops such as Mango, Banana, Papaya, Guava, Litchi etc. under MIDH scheme. Under State Plan cultivation of Coriander 65 ha and Turmeric 110 ha area has been planned. Banana cultivation will be promoted on 40 ha area under Crop Diversification Programme. Potato tubers will be provided to farmers under departmental schemes for the upcoming rabi season. The members highlighted the acute shortage of cold

storage facilities in the district, which affects the storage and marketability of potato and other perishable horticultural produce.

Dr. B.S. Nayak, ADR, RRTTS reported that the district received 1273 mm of actual rainfall from the month of June to October. Total number of rainy days were 77 which surpasses normal of 61 days. Timely Grameen Krishi Mousam Seva (GKMS) have been sent to farmers to guide sowing, nutrient management, weather advisory and pest monitoring.

Dr. B.K. Senapati, Deputy Director Veterinary, Kalahandi reported that farmers were benefited with Goat and poultry farming. Dairy entrepreneurship subsidies were provided for improved breeds of cattle. Mass vaccination drives were conducted for FMD, HS, BQ, PPR, Goat Pox and Brucellosis as per the vaccination schedule. He emphasized for development of awareness regarding feed blocks for animal, silage making and fodder cultivation.

Sj. P.K. Nayak, ORMAS focused on promoting SHG-based enterprises through marketing platforms by improving livelihoods through rural enterprises and marketing linkages. He mentioned the need for thresher machines for maize to facilitate timely post-harvest operations. He was advised to hire the machine from the Custom Hiring Centre of the Agriculture Department. He also highlighted the existing problems in maize marketing and quality management in the district.

Sj. Abhinav Saha, OLM informed that OLM is providing training and handholding support to Self Help Groups (SHGs) of the district. He also mentioned their active participation in promoting natural farming practices in the district. Mrs. Saraswati Mishra, DAPTA reported an increase in the area under millet cultivation in the district. Processing units were set up in clusters based including dehullers, destoners and pulverizers. She stated that the millet service centres and custom hiring centres had been run by FPOs and SHGs.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their valuable participation and cooperation for successful implementation of various activities in the district. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Shraddha Mohanty, SMS, KVK, Kalahandi.


Member Convener

SS&H, KVK, Kalahandi


Chairman

ADR, RRTTS, Bhawanipatna