TRAINING CUM INPUT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME ON "FRESHWATER FISH FARMING" AND "FARMERS MELA" AT UKAI, GUJARAT

In bid to promote sustainable and advanced fisheries among the tribal community of Ukai, Gujarat, the Division of Aquaculture, in collaboration with the Center of Excellence in Aquaculture, Kamdhenu University, organized a training-cum-input distribution program and Farmers' Mela on December 22, 2024. Shri Kunvarjibhai Halpati, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tribal Development, Gujarat, inaugurated the training-cum-input distribution program. A total of 357 fish farmers from five fisheries cooperative societies in and around the Ukai Reservoir actively participated in the training program. Dr. Sukham Munilkumar welcomed the training program with a warm inaugural address, extending greetings to the Hon'ble Minister and other distinguished dignitaries. In his speech, he highlighted the initiatives of the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education and the Tribal Sub-Plan activities aimed at uplifting and supporting underprivileged farmers.

Dr. Debajit Sarma, Head of the Division of Aquaculture, extended a warm welcome to the Honourable Minister and provided an overview of the training program on advanced fish farming techniques. He highlighted the program's significance in enhancing income generation and improving the livelihoods of tribal fishers in Gujarat. Dr. M. M. Trivedi, Director of Extension Education, and Dr. K. K. Hadiya, Registrar of Kamdhenu University, delivered the inaugural speeches. They emphasized the vital role of fisheries education and the extension activities undertaken by Kamdhenu University in supporting marginalized farmers across Gujarat.

During his presidential address at the input distribution program, Shri. Kunvarjibhai Halpati, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tribal Development, referenced Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas," emphasizing its relevance and significance. He also highlighted the untapped fisheries potential in the tribal regions of Ukai, envisioning it as a future hub for broodstock development and large-scale fisheries. As part of the event, ice boxes and fishing nets were distributed to five cooperative fisheries leaders and three women representatives to support and enhance their fishing and livelihood activities. Dr. Smit Lende, Head of the Center of Aquaculture at Kamdhenu University, expressed gratitude to the Honourable Minister for his gracious presence and for distributing various inputs to approximately 300 fish farmers from the Ukai region. The program concluded with the distribution of ice boxes and fishing nets, followed by technical sessions on advanced fish farming techniques. This

1

programme was covered a wide media coverage in Gujarati newspaper. The training program was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. C. N. Ravishankar, Director and Vice-Chancellor,** and **Dr. N. P. Sahu, Joint Director** of ICAR-CIFE Mumbai. The program was coordinated by **Dr. Kapil Sukhdhane and Dr. Madhuri Pathak**, Scientists from the Aquaculture Division of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai along with **Dr. Smit Lende, Head, Center of Excellence, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat.**



















કામધેનુ યુનિવર્સીટી ઉકાઈ ખાતે મીઠા પાણીમાં થતાં મત્સ્યપાલન તાલીમ કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો



રાજ્ય કરા રાજ્ય કક્ષાના મંત્રીશ્વી કુંવરજીભાઇ હળપતિના આદ્યક્ષસ્થાને સેન્ટર ઓફ એકસાનન્સ ઇન એક્સાકલ્પ્યર કામધેનુ ચુનિવસીટી ઉકાઈ ખાતે મોઠા પાણીમાં થતાં મત્સ્યપાલન તાલીમ કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો ૦ ાburge Dhamata



Contact News Publisher Gandact News Publisher Main Gill and a sense of a side of the history based on the sense of the history of the distances of the historical sense and the the historical sense of the set of the historical sense of the distances of the historical sense and the the historical sense and the

નાંધાવી હતી. ગાંધાવી હતી. સમગ્ર કાર્થક્રમનું આશોજન સફળતા પૂર્વક સેન્ટર ઓફ એકસલન્સ ઇન એકવાક્રલ્ટર કામવેતુ ચુનિવર્સીટી ઉક્રાઇના વડા ડો. સિંગ લેન્ડે અને એમની ગીમ હાશ સફળતા પૂર્વક હાથ ઘટવામાં આવેલ હતું.