

Program on Safe and Judicious Usage of Pesticides

KVK, ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack organised an awareness-cum-training programme on '*Safe and Judicious Usage of Pesticides*' was organized on February 10, 2025, at KVK Campus, Santhapur, in collaboration with KEC Agritech, HIL (India) Ltd. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanta, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Cuttack, addressed the impact of pesticides on human health and how to strike the right balance on natural and chemical pesticides. Sri Bijay Kumar Routray, Scientist, Plant Protection, KVK Jajpur, discussed common mistakes in pesticide application while Sri Partha Pratim Das, Assistant Marketing Manager, HIL India Ltd., BBSR, Odisha, elaborated on the safe and judicious use of pesticides from an industry perspective. Dr. Dillip Ranjan Sarangi, SMS (Soil Science), explained the connection between pesticide use and soil sustainability. Dr. Tusar Ranjan Sahoo, SMS (Horticulture), highlighted the safe and responsible use of glyphosate in farming and Ms. Ashima Mishra from ATMA, Cuttack, conducted a hands-on training session on best practices for pesticide application, ensuring farmers received practical exposure. The coordinator of the event, Dr. Rajan Kamboj, SMS (Agricultural Entomology), provided essential guidelines on the safe use of pesticides for farmers. Safety kits were distributed by M/s. Enxpo Infomedia Pvt. Ltd. To the trainees. Dr. Sujata Sethy delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of pesticide safety and Ms B Mounika offered the vote of thanks along with summarizing the key takeaways from the event.



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