

**ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal organized Kisan Mela at Experimental Fish Farm & Field Centre, Champawat (Uttarakhand) on February 24, 2018**

ICAR-DCFR organized a Kisan Mela cum Scientists-Officers-Farmers Interactive Meet successfully on February 24, 2018 at its Experimental Fish Farm & Field Centre, Champawat (Uttarakhand). More than 250 delegates including 200 fish farmers' participated in the Kisan Mela. Dr. Debajit Sarma, Director, DCFR welcome all the participants during the KISAN MELA, and distributed Fish Pond Soil Health Card to the farmers' along with fish seed. A leaflet in Hindi was also released on the occasion with rainbow trout starter feed prepared by this Directorate. Dr. Ahmed Iqbal, IAS, District Magistrate, Champawat and Mr. Prakash Tiwary, Chairman, Nagar Panchayat, Champawat graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively who inaugurated the snow-trout hatchery at the farm along with other dignitaries. A large number of officers from different development departments in the region, academicians, public representatives, fisheries officers, representatives from SSB and ITBP participated in the event.

During the interaction with the DCFR scientists and other officials of the state government and public representatives, various issues raised by the farmers for increasing their farming income were addressed. Technical knowhow regarding the problem faced by the farmers were addressed by the scientists of DCFR. The farmers were enthusiastic and participated actively in getting knowledge and skill for improvement of hill aquaculture management practices in their respective villages.



