

ICAR-CIFA organised Farmer-Scientist Interface Programme on Freshwater Aquaculture in Taraboi, Balipatna, Khordha

ICAR- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar organized a one-day Farmer-Scientist Interface program on Freshwater Aquaculture at Village: Taraboi (Gram Panchayat: Turintira, Block: Balipatna, District: Khordha) on 07th June 2024. This program mainly focused to enhance the skills of men and women under the Farmers FIRST Project. The participation of around 150 beneficiaries including a good numbers of farm women indicated a positive response from the community. On this occasion scientists from ICAR-CIFA, Dr. G. S. Saha, Dr. H. K. De, Dr.



Husne Banu and Mr. A. S. Mahapatra discussed about the importance of aquaculture and utilization of the latest technology from ICAR-CIFA for maximizing productivity in ponds. Dr. G. S. Saha emphasized on the importance of fish based integrated farming system and advised the farmers to maintain a record of the interventions being carried out in their farms. Dr. H. K. De and Dr. Husne Banu interacted with farmers and addressed their queries on different aspects related to scientific

fish farming. The involvement of successful farmers like Mr. Bikram Nayak, Krushak Saathi from Purohitpur and Hata Kishore Swain from Dorabanga enriched the discussion by offering practical insights and sharing their experiences, making the information more relatable and actionable for the farmers in Taraboi. They shared their practical field experience in handling a unit of integrated farming system and made farmers aware of the real-life constraints faced by farmers in farming practices. Involvement of successful farmers from other FFP adopted villages like Siddhakutilla, Barijanga, Guapur further facilitated cross-learning, allowing farmers to benefit from each other's experiences and best practices. Some successful farm women and members of SHG groups, Mrs. Manjulata Patra, Mrs Mamata Swain (Maa Tarini SHG-Aloi), Mrs. Selina Muduli, Mrs. Dharitri Mohanty (Bhagabat Basudeva SHG-Turintira), further shared their experience of being guided by the scientific team of CIFA on the scientific rearing of freshwater aquaculture. Lastly, Mr. A. S. Mahapatra conveyed the vote of thanks.

