

ICAR-CIFE Website Release:

Training-cum input distribution under the NEH scheme organized by ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Birchandra Manu, South Tripura during 25/03/2022 - 27/03/2022.

ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, has organized a three-day training-cum input distribution program in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Birchandra Manu, South Tripura during 25/03/2022 to 27/03/2022. Thirty-four farmers, including two tribal women SHGs and one Farmers' Club participated in the event. The program's theme was "**Upscaling and Fish health management in the fish-based integrated farming system.**" The program includes the construction of fish-based integrated farming model in the farmers' field and providing initial inputs, technical guidance, and imparting training for skill development. Under this program, five units of fish-based integrated farming model were developed in the farmers' field comprising poultry, duck, pig, and horticulture. In addition, to recycle the organic biomass, a vermicomposting unit was also developed. The initial inputs delivered to the farmers include fish seed: 10240 fingerlings, piglets: 3, poultry: 98, ducklings: 60, horticulture planting materials like banana, lemon, papaya, etc. Other inputs include poultry feed: 470 kg, pig feed: 650 kg, duck feed: 470 kg, and lime: 300 kg.

Dr. Ravishankar C.N., Director and Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, and Dr. A.K Verma, Nodal Officer, NEH scheme, were present during the program (online mode). The Director and Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, emphasized the role of CIFE and KVK in improving farmers' livelihood in the North-East region. He also mentioned that such programmes need to be implemented on a large-scale in all other states of the North-East and urged all the extension agencies, mainly Krishi Vigyan Kendras, to act as catalysts in organizing such programmes. He also requested all the KVKs of the North-Eastern states to identify the problems of farmers so that ICAR -CIFE can take active role in addressing them. Dr. A.K Verma briefed about the current program taken up by CIFE as part of the NEH scheme. Dr. Biswajit Debnath, Head and Senior Scientist, KVK South Tripura, welcomed all the participants and emphasized the need for adopting new technologies to double farmers' income. He has promised all the possible help in implementing such programs in the future. Dr. Arun Sharma and Mr. Dhalongsaih Reang, Scientists, ICAR-CIFE Mumbai, were the resource persons and coordinated the program. The Coordinators visited all the demonstration sites and selected the beneficiaries and further discussed with farmers and assessed the scope of up-scaling in collaboration with KVK South Tripura. The Resource Persons delivered lectures on topics: Scope of doubling farmers' income through Fish-based integrated farming, Production management of Fish and Livestock, Fish health management in Fish-based integrated Fish farming system. The lecture session was followed by the distribution of input materials among the farmers. The programme was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Dhalongsaih Reang.

