



Awareness cum Workshop on ‘Carp-GI Scampi Polyculture for Higher Production and Income’ at RRC-Rahara

An ‘Awareness cum workshop’ on ‘Carp-GI Scampi Polyculture for Higher Production and Income’ was organized by ICAR-CIFA at RRC-Rahara on 19.09.2024 to create awareness among the carp farmers in the nearby areas on the potential of GI scampi in enhancing farm income through carp-GI scampi polyculture. The program started with the welcome address by Dr. B. N. Paul, SIC, RRC-Rahara followed by the lighting of the lamp. In the technical session, all the participants gave a brief introduction about them and explained their current culture practice. Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, Principal Scientist and PI of the PMMSY Scampi project introduced the participants to CIFA-GI Scampi®, a genetically improved and fast-growing variety of freshwater prawn developed by ICAR-CIFA through selective breeding. Dr. F. Hoque, Scientist discussed the GI scampi performance trials conducted in carp-GI scampi polyculture systems in West Bengal and Assam. Dr. B.N. Paul gave a lecture on ‘Feed and Feeding of carp and scampi in polyculture’ and Dr. S. Adhikari, Pr. Scientist spoke about the ‘Water Quality Management in Carp-scampi Polyculture System’. In the second session, four lead farmers from the Canning-I block, South 24 Parganas, namely Mr. Krishnapodo Haldar, Mr. Gour Sardar, Mr. Sagar Das, and Mr. Alok Mondal, were felicitated for successfully adopting Carp-GI Scampi polyculture in West Bengal. The farmers shared their experiences and this was followed by an interactive session conducted by Dr. R. N. Mandal, Principal Scientist, where they voiced concerns related to scampi culture, such as the unavailability of quality seed, poor growth, and early mortality faced when using wild seeds. The issues were thoroughly addressed, and the scientists advised farmers to seek quality seed from the CIFA-GI Scampi® Multiplier Hatcheries of ICAR-CIFA. A total of 30 farmers participated in the workshop. The event concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants and a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. F. Hoque. The program was coordinated by Dr. Bindu. R. Pillai, Dr. F. Hoque and Dr. B.N.Paul. Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Mr. A. Das, and Mr. A Hussan, Scientists also participated in the interactive session with the farmers.



Fig. Felicitation of successful farmer adopted Carp-GI Scampi polyculture in West Bengal and certificate distribution to the participants of the workshop



Fig. Awareness cum workshop on 'Carp-GI Scampi Polyculture for Higher Production and Income' at Rahara