

Report on Awareness cum Sensitization Programme on Fish Health Management

The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Aquatic Environment and Health Management Division, organized a one-day Awareness cum Sensitization Programme on Fish Health Management on 30th December 2024 at Mahatma Gandhi Library Hall, Pen, Raigad, Maharashtra. The event was attended by over 75 progressive fish farmers from Maharashtra. This initiative was funded by the **All India Network Project on Fish Health (AINPFH)**, coordinated by CIBA, Chennai, and the **NSPAAD -II** Referral Laboratory, coordinated by NBFGR, Lucknow.

The programme was chaired by Sh. Sagar Wadkar, Taluka Agriculture Officer, apart from that representative from Fishery Department, Local Administration, Industry, SHG, and social activists were participated in the programme. The programme aimed to enhance farmers' awareness in fish health management through a series of three focused sessions. First session on fish health management was aimed to impart knowledge on disease prevention by emphasizing strategies to maintain healthy stocks, introducing practices such as water quality management, biosecurity and quarantine measures, and regular health monitoring to improve productivity and survival rates. Second session there was a demonstration on mobile disease app. Third session includes guidance on good and cheap options to reduce fish production cost, Marketing and PMMSY schemes etc. A training manual on fish health management were released during the programme.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. N. P. Sahu Director & Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. The awareness programme was coordinated by the project team Dr. Megha K. Bedekar, Dr. Swadesh Prakash, Dr. Arun Sharma, Dr. Saurav Kumar, Dr. Jeena K. The programme was covered by Maharashtra Police News-24. This awareness programme effectively empowered fish farmers with knowledge and ideas to improved fish health. It highlighted the critical role of sustainable practices in enhancing aquaculture productivity, ensuring long-term benefits for the farming community. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Arun Sharma.

Some glimpses from the Awareness cum Sensitization Programme









