

Consultation meet on Institutional Convergence

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During his address, Dr. Biswanath Rath, Vice-Chairman, CDB emphasized the need for convergence of different institutions for the benefit of Odisha farmers, especially coconut farmers. Institutional convergence is essential for the success of value addition and marketing of coconut in Odisha, he said.

Dr. P.N. Anand, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Khurda, CIFA informed that the Friends of coconut tree training programme is being conducted in association with KVK-CIFA since the last 3 years and appreciated the efforts of CDB to make the training a big success. He explained the mode of training and shared few success stories of FoCT trainees. During the technical session on Concepts, constructs and framework of Convergence, Panel Discussion and recommendations were arranged.



Dr. S. S. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI; Dr. G. A. K. Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack; Dr. B. N. Sadangi, Emeritus Scientist, ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Dr. Dilip Sadangi, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK-Cuttack; Mr. Biswajith Nanda, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. Bhubaneswar; Dr. P. N. Ananth, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Khordha ICAR-CIFA ;Mr. Amulya Khandai, Integrator, PRADAN (NGO) , Odisha ; Dr. J. K. Sundaray, Principal Scientist and Head, FGBD, ICAR-CIFA; Dr. S.K. Mishra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack; Dr. H. K. De, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA ; Dr. N. K. Barik, Scientist, ICAR-CIFA; Dr. G. A. K. Kumar, Pr. Scientist, ICAR-NRRI, Mr. P. Dutta, Editor, Krishi Jagran, Bhubaneswar etc., participated in the panel discussion and technical session.