ICAR-CIFA in Collaboration with State Fisheries Department, Ganjam Conducted Carp Seed Rearing Training Programme at Digapahandi, Ganjam, Odisha

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar under its DST (TSP) Project (Carp seed production and integrated fish farming technology for livelihood development of Phailin affected tribal farmers of Ganjam District, Odisha) and in collaboration with State Fisheries Department, Ganjam organized the Inaugural Session of the Training Programme on “Carp seed rearing” at Digapahandi OPDC Farm, Ganjam District on 11 October 2017. ICAR-CIFA had undertaken several such programmes in different parts of the country for the benefit of tribal and other cast populace. The main objective of the programme was to make aware of the tribal fish farmers to scientific carp seed rearing practices in their village ponds. Its ultimate aim is to increase fish production and productivity from their ponds, production and supply of quality seed in the locality and adoption of better management practices (BMPs) for enhancement of production in a sustainable way. Mr. Debananda Bhanja, Joint Director (Inland), State Fisheries Department, Odisha; Dr. B.C. Mohapatra, Principal Investigator of DST Project and Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA; Mr. Siba Prasad Bhoi, Dy. Director Fisheries, (Ganjam Zone); Mr. N.K. Maharana, AFO, Digapahani Block; Smt. S. Priyadarshini, AFO, Ganjam HQ; and Ms. Jayasree Devi, AFO, Sanakhemundi Block were the guests of the programme. Besides, the fisheries officials of Ganjam District, 50 tribal fish farmers from Sanakhemundi and Digapahandi Blocks participated in the programme.

Mr. Debananda Bhanja, Joint Director (Inland), State Fisheries Department, Odisha inaugurated the training programme and was the Chief Guest of the function. He appreciated the efforts taken by ICAR-CIFA for development of livelihood of the tribal fish farmers of the district. Mr. Siba Prasad Bhoi, Dy. Director Fisheries (Ganjam Zone) gave the overview of aquaculture practices followed in Southern Odisha and different schemes available from Fisheries Department for the benefit of farmers. He advised the farmers to take up scientific aquaculture practices in their ponds for better economic returns and nutritional security.

Dr. B.C. Mohapatra, Principal Investigator of DST Project and Principal Scientist of ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar welcomed the delegates and farmers to the programme and appraised them the aim of the programme. He highlighted the success stories of fish production from ponds from different parts of the country under different schemes of the institute.

Mr. N.K. Maharana, AFO, Digapahandi proposed vote of thanks. The programme will continue for two days with lectures and practical demonstrations.
Participants observing fish seed in farm