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## **Tata Steel Begins Two-Day Agricultural Meet at Berhampur**

### **6 agri-scientists, around 600 farmers attended**

**Berhampur, March 17, 2016:** The second edition of an agricultural interactive session 'Baarta – The Agricultural Meet' organized by Tata Steel at UCP Engineering School ground here kick started today on a promising note with participation of more than 600 local farmers and 6 experts from the field.

The two day meet was inaugurated by Mr Pervez Akhtar, Chief Project Gopalpur, Tata Steel, in the presence of Mr S N Dhara, Principal, UCP Engineering School, Berhampur, Dr Ambika Nanda, Head, CSR, Odisha and Mr Debdoot Mohanty, Head, CSR, Jharkhand. Mr Satya Narayan Nanda, SR. Manager, CSR, Project Gopalpur presided over the meeting.

This interactive session aimed at disseminating latest technical know-how on farming to farmers, enhancing their knowledge about crop techniques to help them increase agriculture productivity through training sessions.

6 agriculture and allied scientists from reputed institutes shared best practices and insights on various agricultural aspects such as quality seeds, productivity, better use of inputs, economical food processing units, pulses production, etc. with farmers in three groups.

Among others present on this occasion were Mr R K Singh, Head, R&R and Administration, Project Gopalpur, Mr Sisir Tarafdar, Unit Head, TSRDS, Kalinganagar along with other officials of Tata Steel and Tata Steel Rural Development Society.

Reaffirming Tata Steel's commitment towards improving lives and livelihoods of people around its operations, Mr Pervez Akhtar said, "After last year's success, we realized that this interaction provided a good platform for the farmers to interact with the agriculture scientists. We intend to make this event bigger and bigger every year."

On the occasion, Mr Debdoot Mohanty said, "This session will address agriculture related queries of the farmers thereby helping them to increase their productivity." The inaugural event was followed by colourful cultural performances by local artists.