

ICAR - National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Cuttack Organized Programme under 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' Campaign on 28th April 2022

ICAR - National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Cuttack Organized Programme under '*Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari*' Campaign (25th to 30th April, 2022) under *Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav* on 28th April 2022 involving about 220 farmers and about 70 staff of the Institute. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Padmini Swain, Director of the institute highlighted that the country is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' as a mass festival to commemorate the 75 years of its independence and achievements associated with the glorious history of our country. She also informed that during this year many developmental activities for the people are being organized by the Govt. and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is one of the important programme of this week under the campaign '*Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari*'.



Dr. GAK Kumar, Head of Social Science Division welcomed the dignitaries as well as farmers and elaborated about the '*Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari*' campaign, which is being organized during 25th to 30th April, 2022 under 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' in association with various other Ministries/ Departments of Government of India. Dr. S.K. Mishra, Principal Scientist of Social Science Division explained

and described the achievements of various flagship schemes of the Government like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi; Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Per Drop More Crop; Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana; Kisan Credit Card; Agriculture Credit; e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM); Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs); Soil Health Card; Organic and Natural Farming; Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine; Bee-keeping; Farm Mechanization; National Food Security Mission; Seed and Planting Material; Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture; Extension Reforms (ATMA); RKVY – RAFTAAR - Agri Start-ups, etc. Dr. B.S. Satapathy, Sr. Scientist of Crop Production Division deliberated on Crop Diversification & Natural Farming and recounted



their benefits. Dr. Sutapa Sarkar, Scientist of Crop Improvement Division elaborated upon Campaign on Bio-fortification and Nutrient Groom and explained its inter-relationship with food and nutritional security. Further, she emphasized on role of ICAR-NRRI in terms of varietal development, evolving methods of soil-health maintenance, package of practices, agricultural mechanization, quality control of rice, insect-pest control for bio-fortified varieties, etc.

Farmers and farmwomen were encouraged to get Kisan Credit Card, join Farmer's Producer Organizations and take advantage of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and other Central Government schemes. Follow up action in the form of village level meetings, field days will be organized in which emphasis will be given on the advantages of Central government schemes.

At the end, Dr. B. Mondal, Organizing Secretary offered vote of thanks.

