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## National Fish Farmers' Day observed 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 23<sup>rd</sup> National Fish Farmers' day on 10 July, 2023 to mark the epoch making discovery of induced breeding of Indian major carps. A field visit was organized for the farmers in the morning. The invited farmers visited the carp hatchery, observed carp spawn, visited waste water facility, visited natural live food unit and witnessed the netting in stocking pond at RRS-Rahara. Dr. B.N. Paul, SIC welcomed the fish farmers and explained the significance of celebrating fish farmers day, which is 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 and he also mentioned (virtual mode) that 'Induced breeding paved the way for large scale availability of desired fish species in desired size and quantity'. Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist made the participants aware about the climate change and its impact on aquaculture. Dr. P. P. Chakrabarti, Principal Scientist narrated the aquaculture extension activities conducted by the centre. Progressive fish farmer, Mr. Manabendra Das was felicitated for the contributions to the development of freshwater aquaculture. The awardee has shared his experiences in fish farming with the audience. A scientist-farmer interaction session was also organized on the theme "doubling farmer's income" which was conducted by Dr. Farhana Hoque, Scientist. Dr. R.N. Mandal, Principal Scientist proposed the vote of thanks. Around 70 participants including fish farmers, stake holders, officials and staffs were present at the event. Dr. R.N. Mandal, Mr. A. Das and Dr. F. Hoque, Scientists has co-ordinated the programme.

