

**PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT LEVEL RESEARCH-EXTENSION LINKAGE
MEETING ON DT. 22.03.2018**

The District Level Research-Extension Linkage meeting was held on dated 22.03.2018, 3.00 PM in the conference hall of KVK, Keonjhar. The meeting was presided by the ADR, RRTTS, Keonjhar. Line department officers of Agriculture and allied sectors and farmers' representatives were present in the meeting. The Chairman welcomed all the members, briefed about the discussions held in the previous meeting. He discussed about the action taken on the last meeting.

The following discussions were made.

- The Head of the KVK discussed about the proceedings of the National Conference of KVK's in ICAR campus of New Delhi and ventilated the message of Hon'ble Prime Minister and Agriculture minister for the scientists and agricultural officers.

- Towards the digitalisation of farming, ICAR has made an agreement with TCS company and accordingly the DDA is requested to give the database of farmers within the end of this month to forward it to the ICAR.

- The DDH told in detail about various schemes on horticulture for the farmers of the district. He stressed upon the establishment of mini cold storages at village level to check distress sale of the farmers' produce.

- The farmer representative-cum- entrepreneur of Kalikaprasad village of Champua wanted to know about the facilities from government in mushroom cultivation. The DDH replied that Rs. 2 lakh project on mushroom cultivation sponsored by KVK will help farmer in getting the benefit.

- The LDM assured the Head of KVK to assist in the process of digitalising the KVK adopted villages in the coming financial year.
- It was decided that Pointed gourd, sweet potato, bitter gourd will be popularised in coming year among the small and marginal farmers of the district.
- On the query of the NGO representative, the DDA replied that the solar irrigation projects can be taken up by agriculture department and work will be done by OREDA.
- The ADR discussed about the prospects of agriculture in climate change and requested all to participate in the celebration of World Meteorological Day in the campus tomorrow.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Head of KVK to all the members and expected their cooperation to work in a collective manner for improving the economy of farmers of the Keonjhar district.

Member Convener

Chairman