

## Farmers' Fair under “Kisan Vagidari Prathamikata Hamari”

KVK Cuttack organized a Farmers' Fair on 26.04.2022 at Conference Hall of ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack under the programme National Campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav “Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati”. It was chaired by Dr. G A K Kumar, Director (I/c), ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack who highlighted about the importance of natural farming for sustainable development in farming system. Representative of CDAO, Cuttack, Sri Sarat Kumar Tosh, the guest of honour encouraged the farmers to form FPOs for better economic return. Dr. Sujata Sethy, OIC, KVK Cuttack welcomed all the guests, participants and briefed about importance of the programme. Under Farmer-Scientist Interaction on “Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati”, Dr. DR Sarangi, Dr. TR Sahoo, Dr. RK Mohanta and Sri Debasish Jena delivered interactive lectures on “*Natural Farming a step towards sustainability*”, “*Organic disease and pest management*”, “*Role of livestock and poultry in natural farming*” and “*Efficient water and soil moisture management*”. Two young Agri-start-ups namely Ms.Chinmayee Patra and Mr. Satyabrata Jena shared their entrepreneurial idea among the farmers and appeal all to join them for more income and profit from agriculture. Around 200 farmers from 10 blocks of Cuttack district participated in the Kisan Mela 2022 and sensitized about the benefit of natural farming and bio-fortified crops. Farmers visited the stalls arranged in the exhibitions and inquired about new technologies related to millets, value addition and natural farming.



Glimpses of “Farmers' Fair under “Kisan Vagidari Prathamikata Hamari”