

# **FARM-MADE FEED: ENHANCING FISH PRODUCTION AND FARMERS' INCOME**

## **TWO DAYS FARMERS' TRAINING UNDER TSP ON DEMONSTRATION OF FARM-MADE AQUAFEED PREPARATION AND ON-FARM FEEDING MANAGEMENT**

Two days farmers' training under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) programme on "Demonstration of Farm-made Aquafeed Preparation and On-farm Feeding Management" was organized by ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai in collaboration with State Fisheries Department, Jharkhand at District Fisheries Office, Khunti, Jharkhand during 2-3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018. This training programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director/Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE. Scientists from ICAR-CIFE along with Mr. I. Ahmad, Director, DRDA, Khunti, Jharkhand; Dr. Ashish Kumar, DDF, Ranchi, Jharkhand; Dr. Suman Kumar Toppo, DAHO, Khunti, Jharkhand and Mrs. Alka Panna, DFO, Khunti, Jharkhand graced the inaugural programme. Dr. Parimal Sardar, Principal scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Dr Sikendra Kumar, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE and Mr. Dilip Kumar Singh, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre coordinated this training programme. In connection to this three bilingual (English & Hindi) booklets namely, Composite Fish Culture (Mishrit Machli Palan), Farm-made Feed for Carp Culture (Farm Me Nirmit Matsya Aahar Banane Ki Prarkiriyaa) and Eco-friendly Feeding Strategies for Composite Fish Culture (Mishrit Machli Palan Me Paryavaran Hitaishi Roop Aahar Khilane Ki Paddhati) were prepared and distributed to the trainees during the training programme. About 76 farmers from tribal belt of Khunti district, Jharkhand attended the programme. Five lectures and two hands on practical demonstration were delivered during the training programme. Dr Parimal Sardar interacted with the farmers on composite fish culture, farm made aquafeed for composite fish culture & on-farm eco-friendly feeding strategies for composite fish culture. Dr Sikendra Kumar & Mr. Dilip Kumar Singh delivered the lectures on quality control of ingredients and storage of aquafeed, respectively. Scientists demonstrated hands on practical to the trainees on "Farm-made aquafeed preparation and on-farm eco-friendly feeding strategies" and analysis of water quality parameters (using kits developed by ICAR-CIFE). The programme was highly successful with good feedback from the trainees. Director, Dept. of fisheries, Jharkhand issued a letter of appreciation for the training conducted by ICAR-CIFE.