



## ICAR-CIFA conducted Exposure visit cum Training of Tribal SHGs on Integrated Aquaculture.

With more than 54% Scheduled Tribe (ST) population, Gajapati district in Odisha has primitive tribes of Sauras and Langia saurs. To enhance their livelihood security and economic upliftment, "Exposure visit cum Training programme on Integrated Aquaculture for the Tribal beneficiaries" on the occasion of National Fish Farmers Day" was conducted at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar (ICAR-CIFA) Bhubaneswar, during 10-12 July, 2022.



The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Thirumala Naik, IAS, State Mission Director-cum-CEO, Department of Mission Shakti, Odisha ;Dr B P Mohanty, ADG (Inland Fisheries), ICAR and Dr Pramoda Kumar Sahoo Director, ICAR-CIFA.



Total 42 tribal participants with officials from Six tribal women SHGs attended this training i.e Hara Bhangi Adivasi PFCS, Dumiguda Adava, Gajapati; Atma Sahayak Dala, Adapanka, Mohana, Gajapati; Jiobajiri SHG, Gumma, Gajapati; Jai Maa Santoshi SHG Sulaba; Geetajayanti SHG, Konkarada and Maha Laxmi Samiti, Pollabandha, Mohana block, Gajapati. Two SHGs (Jamuna/ Jiobajiri SHG, Gumma, Gajapati; Jai Maa Santoshi SHG Sulaba, Mohana, Gajapati) were felicitated for their contributions in adopting and promoting ICAR-CIFA technologies across the country. The awardees also shared their experience in fish farming with the audience during Farmers-Scientists interaction held in the afternoon.

During three day programme, training and demonstration on carp culture, catfish culture, ornamental fish culture, water quality management, feed formulation and management, health management, integrated farming system development were given to the trainees. They also visited the fish farm at NFBB-NFDB, Kausalyaganga. Director ICAR-CIFA distributed 15 lakh IMC seed to three SHGs for promoting improved variety fish culture on the concluding session.

On the valedictory session Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA congratulated the team for conducting such programme under STC. He suggested for utilise the learnings from ICAR-CIFA in fish farming. Dr. P. Routray, Principal Scientist, highlighted the purpose of the capacity development programme and expressed that field demonstration will help them in practising the fish culture. Dr. S. S. Mishra, Principal Scientist and Team Leader, Gajapati & Rayagada programme, briefed about the activities being undertaken by ICAR-CIFA in Gajapati and Rayagada since 2018 with adoption of 28 Tribal women self-help groups. He urged the beneficiaries to effectively utilize the inputs and resources for their economic upliftment. Dr. K.C. Das, Principal Scientist briefed about the preparing of fish feed and methods for feeding fish.



The programme was coordinated by Mr Satyanaran Sahoo, Mr. Durga Prasad Rath and Mr Sisir Kumar Mohanty.

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