

Sh. Radhamohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare laid Foundation Stone of four KVKs of Odisha

Sh. Radhamohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, laid the foundation Stone of various infrastructures of KVKs Bolangir, Ganjam II, Mayurbhanj II and Puri of Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology on 1 April, 2017, at OUAT, Bhubaneswar. Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Independent Charge, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sh. Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, Tourism & Culture, Govt. of Odisha, Sh. Pradeep Maharathy, Minister, Agriculture & F.E., Fisheries & ARD, Govt. of Odisha, Dr. Prasanna Patasani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bhubaneswar, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Prof. Surendranath Pasupalak, VC, OUAT, Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur and other dignitaries also graced the occasion.

Sh. Radhamohan Singh highlighted the important achievements of Union Government like soil health management, effective water management, popularization of micro irrigation system and lauded the role of KVKs as a frontline extension institution at district level. He said that the overall improvement of the country can be ensured through improvement of farmers and villages as well. Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, asked OUAT to initiate research on converting urban and agriculture waste to energy for which GoI is willing to fund about Rs.200 lakhs. He also emphasized on developing and strengthening agri-entrepreneurship among the youth.

In this ceremony, degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) was presented to Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR for his lifetime contribution to the field of Agricultural Science. More than 150 farmers from different parts of the state, scientists, faculties and students of this University participated in the ceremony.

On this occasion a State Level Biodiversity Exhibition was inaugurated by Sh. Radhamohan Singh, in which 33 KVKs of Odisha participated to showcase the Agro-biodiversity existing in different parts of the state. More than 150 farmers from different parts of the state, scientists, faculties and students of this University participated in the ceremony.



