

Launching Workshop and Three days training programs under the North East Hill program organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai in collaboration with State Fisheries Department, Superintendent of Fisheries Office Gandacherra, Dhalai District Tripura from 21/10/2022 to 23/10/2022.

Launching work and Three days training program was organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai in collaboration with the **State Fisheries Department, Superintendent of Fisheries Office Gandacherra, Dhalai District Tripura from 21/10/2022 to 23/10/2022**. A total of 30 participants/ Farmers from different ADC village councils attended the program which includes 23 males and 7 female participants. The project “Improvement of water quality and fish health in integrated freshwater aquaculture system through treatment of animal manure” was launched by releasing the launching workshop brochures. The theme of the program is “**Upscaling in fish-based integrated farming system and fish health management**”. The training program was initiated with the release of an extension bulletin on the “Aqua-based integrated farming system” (Volume-1) both in English and the local Kokborok language. The program also includes the demonstration of the polyculture of fish among farmers/groups having interest, need, some basic idea and having minimal facility which has the scope to upscale the farming system and increase the production, productivity, and farmers’ income. For demonstration purposes, 10000 fish fingerlings were released including species like Singi, Koi, IMC, and minor carps. Shri Pradip Tripura, Chairman Utter Gandacherra, ADC village council was present as Chief Guest, emphasizing the importance of the integrated farming system in the livelihood upliftment and increase farmers’ income. Dr. Arun Sharma scientist and PI of the project from ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai highlighted the importance of the project and the training program. Superintendent of Fisheries, Shri Madan Tripura present during the program also emphasizes the need for such kind of programs and expresses his determination to develop the district and is ready to extend all the possible help in implementing such programs. Shri Sudhir Chakma, Shri Rajkumar Tripura, and Shri Tanjiroy Reang, Shri Ratnadeep Saha were the others present during the program. All the expert members delivered lectures on topics like the scope of improving farmers’ income per unit area through Fish based integrated farming, Production, and health management of Fish and Livestock. Exposure visits were conducted to the progressive farmer’s farm. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri S. Dutta, FA Gandacherra.

