

**Proceedings of the District Level Research-Extension Interface (REI) Meeting of
Kalahandi District held at KVK, Kalahandi on 23rd July, 2025 at 4.0 PM**

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The District Level Research-Extension Interface meeting of Kalahandi district was organized in the training hall of KVK, Kalahandi on 23rd July, 2025 at 4:0 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. B.P. Singh, 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. Vegetable cluster development programme will be undertaken in the Bhawanipatna, Junagarh and Golamunda blocks with support for hybrid seeds and drip irrigation systems. A five-day capacity building training programme for extension functionaries was conducted in collaboration with KVK under National Mission on Natural Farming.

Sj. P.C. Behera, DBM, ORMAS focused on promoting SHG-based enterprises through marketing platforms and empowering women by improving livelihoods through rural enterprises and marketing linkages. He explored government subsidies for setting up solar cold chains. Ethylene-based ripening is safer than using carbide. Premium packaging with

branding can help fetch better prices for fruits and vegetables. He further informed that mango and Bananas produced from the district are sold to different markets across India and around the world.

Dr. B.S. Nayak, ADR, RRTTS reported that the district received 193 mm of actual rainfall in the month of June which is below the normal average of 240mm. However the number of rainy days increased resulting better soil moisture availability for crops like cotton. A total 71000 ha area cotton crops successfully covered under sowing. Pulses coverage has been notably higher. Limited shortfall of fertilizers reported in some areas. Efforts are ongoing to ensure timely availability to avoid disruption in crop nutrition schedules. No incidence of major pest and diseases outbreak has been observed so far which is favourable for early crop growth. Timely Grameen Krishi Mousam Seva (GKMS) have been sent to farmers to guide sowing, nutrient management, weather advisory and pest monitoring.

Mrs. Puspallata Hembram, Assistant Director, Soil Conservation discussed the targets and achievements of various schemes of Watershed Department. Under the MGNREGA scheme a total of 283 farm ponds were targeted out of which 165 have been completed, 55 dug wells were planned with an achievement of 35 and 5 check dams were targeted of which 3 have been constructed. GIS-based monitoring of watershed activities through Bhuvan Portal.

Sj. Pradeep Kumar Ghose, AFO, Kalahandi emphasized different scheme taken up by the department viz. long term lease of GP tanks to WSHGs with up to 60% input subsidy to support scientific pisciculture. Commercial cage culture was permitted in reservoirs through cooperatives, Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) and private entrepreneurs. This initiative boosts fish production using modern technologies such as Biofloc and Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS). He ensured quality broodstock and seed are supplied from government ponds to block-level schemes. Seed self-sufficiency initiatives have been implemented in the Junagarh and Koksara blocks.

Dr. N. C. Kanhar, CDVO, Kalahandi reported that farmers were benefited with Goat and poultry farming. Dairy entrepreneurship subsidies (25-33%) were provided for 2-10 hybrid cows/buffaloes. He informed to house that there was a 30% decline in livestock population in the district. Commercial Agri-Enterprise funding up to 50 lakhs for goat, poultry and sheep units. Mass vaccination drives were conducted for FMD, HS, BQ, PPR, Goat Pox and Brucellosis as per the vaccination schedule. 13 nos. of Mobile Veterinary Units operated across blocks reaching remote areas around 20 days per month. Emphasis was laid on crossbreeding of local cows with Holstein Friesian and Jersey. Established a sustainable oil extraction plant for cotton seeds under MKUY. Efforts will be made to promote the usage and consumption of cottonseed oil as a healthy and local alternative. Local awareness campaigns and taste preference trials for cottonseed oil will be conducted in the district.

Dr. Amitabh Panda, Senior Scientist and Head discussed about different activities of KVK, Kalahandi for Kharif 2025. Under various programmes such as SCSP, PHC, NICRA, Natural Farming, Model Pulse Village farmers were benefited support through demonstrations, training, and input distribution. Paddy seed production Programme was conducted in 3 ha area using mat nursery method.

Mr. Srimukhapan, DAPTA, reported an increase in the area under millet cultivation in Bhawanipatna and Golamunda blocks. Processing units were set up in clusters based

including dehullers, destoners and pulverizers. He 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. Jagamohan, SMS, KVK, Kalahandi.


Member Convener

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Chairman

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