

**Skill Development Programme on “Fish feed production and feed management in carp nursery ponds” sponsored by NFDB, Hyderabad and held at Murshidabad, West Bengal from 18-20, July, 2018**

A skill development programme on “**Fish feed production and feed management in carp nursery ponds**” was organized at Hotel Sanjoy Regency, Murshidabad, West Bengal from 18<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. 50 nos of farmers/entrepreneurs from different parts of West Bengal participated programme on skill development. The programme was inaugurated by Swami Biswamayananda Tushar Maharaj, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Sargachi, Murshidabad in presence of Mr K.K. Singh, DDM, NABARD, Murshidabad and Dr K.C Das, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar. The Maharaja of Ramakrishna Mission advised on production of quality fish without any chemical contaminants and emphasized on feeding of locally available ingredients for fish feeding. DDM, NABARD, Murshidabad explained on ways of enhancement of enterprise with financial support from Banks and highlighted the role of bank in aquaculture. The inauguration programme was followed by skill development training class of invited experts of different fields like NABARD, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ICAR-CIFA, Ramakrishna Mission, feed entrepreneurs and leading farmer/entrepreneurs and continued for 3 days period. Dr K.C Das, Course Director and Principal Scientist, Fish Nutrition and Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFA presented a class on “Fish feed processing technology in India” and explained on future of fish feed production technology in West Bengal. He also explained on “larval nutrition and feeding of carp spawn/fry” as farmers do not adopt scientific feeding for carp spawn/fry. Dr P. Chakraborty, Principal Scientist and I/C, Rahara Centre, ICAR-CIFA in his presentation covered on “soil and water quality management in carp nursery ponds” and also composite fish culture. Mr Bablu Ghosh, Feed Entrepreneur (CIFABROOD) presented a lecture on “Impact assessment of CIFABROOD” in West Bengal” as he marketed CIFABROOD, a product of ICAR-CIFA for many years. Mr Amlesh Chatterjee, entrepreneur expert, explained on “Feeding and management of monosex tilapia and Mr S. Patra, Scientist, KVK, Jiaganj, Murshidabad covered class on “feeding management of Vietnam Koi culture in seasonal ponds”. Both of these classes were important as farmers were interested for culture of Tilapia. Experience sharing class of Mr Ritwik Amir, Murshidabad, West Bengal on “Quality seed production and feeding of Jayanti Rohu” in farmer’s field was valuable for farmers. Mr Prasanjeet, Kalna, West Bengal explained on “feeding of Carp Starter II and management of carp nursery ponds”. A demonstration class for participants was also arranged in a nearby village of Murshidabad (Tarakpur/Bhakuri) and carp starter II developed by ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar was demonstrated in pond to participants. Similarly, field visit was arranged at Rama Krishna Mission, Saragachi, Murshidabad, where a trainer from the Mission explained the activities of integrated agriculture including freshwater aquaculture. The participants actively interacted with all the invited experts during their sessions. The programme was completed on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 and certificate distribution was done. All participants highly appreciated the programme.



Inauguration of skill development programme(NFDB) on **Fish feed production and feed management in carp nursery ponds**” on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018



Training class during skill development programme on **Fish feed production and feed management in carp nursery ponds**” during 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018



Demonstration/field visit during skill development programme on **Fish feed production and feed management in carp nursery ponds** during 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018