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National Fish Farmers' Day Celebrated at RRC-Rahara, ICAR-CIFA

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Rahara, West Bengal

Regional Research Centre, Rahara of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) observed the 24th National Fish Farmers' Day' on 10 July, 2024 to mark the epoch making discovery of induced breeding of Indian major carps.

The 'Fish Farmers Day' is observed to pay respect to two great fishery scientists Dr. Hiralal Chuadhury and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi, who had successfully conducted induced breeding in Indian major carps in 1957. Dr. B.N. Paul, Principal Scientist and SIC in his welcome address applauded the farmers for their contribution in fisheries development and said that 'Induced breeding paved the way for large scale availability of desired fish species in desired size and quantity' and also informed the participants about the technologies and current activities of ICAR-CIFA and the regional research centre. The Chief Guest, Dr. Indranil Kar, Principal, Surendranath College, Kolkata, delivered a keynote address. Dr. Kar emphasized the importance of scientific research and education in advancing fish farming practices.

Scientists and farmers interaction was held, focusing on the challenges and opportunities in scientific fish farming. Dr. B. N. Paul, Dr. S. Adhikari, Dr. R. N. Mandal, Mr. A. Das and Dr. F. Hoque participated in the interaction along with farmers and stakeholders. Scientists, farmers, and stakeholders participated in the programme to discuss and address the challenges and opportunities in scientific fish farming.

A 'Felicitation Ceremony' was also organized to recognize and encourage the contribution of aqua farmers. Mr. Prahalad Naskar, a progressive farmer was honoured and felicitated as the 'Outstanding Fish Farmer', acknowledging his dedication and exemplary practices in aquaculture in Sundarban area.

Around 55 participants including fish farmers, stake holders, officials and staffs were present at the event. The event concluded with closing remarks and a vote of thanks by Dr. R. N. Mandal, Principal Scientist, RRC-Rahara. The programme was coordinated by Dr. B.N. Paul, Dr. Farhana Hoque, DR. R. N. Mandal, Mr. A. Das and Dr. S. Adhikari.

