

ICAR-CIFA organized a 6-day national training on Catfish breeding and seed production with emphasis on butter catfish *Ompok bimaculatus* & long whiskers catfish *Mystus gulio*

A 6-day national training on “Catfish breeding and seed production with emphasis on butter catfish *Ompok bimaculatus* & long whiskers catfish *Mystus gulio*” was organized during 16-21 July 2018 by ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture at its Field Station, Kalyani, West Bengal. The main objective of the training programme was to develop skilled manpower through hands-on training on captive breeding and seed rearing of indigenous catfishes; (ii) to provide first-hand information on various aspects of breeding, seed rearing and culture of important indigenous catfishes.



Altogether 21 fishery entrepreneurs, fish farmers and other stakeholders from 5 different states namely West Bengal (13), Maharashtra (4), Assam (2), Odisha (1) and Bihar (1) were attended the program. Most of the participants having educational qualification as matriculation or above: Matriculation

(2), H.S. passed (2), BA (5), B.Com (1), B.Sc. (3), M.Sc. (3), Diploma in Civil Engineering (1), MBA (1) & not mentioned (3).

The training was consisted of a blend of lectures, hands-on exercises on induced breeding, field visits, and discussions with local catfish breeders. Different aspects for successful propagation of these catfishes were discussed by resource persons which include overview of indigenous catfishes, their identification, principles & practices of



induced breeding, biology, captive breeding, seed rearing and grow-out culture techniques of pabda (*Ompok* sp.) and tengra (*Mystus* sp.), production of different live



food organisms, water quality estimation and management, egg custard & PG extract preparation, nutrition and feeding management of catfishes, common diseases of catfishes and their treatments, hatchery management protocol and low cost hatchery construction for indigenous catfishes. In addition to

the scientists of the RRC, Rahara & Kalyani F.S., Dr. J.K. Sundaray, Principal Scientist, Dr. J.N. Saha, Former Principal Scientist, and Miss Farhana Hoque, Scientist delivered lectures on different aspects. The training program was coordinated by Dr. P.P. Chakrabarti and Mr. A. Das.

The program has received wonderful applaud from the participants. The topics taught and practical classes conducted during the training program were rated by the participants. The overall rating was 4.4 on a scale of 1-5. However, few participants suggested training manual in regional languages, Air Condition training hall and additional staffs to assist the coordinator.