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Subject: Report of Day-8 (23.12.2025) on Celebration 'Rashtriya Kisan Diwas' by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar – reg.

ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar observed the National Farmers' Day (*Rashtriya Kisan Diwas*) on 23rd December, 2025 in four project locations remembering India's fifth Prime Minister Shri Choudhary Charan Singh on his birth anniversary and to remember his incredible contributions to the welfare of farming community. A total of 637 farmers, farmwomen and other stakeholders including 301 women attended the programmes.

The programme in *Belera* village of Salipur block in Cuttack district, Odisha was graced by Prof. Aurobinda Routray and Prof. Mamata Jenamani from IIT Khargpur as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. In their address they emphasised the importance of adopting organic and natural farming practices for improving access to safe food and contributing to sustainable agriculture. Speaking on the occasion, Director of the Institute Dr Arjamadutta Sarangi informed the participants about the provisions of the new Act, Viskshit Bharat- Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) called VB-G RAM G and its positive features over MGNREGS. He also highlighted focussed areas of work in the ambit of Natural Resource Management such as rainwater conservation and its sustainable use that are critical for increasing crop and water productivity. Among others, Sri Ashok Kumar Bhuyan, Sarpanch, Purunahat GP; Sri Ch. Pramod Kumar Routray, Sarpanch, Sudukhanda; Sri Kamalakanta Nayak, Ex-Sarpanch, Rotilo GP; Sri Girish Chnadra Swain, Representative PS Member; Sri Ranjan Kumar Baral, Representative PS Member; Smt Diptirekha Mallick, Ward Member. Principal Scientists from ICAR-IIWM Dr.H.K. Dash, Dr. S.K. Mishra, Dr. P.K. Panda and Dr. B.K. Sethy who coordinated the event also shared their thoughts with participating farmers. Dr S.K. Karna and Mr S. Sahoo assisted in organizing the programme. Ten progressive farmers and farmwomen were felicitated on the occasion by the guests.

In a programme held at Rabara village, Odagaon block, Nayagarh district, Odisha, more than 100 farmers including 31 women farmers from Rabara Panchayat and adjoining villages of Odagaon block participated in the programme. The event facilitated direct interaction between farmers and agricultural scientists and experts. Discussions also focussed on the new Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act 2025 and its implications for Natural Resource Conservation and Management. Dr. S.K. Jena, Principal Scientist and his REWARD team members coordinated the programme.

In the 'Rashtriya Kisan Divas' programme organized at Baghera village, Nayagarh under RKVY, 158 women farmers who attended programme were sensitized about the important provisions of new Act, Vikshit Bharat-G RAM G and promise that it holds for water resource development. Scientists informed the participants about aquifer recharge methods for augmenting groundwater and improving livelihood in the area. Principals scientists- Dr Ranu Rani Sethi and Dr.O.P Verma- coordinated the programme.

In Badamba, Narasinghpur of Cuttack district of Odisha, the event was attended by 160 farmers and farmwomen. Experts of the programme discussed scientific management of rabi crops and efficient use of groundwater resources with the farmers, Farmers were also informed about new Act that replaced MGNREGA and its positive features. Dr D.K. Panda, Principal scientist coordinated the event.

Farmers also witnessed the address by Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan who highlighted salient features of the G RAM G Act 2025. Further he appreciated the farmers' efforts towards Viksit Bharat Abhiyan. Copies of salient features of the new Act were distributed amongst participating farmers and farmwomen, and flex banners highlighting the key aspects of the Act were displayed for creating awareness.

	
<p>Interaction by Director, IIWM with participants at Belera, Salepur, Cuttack</p>	<p>Address by Guest of Honor</p>
	
<p>Address by the Chief Guest at Belera, Salepur</p>	<p>Felicitation of farmers and farmwomen</p>
	
<p>Kisan Diwas Celebration at Rabara, Odagaon, Nayagarh</p>	<p>Kisan Diwas Celebration at Baghera, Nayagarh</p>
	
<p>Rashtriya Kisan Diwas Yatra for awareness creation at Badamba, Cuttack</p>	

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‘Rshtriya Kisan Divas’ that is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of India’s fifth Prime Minister Shri Choudhary Charan Singh and to pay tribute for his incredible contributions for the welfare of farming community

and in achieving agricultural growth and food security in the country. Over 215 farmers, farm women and rural youths from nearby four Gram Panchayats of Salipur Block in Cuttack district attended the programme. The participants also witnessed the Live-streaming of the Programme in which Hon’ble Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister and PR & RD Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji graced as the Chief Guest and addressed to over 3 lakhs participants across the nation virtually, besides address by Hon’ble MOS for Ag&FW and other dignitaries. Hon’ble Minister spoke on the new Govt. of India Act ‘Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rojgar and Aajivika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] for ensuring 125 days of employment guarantee for an individual in rural area in a financial year.

and importance of its theme for the year 2025. He also briefed about the on-going activities of the Institute in the locality in the domains of resource conservation and crop diversification for enhancing income of farmers and need for cooperation between resource endowed and resource poor farmers. The programme ended with a vote thanks to all the participants. Some of the action and activity photographs of Day-8 (23.12.2025) are presented below.
