



Training Programme on “Breeding and seed production of catfishes” during 29 July – 01 August 2024 at RRC, Rahara

The Regional Research Centre, Rahara, and Kalyani Field Station, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture successfully organized a four-day national training program on “Breeding and Seed Production of Catfishes” from July 29 to August 1, 2024. The program, sponsored by the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Jharkhand, was held at the Kalyani Field Station campus and attended by 25 fish farmers from various districts of Jharkhand.

Dr. S. Banik, Head of ERS, ICAR-NDRI, Kalyani, inaugurated the event and emphasized the significance of fish farming for income enhancement and the benefits of pond-based integrated farming models. Dr. B.N. Paul, Scientist In-charge, RRC-Rahara, ICAR-CIFA, highlighted the center's activities and the importance of catfish culture. A training manual on Hindi was released on the occasion. The training provided hands-on experience in induced breeding and larval rearing of *Ompok* sp., *Mystus* sp., *Hetroptneustes*. Sp., and *Pangasius* sp. The operation of portable FRP pabda hatchery was also displayed. Key topics also covered larval nutrition, soil and water quality management, and disease prevention. .



Participants also interacted with a progressive farmer, Mr. Mritunjoy Barua, gaining valuable insights. In the valedictory session, Dr. B.N. Paul encouraged the trainees to develop entrepreneurship using CIFA technologies, while Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Ray, Head, KVK-Nadia, urged them to adopt integrated farming systems for better profitability. After successful completion of the Training programme the participants were given certificate. The fish Farmers of Jharkhand thanked Dr.P.K.Sahoo Director ICAR-CIFA for providing such opportunity to attend the training programme at Kalyani field Station of ICAR-CIFA,RRC,Rahara. The training programme was coordinated by Dr.B.N.Paul, Dr.S.Sarkar and Mr.A.Hussan