

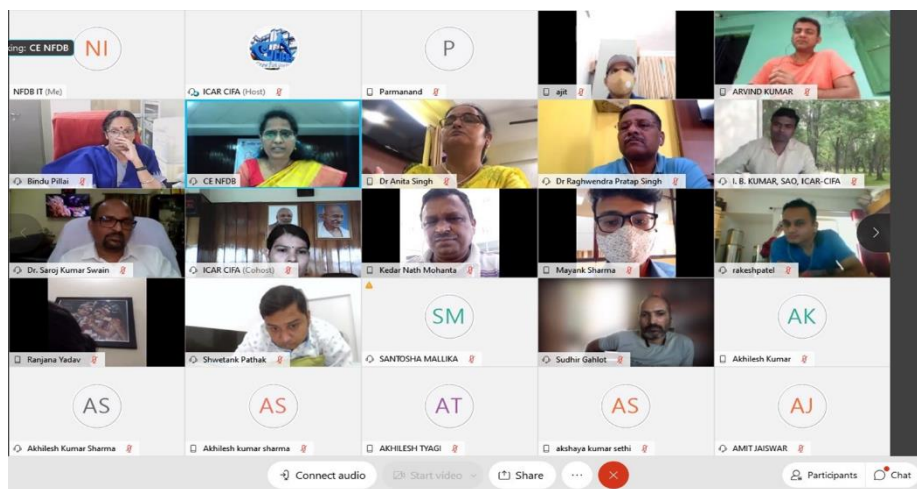
## ICAR-CIFA launched Virtual Training Programme for Freshwater Pearl Farming

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation, fish farmers were facing difficulty in attending any training programmes. To cope up with the situation and reaching out to the farmers, ICAR-CIFA has launched the training programmes in virtual mode on 17.09.20

With the project funding support from National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad, ICAR-CIFA has developed a Digital Outreach Center with studio facilities. With the help of the facilities, detailed instructional modules for different fish species are being prepared. A three-day virtual course on "Freshwater Pearl Culture for Entrepreneurship Development" was launched as the first edition in the series, the course module has lecture classes and step by step practical demonstrations and protocols for farming the freshwater pearl mussels.

Dr C.Suvarna IFS, Chief Executive, NFDB launched the course and appreciated the team for bringing out this course. She urged ICAR-CIFA to come out with more farmer-friendly, self-learning modules.

Dr Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA in his address, referred that the institute is focusing more on digital outreach strategies to reach out to more farmers and minimizing the communication gap in the freshwater aquaculture sector. Dr Bindu R.Pillai, HoD, Aquaculture Production and Environment Division welcomed the participants and narrated the scope of pearl farming. Totally 130 participants from different parts of the country are attending the training programme and more emphasis is being given to interaction sessions to clarify the doubts of the participants.



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