

## Report of

### Interaction of Experts with the Farmers on Last Thursday of each Month

“महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार: मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ”

**Venue: ICAR-CIFE RRTC, Motipur Centre**

**Date: 26th September, 2024 (Thursday)**

**Time 3:00 PM onwards**

The ICAR-CIFE RRTC Motipur Centre successfully conducted the programme “Interaction of Experts with Farmers on the Last Thursday of Each Month,” known in Hindi as “महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार: मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ,” on September 26, 2024, starting at 3:00 PM. The event was held in both physical and online formats, with the online session accessible via [meet.google.com/rpc-ygyg-ifj](https://meet.google.com/rpc-ygyg-ifj).

This initiative was implemented following a suggestion from Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension, Division of Agricultural Extension, Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan, New Delhi. It aligns with the Honourable Prime Minister's initiative to engage agricultural experts with farmers, as highlighted during the release of 109 crop varieties developed by ICAR on August 11, 2024, at the ICAR-IARI Research Farm in PUSA, New Delhi. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of monthly interactions between experts from KVK, ICAR, and SAUs and farmers, designating the last Thursday of each month for this purpose.

The primary objective of this session was to inform farmers about the **"Prospects of Aquaculture in Bihar and Jharkhand: The Role of ICAR-CIFE in Enhancing Production."** Accordingly, in this programme, the ICAR-CIFE team made continuous efforts to address various concerns raised by fish farmers through mutual learning.

A total number of 60 fish farmers from various regions of Bihar and Jharkhand participated in the programme in physical mode and 63 attendees joined online. Among these, 21 participants were KVK personnel from various districts including Begusarai, Narkatiyaganj, Lada, Piparkothi, Sheohar, Sukhet, Banka, Latehar, Arwal, Dhanbad, Nawada, Sariaikela, Sitamarhi, Sahibganj, Lakhisarai, Gopalganj, Lohardaga, Jamtara, Munger, Madhopur, Katihar, and West Champaran. Additionally, representatives from the private company Mamta Aqua (Vaishali, Bihar), King Fisheries (Ranchi, Jharkhand), Jasauli agro farm (Jasauli, Motipur, Bihar) also benefited from the programme.

The programme commenced with a formal introduction of the technical experts from ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, ICAR-CIFE, Motipur, and the KVK personnel. The technical session, chaired by Dr. Md. Aklakur, focused on the theme **"Prospects of Aquaculture in Bihar and Jharkhand and the Role of ICAR-CIFE in Enhancing Production"**. He emphasized the importance of utilizing natural water resources for employment generation through aquaculture and stressed the urgent need for self-reliance in aquaculture to meet the local fish demand in Bihar and Jharkhand. He further highlighted ICAR-CIFE's contribution to advanced aquaculture technologies, such as Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS), Biofloc technology, and Integrated Farming Systems, which have been demonstrated in various parts of the region. He also extended an invitation to the farmers to join hands with ICAR-CIFE for technical assistance and to improve their aquaculture practices.

Following the technical discussion, an interactive session was held with the farmers, who participated actively and energetically. Several day-to-day challenges faced by the farmers were discussed, and experts from ICAR-CIFE provided practical solutions and guidance. The panel of experts included:

- Dr. K.N. Mohanta, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Physiology
- Dr. Mukund Goswami, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Fish Genetics & Biotechnology
- Dr. Arpita Sharma, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Fisheries Economics, Extension, and Statistics
- Dr. Md. Aklakur, Incharge, ICAR-CIFE Motipur Centre
- Shri. Udipta Roy, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE Motipur Centre

Farmers expressed their gratitude to Dr. Ravishankar C.N., Director of ICAR-CIFE, and Dr. N.P. Sahu, Joint Director of ICAR-CIFE, for their initiative to support fish farmers in Bihar and Jharkhand.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Shri. Udipta Roy, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE Motipur Centre. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. Aklakur, Shri. Udipta Roy and Dr. Arpita Sharma.

