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ODISHA: LEVERAGING STRENGTH IN AGRICULTURE

Despite persistent challenges, agriculture in Odisha has undergone a remarkable transformation - evolving from subsistence to surplus, and from the margins to the mainstream. The sector's growth has been anchored in science-led and evidence-based initiatives aimed at driving economic progress, enhancing livelihoods, promoting social inclusion and empowerment, and building climate resilience. At the same time, efforts to preserve traditional heritage, embrace technological modernisation, and strengthen policy dialogue have remained central to its development journey.

ODISHA: KEY AGRICULTURAL TRENDS FOR 2026

- Increased, efficient, and technologically advanced farming practices towards record food grain production and horticulture production
- Introduction of modern farm machinery, digital crop surveys for real-time data, and drone technology reducing labour dependency
- Emphasis on stress-tolerant crop varieties and watershed management to manage climate risks
- Shift from paddy to thrust on crop diversification - oilseeds, pulses, horticulture products, floriculture, mushroom farming and investment in coffee cultivation across six hill districts
- Enhanced Cold Storage Infrastructure and export focus to reduce post-harvest losses and prevent distress sales.
- Rapid expansion of allied sectors like livestock and fisheries



ARGUS AGRI VIKAS 2026

Argus is hosting the fifth season of Agri Vikas in 2026, a one-day Conclave that has been designed to draw out a clear, actionable roadmap to make Odisha's agriculture more competitive, resilient, and market-oriented. It will bring together individuals from Government, industry, academia, agribusiness, start-ups, financial institutions and farmer institutions on one platform. The focus would be on unlocking pathways to entrepreneurial excellence and sustainable empowerment in agriculture, building on natural strengths and converting them into market-led, innovation-driven growth across agri and food industries, fisheries, logistics, agri-services, technology, and exports. It will help Odisha's agriculture become a future-facing engine of enterprise, employment and enrichment

Date: 20 April 2026 | Time: 11.00 a.m. onwards | Venue: **Mayfair Convention, Bhubaneswar**

INAUGURAL SESSION

CHIEF GUEST



Smt. Surama Padhy
Hon'ble Speaker,
Odisha Legislative Assembly

VALEDICTORY SESSION

CHIEF GUEST



Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
and Minister of Agriculture &
Farmers' Empowerment, Energy,
Government of Odisha

GUESTS OF HONOUR



Padma Shri Uddhab Kumar Bharali
Renowned Innovator &
Grassroots Inventor, Assam



Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany
Director, CGIAR-IBRI
Lucknow

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Shri Gokulananda Mallick
Hon'ble Minister of State
(Independent Charge), Fisheries &
Animal Resources Development,
Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Shri Pradeep Bal Samanta
Hon'ble Minister of State
(Independent Charge),
Co-operation, Handlooms,
Textiles & Handicrafts



GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

AGRI CONCLAVE 2022



Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Former Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India



Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan
Former Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India



Padma Shri Sabarmatee
Chief Executive-Sambhav Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Farming and Environmental Protection

Season 1: Focused on the evolving landscape of Odisha's agriculture, highlighting key challenges and emerging opportunities. It examined pathways and approaches for modernising farming practices.

AGRI CONCLAVE 2023



Shri Kailash Choudhary
Former Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India



Shri Satish Marathe
Director – Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), President – Pragati Pratishthan, New Delhi.



Padma Shri Batakrushna Sahoo
Indian farmer from Odisha conferred with Padma Shri for his contribution in animal husbandry in 2020

Season 2: Revolved around the theme 'Leveraging Agriculture through Cooperatives in Odisha' (Sahakar Se Samridhi), exploring the role of cooperatives, FPOs, and SHGs in fostering inclusive growth, strengthening market linkages, and enhancing farmers' incomes.

AGRI CONCLAVE 2024



Dr. Himansu Kumar Dey
Principal Scientist, ICAR, Bhubaneswar



Padma Shri Patayat Sahu
Farmer, Valdya (Traditional Healer)



Dr. Pramod Kumar Panda
Principal Scientist, ICAR (IWM)

Season 3: Emphasised building a smart and sustainable agri-ecosystem in Odisha, with discussions on sustainable farming practices, FPO strengthening, food security, and alignment with SDG goals.

AGRI CONCLAVE 2025



Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Energy, Government of Odisha



Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee, IAS
Former Principal Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment



Shri Pradeep Bal Samanta
Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Co-operation, Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts

Season 4: Under the theme 'Seeds of Change in Odisha', deliberations focused on policy direction towards India@2047, crop diversification, value addition, and unlocking the state's full agricultural potential.

CONCLAVE ROLLOUT

Inaugural Session



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Honorable Speaker,
Odisha Legislative Assembly



Padma Shri Uddhab Kumar Bharali
Renowned Innovator and
Grassroots Inventor, Lakhimpur,
Assam



Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany
Director, CSIR-NBRI
Lucknow

SESSION 01: Future-Ready Agriculture - Skilling, Education and Knowledge Systems



Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi
Honourable M.P.,
Kandhamal



Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo
Hon'ble MLA, Nayagarh,
Ex. Agriculture Minister



Shri Amar Prasad Satpathy
Eminent Politician,
Ex. Agriculture Minister



Dr. Hamid Hussain
National Spokesperson, AICC,
Former Director, Ministry of Defence
& Agriculture, Govt. of India

SESSION 02: From Farm to Market: Building Resilient and Efficient Agri Supply Chains



Shri Sushanta Kumar Panda
Managing Director,
Bharat Masala, Odisha



Shri Pabitra Sahoo
Eminent Spirulina Producer,
Ex. IT professional



Smt. Jayanti M
Business Advisor | Mentor | Start Up
Ecosystem Enabler | Transformation Architect |
Serial Entrepreneur | Master Trainer

SESSION 03: Farming with Nature: Sustainable Practices and Natural Resource Management



Shri Manish Billore
V.P., Marketing, IT & Corporate Communications
Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Ltd.



Smt. Sujata Bhuyan
Eminent Cage Culturist



Shri Sitikantha Behera
Agri-Tourism Start-up,
Chief Executive, Utkarsh Nature Village

Valedictory Session



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