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Agriculture in India is witnessing a defining moment in its evolutionary journey. Guided by the power of science, strengthened by technological innovation, and sustained by the indomitable spirit of our farmers, Indian agriculture is steadily transforming into an engine of economic growth, ecological stewardship, and national prosperity. As the nation advances with renewed confidence towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, agriculture is no longer viewed merely as a means of production—it has emerged as a strategic pillar of food and nutritional security, climate resilience, rural entrepreneurship, employment generation, and inclusive development.

The achievements of the country during 2024–25 bear testimony to this transformation. India has attained a historic foodgrain production of 357.73 million tonnes, while horticultural production has crossed 362 million tonnes, reflecting not only enhanced productivity but also the successful diversification of our farming systems towards high-value agriculture. The remarkable increase in agricultural exports—from USD 34.5 billion in FY 2020 to USD 51.1 billion in FY 2025, with processed food accounting for more than one-fifth of the export basket—underscores India's growing competitiveness in global markets and the expanding opportunities for value addition and enhanced farm incomes. Agriculture and allied sectors continue to remain the lifeline of the nation, contributing substantially to the Gross Value Added, providing employment to nearly half of India's workforce, and sustaining the livelihoods of millions of farming families.

At the heart of this transformation lies the unwavering commitment to connect scientific discoveries with the aspirations of farmers. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) system has emerged as one of the most effective institutional mechanisms for translating research into field-level impact, fostering innovation, strengthening resilience, and enabling sustainable livelihood opportunities. Functioning under the technical guidance and strategic coordination of ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ICAR-ATARI), Kolkata, KVK (OUAT), Ganjam-II exemplifies this transformative role through its farmer-centric initiatives and outcome-oriented extension programmes.

The inspiring success stories from Ganjam KVK exemplify how science-led extension can transform agriculture, livelihoods, and rural communities. The transformation of Ralaba village through commercial tuberose cultivation illustrates how location-specific technologies, institutional handholding, and collective community participation can convert untapped potential into sustainable economic prosperity. Equally inspiring is the entrepreneurial journey of young farmer Bikram Gouda, whose sustained mentoring by the KVK culminated in the export of seven tonnes of black rice to the United States, reaffirming that empowered farmers, equipped with scientific knowledge and market intelligence, can successfully compete in global value chains.

These achievements reaffirm that agricultural extension in the twenty-first century transcends the conventional dissemination of technologies. It is a dynamic process of knowledge empowerment that integrates scientific innovation, climate-smart agriculture, digital technologies, entrepreneurship, value-chain development, market intelligence, natural resource conservation, and institution-building. More importantly, it nurtures confidence among farmers to become innovators, entrepreneurs, and partners in national development. The KVK system continues to serve as a vital bridge between laboratories and landscapes, ensuring that the benefits of agricultural research reach every farm and every farming family.

I place on record my deep appreciation to Dr. Sujit Kumar Nath and the entire team of KVK (OUAT), Ganjam-II for their exemplary dedication, professional excellence, and unwavering commitment to advancing the cause of farmer welfare and rural transformation. Their achievements reaffirm the enduring value of scientific institutions that work with empathy, integrity, and a shared sense of national purpose.