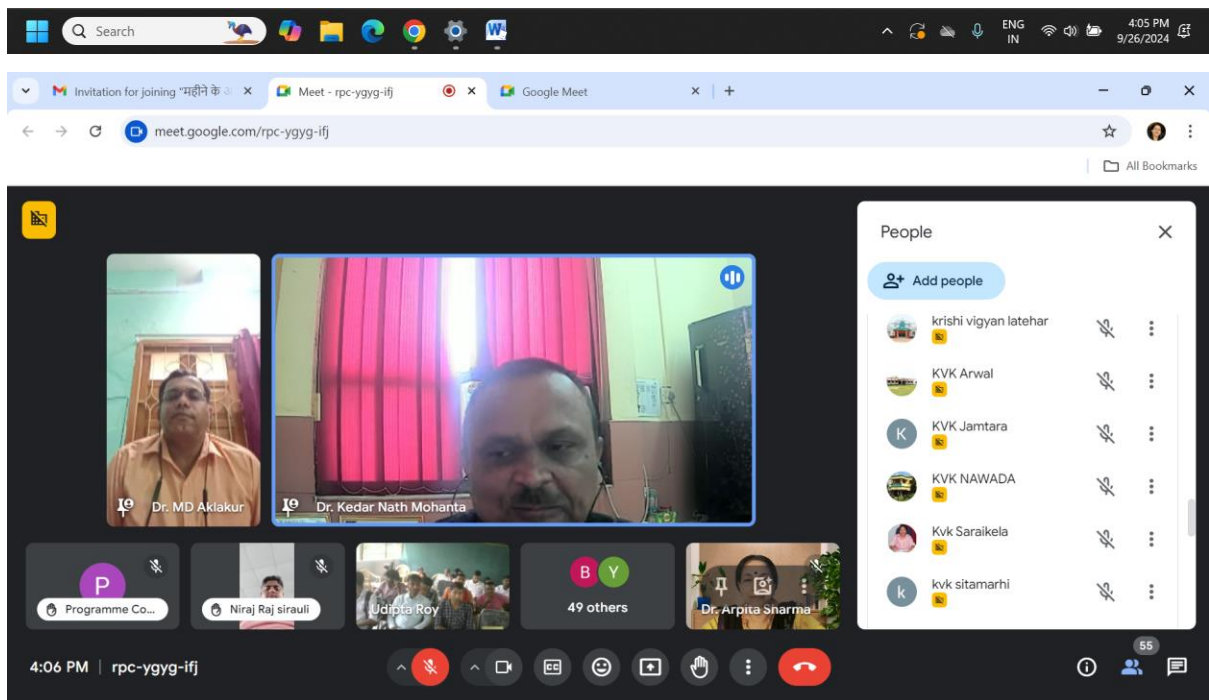
## **Schedule of the programme**

Celebration of “महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार : मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ” Part 1

Date of programme: 26.09.2024 (Thursday)

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1.	Inauguration and orientation of the programme	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
2.	Technical discussion on “ <b>Prospects of aquaculture in Bihar and Jharkhand; role of ICAR-CIFE in enhancing the production</b> ” by Dr. MD Aklakur	3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
3	Recording and enlistment of common farmers’ issue	4:00 PM to 4:30 PM
4	Discussion and interaction for suitable solutions	4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
5	Summary and vote of thanks by Mr. Udipta Roy	5:00 Pm to 5:30 PM

# Glimpses of the programme



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Dr. MD Aklakur

Dr. Kedar Nath Mohanta

Niraj Raj Srivastava

Uday Shankar P...

Udipta Roy

44 others

Dr. Arpita Sharma

4:15 PM | rpc-ygyg-ifj

People

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- KVK Arwal
- KVK Jamtara
- KVK NAWADA
- Kvk Sarakela
- kvk sitamarhi
- KVK, SAHIBGANJ JHAR...

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Dr. MD Aklakur

Head KVK Sheohar

Udipta Roy

Krishi Vigyan Kendra ...

kvk sitamarhi

Ram Kewal

Arunkumar Singh

KVK Arwal

29 others

Dr. Arpita Sharma

3:14 PM | rpc-ygyg-ifj

Speaker (Realtek(R) Audio); 38%

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Manish Kumar

Niraj Kumar

pankaj Chakravarti

Programme Co-ordinator

Ram Kewal

Sonu Pal



