Coconut Development Board, State Centre and DSP farm, Pitapally, Odisha conducted a block level seminar on coconut cultivation technology at Balianta Block on 27th February 2019 at the Seminar Hall of KVK-CIFA, Bhubaneswar. Dr. Biswanath Rath, Vice Chairman, CDB was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr.P.N.Anand, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-CIFA, Dr.A.K.Dash, SMS, KVK-CIFA, Shri. R.N.Das, Deputy Director i/c CDB, Smt. Neethu Thomas, Technical Officer, CDB and Shri. Pradeepa Dutta, Editor, Krishi Jagran were present during the inauguration of the programme.

Shri. R.N.Das, Deputy Director i/c CDB delivered welcome address and coconut Special Issue of Krishi Jagran was released during the occasion. Dr.P.N.Anand, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-CIFA spoke on the co-ordinated efforts of CDB and KVK in conducting training and awareness programmes.

Dr. Biswanath Rath, Vice-chairman, CDB addressed and emphasized on the importance of Coconut cultivation in Odisha and on the concerted efforts of CDB for the welfare of coconut farmers. He opined that value addition is the only way for the prosperity of coconut farmers.

Shri. R.N.Das spoke on coconut cultivation technology and Smt. Neethu Thomas, spoke on Value addition in Coconut and explained about various value added products of coconut. During the interactive session, the farmers raised queries on schemes of CDB, CPS formation and value addition. CDB officials clarified the doubts of the farmers.