

## **ICAR-CIFE organized a training-cum-demonstration of “Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) Model for Scheduled Tribe (ST) Beneficiaries of Jharkhand under TSP”**

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 Dorwa Kundwa Gaow, Hazaribagh District, Jharkhand from 23-25 January, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. John Tudy, Sub-Divisional Officer 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 by recycling the nutrients.

Dr. Prem Kumar, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai and Coordinator of this programme briefed the technical details and scientific know of IMTA farming including its economic benefits. Immediately after the training programme, an IMTA farming system was set up and its operation was demonstrated to the trainees. The fish seed, pearl mussel and water chestnut, which are required for IMTA system was distributed among beneficiaries. More than 80 Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries including women, scientists and fisheries officials attended the programme. The programme was carried out under guidance of Dr. Munilkumar Sukham, Nodal Officer, TSP Dr. K.N.Mohanta, Head, FNBP Division and Dr. C.N. Ravishankar, Director/Vice Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai.



