Coconut Development Board, State Centre, Odisha in association with the office of the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Bhadrak conducted a district level Seminar on Coconut Cultivation Technology on 24th July 2019 in Bhadrak district in Odisha.

Dr. Binod Kumar Jena, AHO, Bhadrak welcomed the gathering and discussed with the farmers about the prospects of coconut cultivation in the district. Dr. Aurobinda Das, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Ranital spoke on “Scientific coconut cultivation technology like mother palm selection, seed nut selection, nursery management, scientific way of planting, intercultural operations etc. Smt. Urmila Mohapatra, ADH, Bhadrak briefed on the various schemes of State Government for coconut farmers. Dr. Shyam Sundar Mohapatra, Additional Director of Research, RRTS Bhadrak, spoke on Integrated Nutrient Management and Integrated Disease Management in coconut. Dr. Umasankar Nayak, Senior Scientist, Entomology, OUAT delivered spoke on Integrated Pest Management.

Dr. Rajat Kumar Pal, Deputy Director, CDB discussed on various schemes of Coconut Development Board. The importance of CPSs formation in the district for the benefit of coconut farmers was a major discussion point during the technical session. Kum Sasmita Pallei, CDB briefed on Value addition in Coconut’ and explained about various value added products of coconut like VCO, chips, vinegar, desiccated coconut, coconut milk, coir based products, husk based products etc. Dr. Shyam Sundar Mohapatra, Additional Director of Research, RRTS, Bhadrak emphasized the necessity of formation of CPSs in Bhadrak district.

The district level training programme helped the farmers in gaining knowledge and farmers raised their queries during the interactive session. The resource persons in the training programme cleared the doubts of farmers. More than 100 farmers attended the programme. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Shri. Bijaya Kumar Mahunta, AHO, Bhadrak.