

## **Training Programme on ‘Mushroom Cultivation and Value Addition’ under ARYA**

KVK, ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack organized a three-day training programme for farmers, farm women and rural youth at its campus, Santhapur on “*Sustainable Mushroom Cultivation and Value Addition*” under ARYA Project from March 25–27, 2026. Dr Rajan Kamboj, SMS (Agril. Entomology) coordinated the training programme and covered various aspects of mushroom production including types of mushrooms, spawn quality, substrate preparation, cultivation practices of paddy straw and oyster mushroom, pest and disease management, post-harvest handling, value addition and entrepreneurship opportunities through a combination of lectures, practical sessions and demonstrations. Resource persons Mr. Manas Ranjan Das, Proprietor of Ritanjali Mushroom, Jagatpur and Dr Aditya Lal, CEO of Mahabali Mushroom, Rajahansa, Cuttack Sadar also shared their practical experiences and technical knowledge during the programme. Demonstrations on paddy straw production technologies were conducted, and mushroom spawn was provided to the trainees as initial input. A total of 30 participants from different areas like Nischintakoili, Tangi-Choudwar, Salepur, Cuttack Sadar, and Mahanga blocks actively took part in the programme.

