

## Indian Army sponsored training programme for tribal youths of Assam inaugurated at ICAR-CIFA

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A training programme on “Freshwater aquaculture as livelihood option for tribal youths” has been started at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 14 November 2018 and will continue till 17 November 2018. The programme is sponsored by 5/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force), Indian Army, Assam. In total 22 persons are participating in the programme.



The inaugural function was held on 14 November, 2018 in the Conference Hall of ICAR-CIFA. Col. D.D. Swain, Commanding Officer, Bihar Regiment, 120 Battalion, Indian Army, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest. He appreciated the role of Indian Army in exposing the unemployed tribal youths to scientific aquaculture practices at a famous institute like ICAR-CIFA. He urged to have the linkage among the Indian Army, trained farming community and ICAR-CIFA for information sharing in freshwater aquaculture and more collaboration in future.



Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, Director, ICAR-CIFA, Kausalyaganga was the president of the function. She highlighted the role of ICAR-CIFA for dissemination of freshwater aquaculture technologies to the tribal areas of the country including NEH States. She encouraged the participants to get as much knowledge about fish culture from ICAR-CIFA and to use it for

their livelihood development.

Dr. B.C. Mohapatra, Principal Scientist and Chairman, Tribal Sub Plan Programme of ICAR-CIFA welcomed the participants and guests to the programme, and informed the gathering regarding the role of the institute for dissemination of aquaculture technologies to the tribal communities of India through TSP and NEH Schemes. He informed that previously



the institute had conducted three such training programmes for tribal youths of Assam sponsored by the Mahar Regiment of Indian Army. Capt. Shivansh Tripathi, Captain, 5/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force), Indian Army, Assam thanked ICAR-CIFA for conducting this programme for tribal youths of Assam.

Dr (Mrs.) Pravati K. Sahoo, Principal Scientist & Course Director, ICAR-CIFA proposed the vote of thanks. The programme ended with National Anthem. Dr I. Shivaraman and Mr. Nitish Kumar Chandan, Scientists acted as Course Coordinators.