

Socio-economic upliftment of tribal fish farmers of Purulia through capacity building

October 3-5, 2024, Purulia

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education Kolkata Centre organized a three days skill development training program on 'Modern methods of freshwater aquaculture' during October 3-5, 2024 under TSP scheme for 20 tribal fish farmers of Manbazar-II, Pancha and Barabazar block of Purulia, West Bengal. The program was organized at Block Development Office, Barabazar, Purulia.

The training was organized with the technical and logistics support from District Project Management Unit, West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project, Purulia. Fourteen female and 6 male fishers were benefitted from the training program.

Farmers were trained on the following aspects of scientific fish farming like pond preparation and management, composite fish culture, feed and feeding management, tilapia culture, management of soil and water quality parameters in aquaculture, integrated fish farming etc so rural fishers can get maximum benefit from their water body and can improve their livelihoods.

Hands on training on farm made feed preparation using locally available feed ingredients were given to the farmers. Besides practical demonstration of water quality parameters like pH, dissolved oxygen, ammonia etc were given to the farmers using CIFE aquaculture test kits.

Farmers were highly satisfied and gave positive feedback about the training. They also confronted that by adopting scientific fish farming practices taught in the training, they can easily earn more money than paddy cultivation.

During valedictory program, Dr. Suman Manna, training coordinator and scientist ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata and Dr. Avijit Halder from ADMIP urged the farmers to adopt the necessary knowledge perceived from this three days deliberations so that they can improve their social, economic and nutritional security.

At the end of the training program, training certificate, manuals, **CIFE pH and dissolved oxygen kits, carp fingerlings** were distributed among the farmers.

The training program was organized with the directive of Dr. C. N. Ravishankar, Director & Vice-chancellor of ICAR-CIFE Mumbai and Dr. T. K. Ghoshal, Head & Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFE Kolkata.

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