

## Capacity Building of Fish farmers of Basanti & Gosaba block, Sundarban, West Bengal

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Kolkata Centre organized a three days skill development training program on “Modern methods of freshwater aquaculture” during 11-13 September, 2025 under SCSP scheme for 20 fish farmers of Basanti & Gosaba block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The program was organized at Kultali Milan Tirtha Society, Basanti, Sundarban in presence of Mr. Lokman Molla, Secretary of the society and Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, State Fishery Extension Office of respective block.

Farmers were trained on scientific fish farming including pond preparation and management, composite fish culture, feed and feeding management, management of soil and water quality parameters in aquaculture so that 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. Practical demonstration of measurement of water quality parameters like pH, dissolved oxygen, ammonia were given to the farmers using CIFE aquaculture test kits at the farmer's pond. Participation certificate, manuals, 1500 nos. fish seeds were distributed to each farmers.

The training program was organized with the directive of Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director & Vice-chancellor of ICAR-CIFE Mumbai and coordinated by Dr. T. K. Ghoshal, Principal Scientist & Head of the centre.

