

## ICAR-CIFE's Training-cum-Awareness Event on "Exploring Aquaculture for Income Generation"

On October 11, 2023, the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) in Mumbai hosted a one-day training and awareness program titled "Aquaculture: Potential Income Generation Option". This event drew 27 participants, comprising 20 males and 7 females, all of whom were officials from the Maharashtra State Agriculture Department in the Konkan Region. The program received sponsorship from the Regional Agriculture Extension Management Training Institute (RAMETI), Khopoli, operating under the "Economic development through agricultural allied sectors" scheme. Its core objective was to introduce trainees to various aquaculture production systems and showcase their potential to create income and employment opportunities in rural areas.

The program garnered enthusiastic feedback from all attendees, underscoring its effectiveness and value. Furthermore, the participants expressed a keen interest in future collaborations with ICAR-CIFE. They are eager to work with the institute in providing technical support to promote aquaculture in their respective districts in the Konkan region. This event has evidently proven successful in advancing aquaculture as a means of income generation and employment in rural areas and fostering potential partnerships with local authorities in Konkan region.

*Dr. Kapil Sukhdhane* provided insights into diverse aquaculture production systems, various aquaculture activities, and recent advancements in aquaculture production in Maharashtra. *Dr. Madhuri Pathak* focused on shrimp farming and its potential to create income and employment opportunities for farmers. *Dr. Karankumar Ramteke* guided participants through the aquatic biodiversity museum, showcasing various marine fish species, marine flora and fauna, the state's native fish, and offered detailed explanations. *Mrs. Snehal Parab* emphasized the significance of value-added fish products and their marketing. She also highlighted the activities of the Agri Business Incubation Centre at ICAR-CIFE and demonstrated value-added fish products to the participants. *Dr. Shivaji Argade* provided an overview of both Central and State Government initiatives/schemes aimed at promoting aquaculture and aqua-tourism, along with guidance on developing viable fish farming projects. The coordination of the event was managed by *Dr. Shivaji Argade*, a Scientist from ICAR-CIFE, and *Mrs. Manjushree Bhagwat*, an Assistant Director Agriculture, representing RAMETI, Khopoli.

### Glimse of ICAR-CIFE's Training-cum-Awareness Event



**Trainees with training coordinators**



**Trainees at aquatic biodiversity museum**



**Trainees inside aquatic biodiversity museum**



**Dr. Madhuri is interacting with trainees**



**Dr. Karan with trainees in aquatic biodiversity museum**



**Dr. Kapil with trainees at aquaculture demo unit**



**Mrs. Snehal (ABI) is interacting with trainees**