

## **Report on Training-cum-demonstration of Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) for Scheduled Caste (SC) beneficiaries of Jharkhand: SCSP component**

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Mumbai in collaboration with the Directorate of Fisheries, Govt. of Jharkhand organized a 3 days training-cum-demonstration programme on “Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) Farming Model” at Sahpur village, Katkamsandi, Hazaribagh District, Jharkhand from 10-12 August 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. H.N Dwivedi, Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Jharkhand and Dr. Pradeep Kumar, District Fisheries Officer, Hazaribagh. Both of them emphasized the importance of IMTA in sustainable production of fish, pearl mussel (Sepia) and water chestnut (Singhara) in a same culture environment to increase the production and productivity.

Dr. Prem Kumar, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai and Coordinator of this programme briefed the technical details and scientific know of IMTA farming. At the end of training programme, an IMTA farming system was set up and its operation was demonstrated. The fish seed, pearl mussel and water chestnut, which are required for IMTA system was distributed among beneficiaries. More than 60 Scheduled Caste (SC) beneficiaries including women (35), scientists and fisheries officials attended the programme. The programme was carried out under guidance of Dr. Munilkumar Sukham, Nodal Officer, SCSP, Dr. K.N.Mohanta, Head, FNBP division and Dr. C.N. Ravishankar, Director/Vice Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai.



