

## FARMERS AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT DAHANU

A Farmers' Awareness Programme was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Dahanu (District- Palghar) under the Project 'National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD)' by Aquatic Environment and Health Management Division of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. A total of about 40 shrimp and fish farmers attended the meet. The programme was initiated with the felicitation of the dignitaries followed by introduction of the team NSPAAD and release of brochure's both in English and Marathi. The Project Co-Principal Investigator and Coordinator of this program, Dr. R. P. Raman, Principal Scientist, explained about the NSPAAD Project, its scope, objectives, area, work plan and its benefits to the gathering. He further deliberated upon different aspects of diseases and disorders of fish and shellfish such as viral, bacterial, fungal and parasitic diseases, their causative agents, clinical signs and symptoms. An interactive session between farmers and CIFE Scientists was also conducted which was co-ordinated by Dr. Arun Sharma, Scientist & Project Co-Principal Investigator. The interaction was very lively wherein farmers asked several queries about the problems facing them during the culture period. These queries were answered by the Scientists. Mr. Vinay Kumar, YP-II explained about the pictorial depiction of distinguishing between infected and healthy shrimps and finfishes. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks offer by Ms. Ankita Godavarikar, YP-II.





