

Report of the NFDB sponsored Skill Development Programme

A NFDB sponsored skill Development programme on **“Advanced aquaculture technologies for doubling farm income”** conducted by Regional Research Centre, ICAR-CIFA, Rahara, Kolkata at Ramkrishna Ashram KVK, Nimpith, Jaynagar, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal during 27-29 November 2018. Fifty fish farmers from Magrahat, near Nimpith attended the programme.

The programme was inaugurated on 27 November by the chief guest Swami Sadanandaji Maharaj, Chairman, RAKVK, Nimpith in the presence of our regional centre’s staff along with Dr.N.J.Maitra, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK and the subject matter specialist (Fisheries) Mr. Prasanta Chatterjee of the KVK. The programme was started by lightning the lamp along with the ICAR song. In his inaugural programme, Swamiji spoke about the rural development programme of the Ashram and he narrated about the development of the Ashram. He told that without scientific agriculture, the development of the villages will be incomplete. He talked about the importance of scientific aquaculture for higher production. Dr. P.P.Chakrabarti, SIC of the centre spoke about the technology available in the institute and the livelihood of the poor farmers can be improved with the proper dissemination of these technologies. Dr. S.Adhikari, the Course Director of the programme briefly narrated about the course designed for this training and he also spoke about the importance of this programme for doubling the farm income. Dr.B.N.Paul, Principal Scientist proposed the vote of thanks. Dr R.N.Mandal, Principal Scientist was the master of ceremony of the inaugural programme.

Total 09 lectures were delivered by 09 resource persons in 3 days. Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist and Course Director and Dr P.P. Chakrabarti, SIC and Principal Scientist delivered one lecture on “Water quality management for freshwater aquaculture practices”. Dr S. Adhikari also delivered one lecture on “Management of pond soil and fish pond fertilization”. Dr. D.N. Chattopadhyay, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on “Composite fish culture”. Mr. Arabinda Das, Scientist and Mr. Ajmal Hussan, Scientist delivered a talk on “Seed production and culture practices of some indigenous catfish”. Dr. B.N. Paul, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on “Role of nutrition in fish culture”. Mr. Prasanta Chatterjee delivered two lectures on “Culture of carp spawn” and “Culture of carp fry and juvenile”. Dr. R. N. Mandal, Principal Scientist delivered lecture on “Live fish food organisms for aquaculture “. Ms. Farhana Hoque, Scientist delivered a lecture on “Common fish diseases and their remedial measure”. The participants actively interacted with all the resources persons during the lecture sessions. For Field visit, we took farmers to the nearby fish ponds and integrated farming to a village Banagheri, around 35 kilometers from the KVK on 28 November. The farmers also interacted with the farm owners regarding the different activities of the farm.

The training programme was completed on 29 November, 2018 after a valedictory function. In this programme, the participants spoke about the programme and they all highly appreciated the programme. They also expressed their gratefulness and gratitude to the NFDB for sponsoring the programme. The ninety two per cent participants rated the training programme as very good according to the NFDB proforma. The participation certificate was distributed to the trainees. This programme was concluded after National Anthem.



