

ICAR-CIFA organised One day Awareness cum Training programme on Scientific Aquaculture at Mangalpur, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, organized a One-day Awareness-cum-Training Program on Scientific Aquaculture under the SCSP project on November 20, 2024, at Mangalpur, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 200 beneficiaries, including a significant number of farm women, reflecting strong community engagement.



ICAR-CIFA scientists, Dr. G. S. Saha and Dr. S. N. Sethi, emphasized the importance of adopting scientific aquaculture practices and utilizing ICAR-CIFA's latest technological innovations to boost productivity. Dr. Sethi highlighted the benefits of organic aquaculture, advocating for reduced reliance on harmful chemicals. He also introduced the concept of fish-based integrated farming as a sustainable model to enhance farmers' livelihoods while promoting ecological balance.



Dr. Saha, in his address, elaborated about the fish-based entrepreneurial ventures. He advised the farmers in diversifying production beyond Indian Major Carps (IMC), encouraged them to practise ornamental fish farming and aquarium business. Additionally, he discussed strategies for cultivating high-demand, high-value fish species across states and introduced farmers to 'Jayanti

Rohu', an improved variety of IMC.

Mrs. Sarita Das, Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) from Jagatsinghpur KVK, effectively coordinated the program. She spoke about integrating aquaculture and agriculture using scientific methods and resource optimization to achieve higher productivity. Retired Assistant Fisheries Officer Mr. Mahendranath Mallick highlighted government schemes available for fish farmers, while Mr. Smruti Ranjan Baral, Sagar Mitra, shared his hands-on experience and practical knowledge in aquaculture.

The program concluded with Mrs. Sarita Das extending a vote of thanks to all participants and contributors, marking the successful culmination of an insightful and impactful event.

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