

Model Training Course organized by Champawat Field Centre

Directorate of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India, sponsored eight days Model Training Course (MTC) for the extension officials and progressive fish farmers on “**Management Practices for coldwater Aquaculture**” was organized by Champawat

(Uttarakhand) Field centre of Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal. The training programme was inaugurated on 1st March, 2013 by Dr A. Barat, Director DCFR. In his inaugural address briefed participants about the challenges that coldwater fisheries is facing today with rapid developmental activities taking all around us and urged participants for utilizing this opportunity to employ



scientific developed available aquaculture techniques and scientific knowledge for their own betterment and also for the society at large. He also appreciated the efforts of Extension Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture for encouraging such model training programmes which are

very much needed in these difficult hilly areas for livelihood generation as well as for augmenting rural income. Course Director Dr.S.K. Srivastava, Sr. Scientist and in-charge, welcomed the participants and briefed about the centre's activities. Course Co-Director Dr Suresh Chandra, Sr. Scientist gave detailed about the training programme to the participants and informed that emphasis will be given on



demonstrations/practicals. During inauguration Dr. N.N. Pandey, Sr. Scientist, DCFR spoke about the value addition of fishery products. Dr. S.K.Gupta, Scientist proposed vote of thanks.

During the training course lectures on trout and carp culture, breeding, seed production, health management and monitoring, integrated fish farming in hills, feeding practices, etc were

delivered by guest lecturers. Stress mainly was given on **learning by doing** and each lecture was followed by field demonstration where individual participant learn the techniques of trout stripping, feed preparation and feeding stocked fishes, identifying fish health problems with techniques of disinfection being used for trout and carps. In the training total 40 participants from District Nainital, Champawat and U.S. Nagar participated. Exposure visit for the participants to a progressive fish farmer's farm at Village Bisang (Lohaghat) and to Panchashwar was also undertaken on 5th March to educate the participants'. The training programme ended on 8th March, 2013 with an interactive session in which useful feedback from the participants was received. Dr. Amit Pande, Senior Scientist, DCFR concluded the training programme with distribution of certificates to the participants.