



ICAR- CIFE organised Skill Development Program (SDP) on
"Biochar for Enhancing the Aquaculture Productivity"
under the aegis of National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)

The Aquatic Environment and Health Management Division (AEHMD) of ICAR-CIFE organized a 5-day National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)–funded skill development program (SDP) on "Biochar for Enhancing the Aquaculture Productivity" during 3-7 March, 2020. The program was attended by 13 participants comprising post graduate student, farmers, entrepreneurs and supervisors from the states of Maharashtra (7), M.P (1), Bihar (4) and J& K (1). The training program consisted of theory and practical sessions on biochar production, characterization and application for enhancing aquaculture productivity, contaminant removal and impact of biochar on fish health. Pre-evaluation and post-evaluation of the participants were carried out on the first day and the last day of the programme to assess the impact of the training programme. The trainees visited Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai as part of their practical learning program. The sessions were interactive and included hands-on practical sessions conducted by experts. Further, a special guest lecture was organised on 7th March, 2020. Dr. Manish Kumar, CSIR-Institute of Mineral and Material Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa delivered a talk on "Designer biochars for enhancing aquaculture productivity and managing associated environmental challenges". In the valedictory function, Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (DDG), Education, ICAR was the chief guest. Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director & Vice-Chancellor ICAR-CIFE presided over this function. Dr. K.V. Rajendran, Head, Aquatic Environment and Health Management division and the Course Director of this programme welcomed the chief guest and the Director. Dr. V.S. Bharti, Coordinator of training programme presented a brief report of the training. The Chief Guest distributed certificates and training manual to the participants. Dr. V.S. Bharti, Dr. Gayatri Tripathi and Dr. Saurav Kumar of AEHM Division coordinated the training programme.



