

ICAR-CIFE Organizes a Training-cum-Awareness Programme on 'Aquaculture & Millet Farming: Potential Livelihood Options for Tribal Communities' (Under Tribal Sub-Plan)

The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai organized training-cum-awareness programme on 'Aquaculture & Millet Farming: Potential Livelihood Options for Tribal Communities' on 8th March, 2023 under Tribal Sub-Plan at Dimbhe Reservoir (Pune, Maharashtra). The programme was attended by 60 tribal fishers (Male-54, Female-6) from Shivechiwadi and Chikhali villages in Junnar and Ambegaon blocks. The programme aimed to demonstrate cage aquaculture activities, and value added fish products and millet products as a profitable livelihood options for fishers residing nearby Dimbhe and Manikdoh reservoirs and make them aware about its potential to create employment and income opportunities for them.

Dr. Shivaji Argade, Scientist (ICAR-CIFE) coordinated field exposure visit to cage aquaculture unit at Dimbhe Reservoir established by Mr. Santosh Khamkar (CIFE Promoted Aquapreneur & Founder of FEESH Aqua Tourism). He briefed about cage aquaculture practices for Tilapia and its marketing strategies for getting more profit. He also demonstrated the preparation of Fish Fillet and Fish Vada. Dr. Kiran Rasal, Scientist (ICAR-CIFE) highlighted the potential fish species and their culture practices in cage aquaculture. Mr. Arwind Mohare (Agril. Assistant, Dimbhe) highlighted the importance of millet and its nutritional value. Mr. Ashitosh Atkari (Founder of Yashshree Fisheries) informed participants about fisheries welfare schemes offered by Central and State Government for tribal people and urged them to avail them. The value added fish product booklet and millets products booklet were distributed to all the participants. On the occasion of "International Women's Day", tribal women and physically challenged fishers were honoured by distributing a set of gender friendly fishing nets. About 300 kg fishing nets were distributed to selected 40 needy tribal men and women fishers (7.5 kg each) residing nearby Manikdoh and Dimbhe reservoirs.