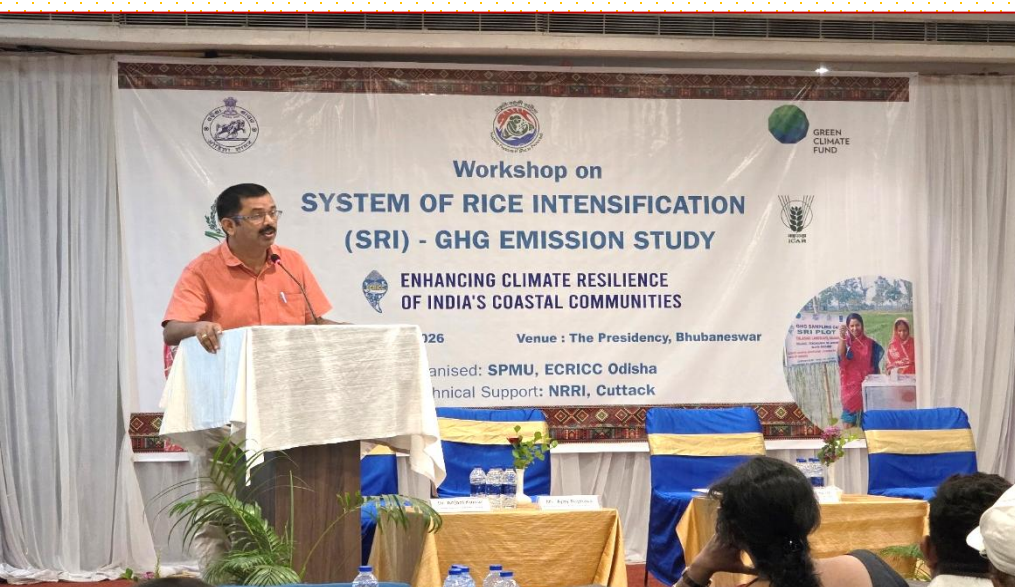
As India charts its course towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, the future of agriculture will be shaped not merely by higher productivity, but by our collective ability to build systems that are sustainable, resilient, technology-driven, market-responsive, and inclusive. Let us continue to strengthen the partnership among scientists, extension professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and farmers to unlock the immense potential of Indian agriculture.

May our collective endeavour remain guided by the timeless vision of "Healthy Farm, Healthy Farmer, Healthy Nation." With science as our compass and farmers at the centre of every innovation, we shall continue to build an agricultural ecosystem that nourishes the nation, safeguards natural resources, creates opportunities for future generations, and contributes meaningfully to the realization of a Viksit Bharat.

Pradip Dey
ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata



Kheta Bachao Abhiyan organised by dist agriculture deptt in collaboration with KVK in presence of District Collector, district level officers & farmers



SS&H addressing the Scientists, officers, NGO officials, farmers in the workshop on SRI - GHG emission study for enhanced climate resilience of India's coastal communities.



KVK interventions through use of OUAT Consortium gave good result in Taro, a promising climate resilient crop.



Milky mushroom started in Ganjam district, on experiment basis, in the smart village, Radhamohanpur by an innovator farmer.



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KVK utilizing All
India Radio
services for
popularising
dragon fruit
cultivation in the
district



Fishery Scientist of KVK interacting with the farmers on profitable fish farming at Chhatrapur Mohastav-2026

Solar technology gains ground among farmers

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Berhampur: In a significant step towards climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable farming, the adoption of the solar-based technology in agriculture in Ganjam district is gaining popularity among farmers. The initiatives have helped them reduce dependency on conventional energy sources and is cost effective, farmers said.

Subash Chandra Pradhan and Rabi Swain who grow various vegetables on their five acres of land in Hinjili

block's Nandika village have used the solar operated light insect traps, sprayers and wild animal repellent machines, etc, to save their crops from pest attack and wild animals since two years.

Like them, several other farmers in the district have adopted the renewable energy farming system. Some farmers have also used the solar-based irrigation pumps to irrigate various crops, including paddy and vegetables. "We have introduced the solar-operated tools like sprayers, traps, etc, following the intervention of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT)'s Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Berhampur, said Pradhan.

KVK intervention on use of renewable energy sources in agriculture found place in Times of India

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/solar-technology-gains-ground-among-farmers/articleshow/131508188.cms?utm_source=app&utm_medium=share&utm_campaign=social_share



Laxmi SHG members, Pursottampur visited demo units in the campus and gained technical know-how on ornamental pisciculture



KVK promoted one acre fish-dairy-forage-fruit plant IFS model in Hinjilicut block



Plantation programme organised in the campus on the eve of World Environment day



SS&H addressing the farmers during District level PM Kissan divas Celebration in Rushikulya Conference Hall, Chhatrapur.



CRRI sponsored training programme held in ex- adopted village of KVK to promote bio fertiliser and organic farming

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