

ICAR-CIFA organized an 'Exhibition and workshop on innovations of agriculture in Odisha' on 8 June, 2018

ICAR-Central Institute of freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with National Innovation Foundation (NIF), Bhubaneswar and Orissa University of Agriculture Technology, Bhubaneswar and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Khordha, organized first of its kind one day programme on "Exhibition and workshop on innovations of agriculture in Odisha" on 8th June, 2018 at ICAR-CIFA. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra Khordha facilitated the programme with support from Agri-Business incubation centers of ICAR-CIFA and ICAR- National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Coconut Development Board, Krishi Jagaran Odisha. The programme envisaged creating a platform to showcase farmers' innovation in the field of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, engineering and related fields. A total of 59 innovators from across the state showcased their innovations and explained to the visitors on the genesis, novelty and utility of innovations in the context of agri-ecosystem in the state. These innovations provided new ways of solving problems faced by the farmers in the state. The innovators were felicitated by Chief Guest and Director ICAR-CIFA.

A workshop on "Status of Farmers Innovation in the Agricultural Knowledge Information System" was organized in which all the innovators were felicitated and appreciated. A plan was prepared in consultation with National Innovation Foundation (NIF) to manage selected innovations in future and come forward to support them in validation, intellectual right protection and support. Agriculture promotion and Investment Corporation limited of Odisha (APICOL) offered to provide technical and financial support to commercialize the project under taken by the farmers. Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar also lend support to validate and propagate these innovations. The NIF identified four agricultural varieties developed by farmers and to be tested in all 30 districts of Odisha. All KVKs under OUAT were given the responsibility to test these varieties across the state.

Prof S. Pasupalak, Vice-chancellor of OUAT graced the occasion as chief guest. The programme was chaired by Dr. S. S. Mishra, Director, ICAR-CIFA. Other dignitaries in the programme were Dr H K Pathak, Director, NRRI, Cuttack, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, IAS, Collector Nabrangpur, Dr. S. S. Dey, Managing Director, APICOL, Bhubaneswar, Dr. S. S. Giri, Fisheries Expert, SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. Prabhat Kumar Roul, Dean Extension, OUAT, Dr. Vivek Kumar, State Coordinator, NIF, Dr. S. K. Mishra, Principal Scientist, Indian Institute of Mineral Technology. Dr. S.S. Mishra, Director, ICAR-CIFA, welcomed the guests and informed about the genesis of workshop. The programme was introduced by Dr. J. K. Sundaray, Head, Genetics Division of ICAR-CIFA. The programme was organised by Dr. P. N. Ananth, Head, KVK Khordha and moderated by Dr. Nagesh Barik, Scientist, ICAR-CIFA. The programme was attended by around 200 farmers, scientists, innovators, entrepreneurs from Odisha and outside the state.



