

Entrepreneurship cum skill development training program on “Modern methods of freshwater aquaculture” organized under SCSP plan

The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Kolkata Centre organized a 3 days skill development training program on “**Modern Methods of Freshwater Aquaculture**” during 9-11th September, 2024 under the SCSP plan for the SC fisher folks of Gosaba and Basanti block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

During inauguration, Dr. B. K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore highlighted the importance of adopting modern techniques by fish farmers for increasing productivity and livelihood. Dr. T K Ghoshal, Principal Scientist and Head, ICAR-CIFE Kolkata centre briefed the participant about the present status and future prospects of aquaculture in India which small and marginal farmers can easily adopt. In the program the participants were given hands on experience on culture techniques of Magur, Singhi, Koi and Tengra along with their feed and feeding strategies. The importance of pond management, identification of fish diseases and their control measures were also discussed. ICAR-CIFE water testing kits (pH and DO) were distributed for practical applications at their culture pond. The program was coordinated by Dr. Leesa Priyadarsani, Scientist and Dr. H. Mandakini Devi, scientist ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre. Total 30 scheduled caste farmers from Gosaba and Basanti block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal participated in the training and Mr. Lokman Molla, founder of Kultali Milon Tirtha Society facilitated participation of farmers.

