



ICAR-CIFA organised a Scientist – Extension – Farmers interface meeting on Pig-cum-fish farming at Karbi Anglong District, Assam

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ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha organised a Scientists – Extension – Farmers interface meeting on Pig-cum-fish farming at Bormanthi, Karbi Anglong district of Assam on 14 May 2023 as a part of celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav under NEH programme. The event was organised to improve the aquaculture productivity in the state of Assam through integrated pig-cum-fish farming. The event was attended by more than thirty participants including Scientists, extension officials and progressive farmers of Karbi Anglong district of Assam.

During inauguration of Pig-cum-fish farming programme at Bormanthi, Dr Pramoda Kumar Sahoo, Director of ICAR-CIFA suggested for improving the aquaculture productivity through integration of aqua ponds with pig farming. Dr Sahoo emphasized upon the healthcare and management of pig-cum fish farming system which would lead to improvement in yield and income of farmers. Dr P P Chakrabarty, Principal Scientist described the events of developmental activities undertaken by ICAR-CIFA for the livelihood improvement of the people of this region. Similarly, Dr S K Swain, Principal Scientist highlighted for Public Private Partnership approach to improve the livelihood through such integrated farming systems. During discussion in the meeting, Shri Saurav Dutta, Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Karbi Anaglong district suggested for utilising the pond dikes with horticultural crops in addition to growing of pigs for getting maximum return per unit area. Shri Jyotish Talukdar from Kalong Kapil, Bagibari expressed thankfulness to ICAR-CIFA for the interventions made by the scientists for the overall progress of the people of Assam and adjoining states.

Earlier, Dr C K Misra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA welcomed all the participants to the meeting and briefed on the objectives of the event. During technical session, interactive discussion amongst scientist-extension-farmers were made where aquafarmers were provided with suitable management solutions for achieving better results from the pig-cum-fish farming system. The technical session also included the visit of scientists to pig-cum-fish farming demonstration ponds of the beneficiaries. During visit to each farmer pond, feeding management, health management and overall soil and water quality management was discussed on the farm sites.

The event was coordinated by Dr P P Chakrabarty, Dr S K Swain and Dr C K Misra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA.

