

**Proceedings of the District Level Research-Extension Interface (REI) Meeting of  
Kalahandi District held at KVK, Kalahandi on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 12.30 PM**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
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2.	Smt. Yogamaya Pattanaik	: ADA, O/O CDAO, Kalahandi
3.	Dr. Prabhath Kumar Parida	: SDVO, Kalahandi
4.	Dr. Amitabh Panda	: Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalahandi
5.	Sj. Pravakar Nayak	: PD, Watershed, Kalahandi
6.	Sj. Pradeep Kumar Ghose	: AFO, Kalahandi
7.	Sj. Bishnu Prasad Singh	: DDH, Kalahandi
8.	Sj. George M. Kerketta	: Deputy CEO, ORMAS
9.	Mr. Rabishankar Bhitria	: Secretary, RMC, Bhawanipatna
10.	Mr. Aadarsh Sharma	: Secretary, DAPTA, Kalahandi
11.	Dr. K. Khamari	: DTC, O/O CDVO, Kalahandi
12.	Sj. Maheswar Das	: DDM, NABARD
13.	Mr. Binod Kumar Jena	: Scientist (Plant Science), KVK, 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 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 12:30 PM. The meeting was chaired by Sj. Malaya Kumar Parida, CDAO, Kalahandi. The meeting started with welcome address by Dr. Amitabh Panda, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalahandi. He 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.

Smt. Yogamaya Pattanaik, ADA, Kalahandi informed the house regarding implementation of various schemes focusing on different aspects of agriculture, such as crop production, soil health, and oilseeds during rabi season. Major schemes like CDP - MLIP, IFS, SPPIF, NFSM PULSE, and Aromatic Paddy have reported significant progress, with most achieving or nearing their targets. Notable performances include NFSM PULSE (2,500 ha), TRFA PULSE (1,600 ha), and IAP-OIL SEED (400 ha), all meeting their respective targets. Soil Health Card distribution, a crucial initiative, achieved 35,637 out of 37,000 planned distributions. However, some programmes, such as Shree Anna Abhiyan and OIIPCRA, fell slightly short of their targets.

Sj. George M. Kerketta, Deputy CEO, ORMAS briefed about different activities of FPOs, which helps to improve the livelihood of farmers, to enhance their market power and contribute to more sustainable agricultural practices. FPOs aggregate their members demand for agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and machineries. By purchasing in bulk they can get better prices and quality making it more affordable for farmers.

Sj. Pravakar Nayak, PD, Watershed discussed on area expansion of coffee plantation in Th. Rampur blocks. Mukhyamantri Maka Mission (MMM) initiative focus on improving maize production, productivity and market access for farmers. He elaborated importance of soil testing at village level.

Sj. Pradeep Kumar Ghose, AFO, Kalahandi emphasized different schemes taken up by the department. Provision of scholarship to meritorious children of fishermen community and input assistance to farmers for taking up fish farming in farm ponds are some of the new initiatives under state plan. The new farm ponds are excavated by beneficiaries under various Government schemes. He discussed about fish farming and aquaculture development to fishermen welfare and infrastructure support which increase fish production, improve the livelihoods of fishermen, promote sustainable practices and create a strong market link for fisheries products.

Sj. Bishnu Prasad Singh, DDH, Kalahandi discussed about integrated pack house for vegetables under Horticulture Department to provide a comprehensive solution for the post-harvest handling, processing, and packaging of vegetables. This facility is typically equipped with various technologies to ensure that the vegetables are properly sorted, cleaned, graded, packed and stored to maintain their quality and extend shelf life before those are distributed to the market. Onion area expansion (900ha) in Kalahandi district typically involves increasing the acreage dedicated to onion cultivation to meet growing demand, boost farmer income and enhance agricultural productivity.

Sj. M. Das, DDM, NABARD discussed about NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) providing financial and technical support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). Under this scheme, FPOs receive assistance in the form of financial assistance, capacity building, and market linkages. Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) increase the capital base of FPOs to improve their marketing and business capabilities. Promotion of FPOs Scheme provide organizing training programs, workshops, and field demonstrations for FPOs members.

Dr. K. Khamari, DTC, CDVO, Kalahandi reported that farmers were benefited with poultry, goaterly and dairy farming scheme under MukhyaMantri Krushi UdyogYojana. He mentioned strengthening of livestock and animal husbandry program delivery at block level, diary entrepreneurship development scheme (subsidy for dairy farm infrastructure), fodder entrepreneurship and small animal development scheme. He emphasized on popularization of milk processing technology and value added dairy products.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their valuable participation and cooperation for successful implementation of various activities in the district. The meeting was ended with a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Tribijayi Badjena, Scientist, KVK, Kalahandi.

**Member Convener**

SS&H, KVK, Kalahandi

**Chairman**

CDAO, Kalahandi