

National Fish Farmers' Day observed at RRC-Rahara, ICAR-CIFA

10 July 2018

Rahara, West Bengal

Regional Research Centre, Rahara of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) observed the 18th National Fish Farmers' on 10 July, 2018 to mark the epoch making discovery of induced breeding of Indian major carps. Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist and MC of the programme told to the participants about the significance of celebrating this day which is to pay respect to two great fishery scientists Dr. Hiralal Chuadhury and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi, who had successfully conducted induced breeding in Indian major carps in 1957.

Dr. P.P. Chakrabarti, Principal Scientist and SIC in his welcome address applauded the farmers for their contribution in fisheries development and said that 'Induced breeding paved the way for large scale availability of desired fish species in desired size and quantity' and also informed the participants about the technologies of ICAR-CIFA. Dr. B.C. Mohapatra, Principal Scientist and Director Representative from CIFA HQ discussed on the need of quality fish seed and adoption of better management practices (BMPs) for achieving desired fish production in a sustainable way.

Dr C.S. Chakrabarty, Ex Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University of Fisheries and Animal Sciences was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He mentioned about some constrains and problems in fishery sector and congratulated the fish farmers who had received the award for their outstanding contribution. Around 40 fish farmers from different districts of West Bengal and 45 officials including the staff of the centre were present at the event. Six fish farmers from different parts of the state were felicitated for their contributions to the development of freshwater aquaculture. The awardees also shared their experiences in fish farming with the audience. A scientist-farmer interaction session was also organized on the theme "doubling farmer's income" where Dr. B.N. Paul, Principal Scientist discussed about the importance of farm made feed with the farmers. Dr. R. N. Mandal, Principal Scientist, proposed the vote of thanks.