



## ICAR-CIFA & ANANYA organised Farmer-Scientist Interface programme on Freshwater Aquaculture in Boudh

ICAR- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture Bhubaneswar organized a one-day Farmer-Scientist Interface program on Freshwater Aquaculture at Town Hall, Boudh, Odisha today. The program mainly focused to enhance the skills of men and women SC fish farmers in the villages of Boudh district under SCSP Project. Around 200 beneficiaries have attended the program. On this occasion Scientists from ICAR-CIFA, Dr Chandrakanta Misra, Dr Sangram Ketan Sahoo, Dr Gour Sundar Saha, Dr. Durga Prasad Rath emphasized the importance of aquaculture and utilization of the latest technology from ICAR-CIFA for maximizing productivity in ponds. They encouraged farmers to adopt new freshwater aquaculture technologies and emphasized the importance of organic fish farming, maintaining clean ponds, and preserving the environment. They also gave information on several organic manures that can be used in ponds for improved growth, such as cow dung, mustard oil cake, groundnut oil cake, etc.



They urged the women beneficiaries in particular to take up carp seed rearing in order to obtain high-quality fish seeds for their own ponds and to sell in far-off marketplaces for the greatest possible profit. Additionally, he advised them to test pond water and soil and apply the latest feed technology for proper nutrition. Mr. Abinash Mohanty, Chief Executive,

ANANYA, Bhubaneswar participated in this programme and added another layer of practical insight into the economic aspects of aquaculture. Ms. Lipsa Pattnaik, DFO, Boudh, made the beneficiaries aware of different important schemes being run by the government in freshwater aquaculture which is crucial for farmers to leverage available resources. Mr. Nrusingha Chandra Swain, Collector & District Magistrate, Boudh, encouraged the farmers practice fish farming by using the advanced technology to enhance their livelihood. Mr. Sukanta Panigrahi, Governing Body Member, NFDB, Hyderabad, further highlighted the valuable informations on different aspects related to freshwater aquaculture.

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