

**PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT LEVEL RESEARCH-EXTENSION LINKAGE
MEETING ON DT. 18.04.2017**

The District Level Research-Extension Linkage meeting was held on dated 18.04.2017, 3PM in the conference hall of KVK, Keonjhar. As the ADR, RRTTS, Keonjhar was attending the R-E linkage meeting at KVK, Mayurbhanj-I and DDA, Keonjhar was out of the station, the Senior Scientist & Head presided over the meeting. Among the presence of line dept. officers & farmer representatives, he briefed about the meeting, again summarised the Draft-I document and discussed the proceedings of the last meeting.

The following discussions were made.

- The DDA representative, training officer of o/o DDA, Keonjhar presented two case studies of farmers of Telkoi block on maize cultivation and groundnut cultivation. He stressed upon the need of popularisation of ATMA programmes in the district in a synergistic mode.
- The SS & H, KVK discussed on the distress sale of tomato in the district and tried to ventilate that the cropping time may be shifted to give farmer a better price. Further he added that the Home Scientist of KVK has done awareness/training programmes in value addition of seasonal vegetables and fruits throughout the year. Farmers may take the advantage of it. He talked of the KVK promoted farmer like Laxmikanta Patra, Hrusikesh Das who has gained about three lakh rupees from one acre of land following latest scientific know-hows.
- The horticulturist stressed upon motivating the farmer to take the help of cold storage near Keonjhar town which is functional now-a days.
- The proposal to arrange a mango hub for farmers near district Collectorate was discussed in detail.
- The SS & H of KVK opined that some farm ponds be selected by the district fishery office which can be converted to model pond-based IFS where freshwater pearl cultivation could be introduced. He urged upon to initiate activity for promoting ornamental pisciculture by SHG women.
- The nodal officer of Dept of animal resources told before the house that they can help any organisation in organising animal health check-up camps.
- The SS & H of KVK proposed that the project office of JDA may be invited in the next meeting to chalk out plans for development of these tribals in a cooperative manner.
- The horticulturist suggested that new variety of ginger should be introduced in the district. The Head of KVK agreed that the programme will be included in the action plan and placed before SLEC meeting at OUAT for necessary approval.
- The farmer representative narrated his views in okra cultivation in summer and demanded that all seeds should be available in time.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Chairman