

## Launching workshop of DST project activities at District Fishery Office, Dhenkanal

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar organized launching workshop of DST project activities at District Fishery Office, Dhenkanal today. The project being supported by Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India is aimed at economic empowerment of selected Scheduled Caste fish farmers. Around 70 farmers and farm women from different blocks of Dhenkanal participated in the programme. Dr C.K Mishra, Principal Scientist, CIFA welcomed the guests and participants. He also explained about the importance of scientific fish farming with focus on Ornamental fish farming and its impact on livelihood improvement.

Dr H. K. De, In Charge of the project spoke about the activities to be initiated to promote economic empowerment and sustainability among SC farmers in Dhenkanal district through freshwater aquaculture development. Carp seed rearing and grow out carp culture technologies of CIFA will be demonstrated and the farmers will be provided necessary



skill training in order to enable them adopt scientific fish farming practices. He called for active participation of Fisheries department and the KVK in implementation of the project. Mr M. Bhuyan, District fishery officer, Dhenkanal elaborated on the present status and prospects of



freshwater aquaculture in the district. He also shared with the participant's different schemes & subsidies available for the farmers and fishermen to enhance the fish production and productivity. He thanked CIFA for including Dhenkanal and hoped that fish farmers of the district would be benefitted from the project.

Dr Bimalendu Mohanty (Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dhenkanal) briefly narrated on package of practices of carp culture.

He discussed about pre and post-stocking management practices in nursery and grow out carp aquaculture.

He also informed that the integrated fish farming will be highly beneficial to the farmers to enhance the fish production in sustainable manner. A Farmers-Scientists interface was conducted to discuss about the problems faced by them in aquaculture. Technical brochure/leaflets were released on



Nursery and Grow out carp culture and distributed to the District fishery officer, Assistant fishery officer and beneficiaries. Floating fish feed packets were distributed to the representatives adopted ponds. During this program 8 pond water samples were analysed and report containing details of manuring, liming etc. were provided to the farmers. Sri D. P. Rath, Senior Technical Officer coordinated the programme.

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