

CII holds talks on CSR aid in farm sector

Odisha stresses on irrigation facility now, says Secy

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Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Secretary Manoj Ahuja on Thursday said Odisha is giving more focus to expand irrigation facilities and increase crop insurance coverage.

Ahuja said this while addressing at the 'Krushi Unnati' programme organised by the CII here.

He said the State has planned to reduce risk factor of farmers through value addition to their crops.

Agricultural Production Commissioner Gagan Kumar Dhal said, "Odisha is the second State to have a special Agriculture Budget. The State



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Many corporate houses showcased CSR activities undertaken by them for development farmers and firming sector. Two MoUs were signed with Future Venture Capital and Gram Unnati Foundation on the occasion.

CII Odisha State council former chairman JB Pani, Jindal

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Stainless Steel executive director Abhoday Jindal, Future Venture Capital vice-president VP Yuji Fujinaga and Krishi Unnati Foundation founder member Aneesh Jain were present.