

ICAR-CIFA organized Awareness cum Training programme on Scientific Aquaculture

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, organized an Awareness-cum-Training Programme on Scientific Aquaculture under the SCSP project on December 20, 2024, at Hatakaranda-Bondalo village, Badchanna block, Jajpur district, Odisha. The event saw the active participation of more than 350 beneficiaries, including approximately 220 women farmers and 130 male farmers.



The ICAR-CIFA scientific team, led by Dr. P. K. Meher, Mr. A. S. Mahapatra and Dr. U. K. Udit, interacted with the farmers to address their problems in fish farming and introduced them to advanced technologies developed by the institute in aquaculture.

The program commenced with a welcome address delivered by Mr. Druba Charan Pradhan, a former Sarpanch who also took charge of coordinating the entire event.

Dr. Meher engaged with the farmers, emphasizing the importance of adopting scientific aquaculture practices. Dr. Udit informed the attendees about techniques for quality seed production and motivated them to generate additional income by producing and selling fish seed. Mr. Mahapatra highlighted various aquaculture-related schemes that could benefit fish farmers.

The event was graced by the presence of notable figures, including Mr. Amar Nayak, MLA of Badachana; Mr. Pritam Nayak, Secretary of Zilla Yuva Morcha; and Mrs. Debjani Pradhan, Sarpanch and Zilla BJP General Secretary of Jajpur.



Additionally, Mr. Keshari Chandra Rout, a progressive fish farmer and recipient of the Governor's Award for fish farming, as well as the proprietor of Maa Mangala Fish Farm, shared his valuable grassroots-level practical experience. He encouraged farmers to adopt

large-scale fish farming as a means of securing a prosperous livelihood.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Mr. Mahapatra who expressed his gratitude to all participants and contributors. The program was widely regarded as a valuable and impactful initiative, offering practical insights and solutions for sustainable aquaculture development.

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