

ICAR-CIFA organised Farmer-Scientist Interface programme on Freshwater Aquaculture in Dhenkanal

ICAR- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture Bhubaneswar organized a one-day Farmer-Scientist Interface program on Freshwater Aquaculture at Kamadebakota, Chaulia village, Sadar block today. The program aimed to enhance the skills of men and women SC fish farmers in the villages of Dhenkanal district under SCSP Project. Around 300 beneficiaries mostly Men women SHGs have attended the program. On this occasion Scientists from ICAR-CIFA, Dr Ashis Saha, Dr H. K. Barman, Dr C. K. Misra, Uday Kumar Udit 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 Subhransu Satapathy, President, NGO participated in this programme and talk about benefit of Farmer Producer Organisation and fish culture. Mr Pratap Swain, Sarpanch of the village, discussed the on-going developmental work related to fish farming in the village and shared future plans and demands. He assured to the beneficiaries to maintain contact with the DFO of the district to discuss and use latest tech available for fishery enterprise. He also discussed about the facilities available in Mo Pokhari Yojana and to make proper use of that for the construction and maintenance of ponds.