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ICAR-CIFA celebrated International Women's Day 2024

On 8th March 2024, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar and KVK, Khordha jointly organized a Workshop on “Women Empowerment through Aquaculture” in connection with the celebrations of International Women's day 2024. A total of 40 farm women from 6 SHGs from Guapur and Majjihara village of Balipatna block of Khordha district attended the workshop. Dr. Kanta Das Mahapatra, former Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA gave a presentation on “Freshwater aquaculture as a livelihood option for farm women”. Dr. Harapriya Nayak, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK-Khordha, ICAR-CIFA delivered a lecture on “Pond based integrated farming system brings prosperity among women SHGs”. Dr. E M Chhandaprajnadarsini, Scientist, ICAR-CIFA talked about



‘Freshwater Pearl Culture: A profitable enterprise for sustainable livelihood’. After the lectures, a meeting was organized to observe the International Women's Day 2024. Mrs. Bijayini Singh (OPS) and DSP, Odisha State Commission for Women, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest of the function. Mrs. Singh encouraged women to participate in the social and economic development of the society and help to bring equality. She

also spoke about the dangers of social media and how easily women can fall prey to the cyber frauds and criminals. Dr. S. S. Giri, Director (I/C), ICAR-CIFA in his address elaborated various programs undertaken by the institute for the empowerment of women. Dr. K. D. Mahapatra, former Pr. Scientist and Guest of Honour addressed the gathering and spoke about the need of women to be economically independent and inspired to take the lead. Ms. Linkan Subudhi the Social Activist and External Member, ICC of ICAR-CIFA and Special guest talked about the status, role and importance of women in building a safe society through digital technologies.



Earlier, Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, Principal Scientist and Chairperson of Internal Complaints Committee, ICAR-CIFA welcomed all the guests and appraised about the activities of the women cell of the institute. Chief Guest and Guests of Honour distributed prizes to the winners of the various competitions arranged in connection with the IWD 2024. Dr. Utkal L. Mohanty, CTO, ICAR-CIFA proposed the vote of thanks.



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