

Training programme on “Recent Advances in Integrated Fish Farming” organized by Regional Research Centre, ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada

Regional Research Station, ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada has organized three days Training program on "Recent Advances in Integrated fish farming" at Kuchipudi, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh during 04-06 January 2023 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Programme. In the inaugural session, Dr. B. Seshagiri, Principal Scientist & SIC, RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada highlighted that the importance of aquaculture and nutritional aspects of fish which helps in food security and empowerment by generation of livelihood options. He advised the farmers that the fish farming has to be practiced in Scientific manner to improve the production and productivity. Dr. Ramesh Rathod, Senior Scientist and Nodal Officer, SCSP has emphasized on adoption of integrated fish farming and different approaches to enhance the income. He also narrated on different scientific aquaculture technologies developed by ICAR-CIFA. Dr. Ajit Keshav Chaudhary, Scientist, stressed on the different types of integrated farming and how best income can be generated by different activities through integrated fish farming. The resource persons, Miss. J. Mahija, FDO, Dept. of Fisheries, A.P. delivered a lecture on Nursery seed rearing management in aquaculture and harvesting & post-harvest methods in aquaculture; Dr. V. RatnaPrakash, SMS, KVK, Cherukupalli on Integrated fish farming & Diseases and Health management issues in Aquaculture and Dr. J. Yashwanth Kumar, SMS, KVK, Ghantasala on Integrated Fish farming approaches in freshwater Aquaculture. Demonstration of various activities were carried out on Advanced Integrated fish farming unit (RAS cum Aquaponics unit); rearing and feeding of fishes and poultry chicks and also plankton collection, water and soil analysis through test kits. Inputs (Poultry chicks and Nets) were distributed to the beneficiaries during training programme. Around Fifty five farmers (55 no.) from Kuchipudi fishermen society, Bapatla district were attended the training programme.



In the valedictory session, the farmers given their feedback for the programme and shared their experiences on fish farming. Some of the famers are expressed their interest on fish breeding and seed production, more about diversified fish culture & management practices. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Ramesh Rathod, Sr. Scientist; Dr. Ajit Chaudhary, Scientist and Dr. Praveen Kumar Namburu, YP-II and other Technical Assistant from RRC, Vijayawada.