**IMPROVED AGRONOMIC PACKAGE OF PRACTICES UNDER SATE PLAN:** Promotion of Improved Agronomic Package & Practices under State Plan Scheme for 2012-13 for Line transplanting of paddy for kharif-2012 started in Satyabadi Block in the year 2012 by Govt. of Odisha .The scheme is one of the popular and pro-farmers programmee of the state. The agronomic practices practiced by our farmers are of age-old practices inherited from generations together. In spite of taking several steps in improving the production and productivity in paddy sector still the situation is in dismal stage. Among all the major scientific practices developed in our time Line transplanting /Line Showing and SRI practices are regard as best agronomic practices for improving better yield and minimizing the gap between the potential yield and actual yield of paddy crops.

Satyabadi block is suitable for adopting the above practices in the traditional crop lands of its farmers. Taking the land, irrigation facility and other potentiality of



paddy cultivation the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Puri Range has focused the Line Transplanting activities through its official work force in the Block. We are fortunate taking active participation in this august Endeavour of Govt. of Odisha. A total 467nos. of farmers of 15nos. villages of 4 nos. GPs and covering 300 hectors of crop land in Satyabadi Block took a massive drive in Line Transplanting programme of

paddy. It was a joyous, learning and enjoyable programme for DRC. In the above scheme massive awareness, sensitization and motivational programmes were organized to ensure the participation of the local farmers in the above scheme.

The guidance and monitoring of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Puri Range, District Agriculture Officer-Sakhigopal and the Asst. Agriculture Officer, Satyabadi made the programme more result oriented.

As a major partner of the LINE TRANSPLANTING OF PADDY PROGRAMME, DRC has been playing as a catalyst in mainstreaming the local farmers into the programme aiming at increasing the paddy production, productivity, minimizing the gap between actual and potential yield, saving more time, money and other resources that requires for paddy cultivation.