

**Fisheries Department, Govt. of Sikkim, under Gyalshing District concludes three days skill development training at Gyalshing Fisheries office by distributing carp seeds under NEH.**

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education Kolkata Centre organized three days skill development training programme on 'Modern methods of freshwater aquaculture' for 20 fish farmers of Gyalshing, West Sikkim during September 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024. The training was organized at District Fisheries Office, Gyalshing, West Sikkim. The training was organized in presence of Shri Duchen Lepcha, Deputy Director and Shri Lahang Limboo, Assistant Director, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Sikkim. Dr. Suman Manna and Mrs. Sweta Pradhan, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE Kolkata Centre coordinated the training programme.

In the inaugural session, Shri Duchen Lepcha briefed the farmers about present status and future scenario of aquaculture in Sikkim. In technical sessions, farmers were briefed about the culture and breeding of carps, importance of feed and feeding management in aquaculture, pond management and maintenance of different water and soil quality parameters so that they can earn more profits adopting scientific fish culture. Practical demonstration of water quality parameters like pH, DO, ammonia, etc using CIFE aquaculture test kits were showed to farmers in farm ponds and tanks. Other important aspects like fish disease management, integrated fish farming, GAIS & PMMSY was also covered so that farmers can get maximum benefit and improve the livelihood along with nutritional, economic and social security of the farm family.

In the valedictory programme, Shri Lobsang Tamang, Joint Director, Department of Fisheries, Govt of Sikkim addressed the farmers about scientific carp farming and urged the farmers that they should implement the knowledge learnt from the training to their ponds. In the feedback session farmers expressed their satisfaction on the deliverables from the training and motivated towards adopting scientific fish farming. At the end of the training programme, training certificates, manual, CIFE pH kit and carp seeds were distributed among the farmers. The training programme was organized with the directive of Dr. C. N. Ravishankar, Director & Vice-chancellor of ICAR-CIFE Mumbai and Dr. T. K. Ghoshal, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-CIFE Kolkata Centre.

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