

Kisan Samman Diwas celebrated at ICAR-CIFA

Bhubaneswar

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ICAR-CIFA celebrated Kisan Samman Diwas today on 23rd December 2025. Dr. A. K. Patra, Professor & Head Department of Agronomy College of Agriculture, OUAT Bhubaneswar graced the occasion as chief guest. He stressed on crop diversification and urged farmers to switch over from paddy to other remunerative crops,



particularly in medium and uplands. Climate resilience, water conservation, natural farming, self-reliance in pulse are the focus areas of farming today and this calls for active cooperation of farmers. Mr. Surendra Singh, Former SMS KVK-Khordha joined as Guest of Honour. Soil health card, use of plant based pesticides and judicious use of chemical fertilizers are required not only for us, it is also important for future generation. Sri Singh emphasized on responsible use of inputs and produce safer agricultural products.



Earlier Dr S S Giri, Director ICAR-CIFA, welcomed the dignitaries and farmers. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers and stakeholders. A total of 207 farmers and farm women, along with officials and staff of the Institute attended the event. Participants watched the live telecast of Hon'ble

Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Four progressive farmers namely Shri Bikram Sen Nayak, Shri Bipin Bihari Swain, Shri Sanjaya Swain and Mrs. Manjulata Patra were felicitated by the dignitaries for their remarkable achievements in adopting modern technologies.

The experts from ICAR-CIFA also addressed queries of farmers during an interaction session held as a part of the programme.

The programme was coordinated by Dr E. M. Chhandaprajnadarsini, Scientist of ICAR-CIFA.

