

Visit of Dr J.K. Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries) at Moyna, Purba Medinipur fish farming hub in West Bengal on 9 October 2021.

Dr. J.K. Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), visited Moyna, Purba Medinipur fish farming hub in West Bengal, on 9 October 2021. During his visit, an aquafarmers' interaction meet was organized by the RRC, Rahara of ICAR-CIFA, collaborating with Global Moyna Farmers Producer Company at Ramakrishnayan Moyna. From ICAR-CIFA, Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist, and SIC (RRC Rahara), and Dr. P.P.Chakrabarti, Principal Scientist, accompanied the DDG. Dr. B.K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI, and two other scientists also attended the programme.

In the morning, the DDG first visited the farmers' field and interacted with the farmers. During the visit, farmers shared many problems, such as proper distribution mechanism of river water during summer and discharges, poor connectivity to the aqua fields, unavailability of cost-effective quality feeds, frequent disease occurrence, and fish mortality. The farmers requested ICAR's support in solving several issues such as the development of soil-water testing, disease diagnostic laboratories, a feed mill, construction of good roads for better connectivity, proper drainage systems of the farms. They also demanded sediment removal in the nearby river, the water source to get water for fish culture, particularly in the summer. The DDG was delighted over the potential of the fish culture areas and the present productivity level (7.5 tons ha⁻¹ year⁻¹).



The DDG (Fisheries), ICAR is interacting with farmers during field visit

After the field visit, the aqua farmers' interaction session was organized at Ramakrishnayan Moyna, where Mr. Sasanka Maity, president, the Global Moyna Farmers Producer Company, emphasized the need for the facilities for the value addition of the fishes produced at Moyna.



Participants in the Aqua-farmers' interaction meet

Dr. S. Adhikari talked about the ICAR-CIFA's work at Moyna for sustainable fish production and environmental management. Dr. B.K.Das expressed his desire to work at Moyna. The DDG advised CIFA and CIFRI to work jointly at Moyna for the farmers' welfare. He also expressed his interest in his further visit with the officials to support and provide funds for the infrastructure development at Moyna. However, he also advised farmers to take the opportunities of PMMSY funds. Dr. P.P.Chakrabarti coordinated the programme.



At the venue of aquafarmers interaction meet

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