Report

Interaction of Experts with the Farmers on Last Thursday of Month

"महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार: मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ"

During the Hon'ble PM's programme vis-a-vis Release of 109 Crop varieties developed by ICAR (11th August 2024 in the Research Farm of ICAR-IARI, Pusa, New Delhi), the Hon'ble PM had desired that the experts from KVK, ICAR and SAUs need to interact / engage with the farmers on one day of each month, wherein the goal of this interaction/exchange should be to tackle any current issue related to agriculture; and, an attempt ought to be made to identify/provide answer(s) to the issue(s) being raised, through "mutual learning".

Accordingly, it was communicated by Dr. U.S. Gautam, Deputy Director General, Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR, New Delhi that the last Thursday of each month will be devoted for the said purpose.

ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai and its centres have been regularly conducting Interaction of Experts with Farmers on the Last Thursday of Each Month," also known in Hindi as "महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार: मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ and the response from the farmers have been very encouraging.

The ICAR-CIFE, RRTC Motipur Centre have successfully conducted 3 such sessions on 26th September 2024, 28th Nov, 2024 and 26th December, 2024. The events were held in both physical and online formats, with the online session accessible via Google meet. Details are given as follows.

Date	Number of	Торіс
	participants	
26.09.2024	Offline 63	First episode: Prospects of Aquaculture in Bihar and
	Online 60	Jharkhand: The Role of ICAR-CIFE in Enhancing
	KVK 21	Production
28.11.2024	Offline 35	Second episode: Biofloc and RAS: an intensified
	Online 56	aquaculture model for Bihar and Jharkhand
26.12.2024	Offline 45	Fourth episode: Feeding management and its importance
	Online 60	in enhancing productivity

These three programmes were coordinated by Dr. MD Aklakur Sr. Scientist and OIC, Shri. Udipta Roy, Scientist, Motipur Centre of ICAR-CIFE and Dr. Arpita Sharma, Head, FEES Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai.

The Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology (FNBP) Division, of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai organized the Third episode on the topic "Production of nutritionally balanced feed and its use for enhancing aquaculture production" on 28th November 2024.

The main objective of these Interaction of Experts with Farmers on the Last Thursday of Each Month/ महीने के अंतिम बृहस्पतिवार: मन की बात मत्स्य किसान के साथ has been to discuss various issues and problems fishers and fish farmers face, provide advisories, knowledge and skill on scientific fish farming and to learn from them facilitating a mutually learning environment.

All farmers, fishers and participants express their gratitude to Dr. Ravishankar C.N., Director, ICAR-CIFE, and Dr. N.P. Sahu, Joint Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai for their initiative to support to the fishers and fish farmers of Bihar.



Glimpses of the programme









