

Input Support and Training on 'Recent Advances in Freshwater Aquaculture' at Pakyong, Sikkim during 19-21 November 2024

The ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Regional Research Centre, Rahara, West Bengal, supported 50 farmers of Sikkim by distributing inputs for scientific aquaculture during a programme held at Pakyong, Sikkim, from 19–21 November 2024. Shri Puran Kumar Gurung, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries, Government of Sikkim, graced the event as Chief Guest.

Each farmer received 1,000 Amur carp seeds and 200 kg of floating fish feed. A total of 50,000 seeds and 10,000 kg of feed was distributed among the farmers.



Fig. Distribution of Amur carp seed to the farmers of Sikkim in the presence of Shri Puran Kumar Gurung, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries, Government of Sikkim.



Fig. Distribution of fish feed to the farmers of Sikkim

The Hon'ble Minister encouraged farmers to adopt advanced aquaculture technologies to enhance productivity and sustainability. He also urged individuals having water resources to consider fish farming as a profitable and sustainable livelihood. He thanked Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA, for the institute's efforts in promoting aquaculture in Sikkim.

The Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated a three-day training programme on 'Recent Advances in

Freshwater Aquaculture', attended by 80 farmers and officials. Training lectures on broodstock management of common carp (*Cyprinus spp.*), pond productivity management and advances in fish disease diagnosis and management was delivered in technical sessions. An interactive session addressed farmers' concerns, offering practical solutions.

Both the programmes were coordinated by Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist and Coordinator of NEH, ICAR-CIFA, Dr. F. Hoque, Scientist and State-Coordinator of Sikkim and Mr. A. Hussan, with support from Mrs. Gouri Mukhia, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pakyong District, Govt. of Sikkim.

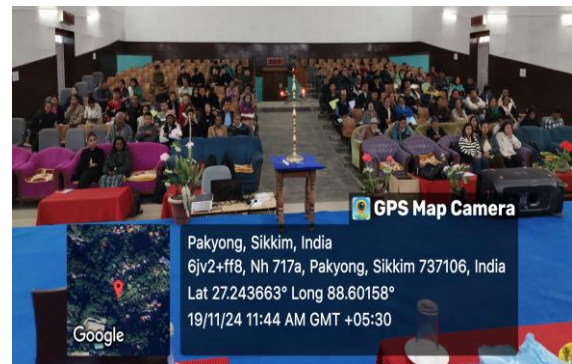


Fig. Participants attending training programme at Sikkim