

ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal and Gaumco Society organized Farmers-Officers-Scientists Interactive Meet at Ziro for Enhancing Fish Farmers Income

A Farmers-Officers-Scientist Interactive Meet was held at Hari village, Ziro valley of Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh on 22nd March 2018 on "Fish farming and seed production in cold regions of Arunachal Pradesh". The programme was jointly organized by ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand and Gaumco Multipurpose Cooperative Society Pvt. Ltd, Lower Subansiri district, Arunachal Pradesh in association with Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. The objective of the meeting was to promote aquaculture and fisheries in hilly regions disseminating technical knowhow to achieve better productivity augmenting livelihood security.

Altogether, 200 participants including farmers, officers, scientists and guests attended the programme. Welcoming the participants and delegates, Dr. Debajit Sarma, Director, ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal briefed on the mandates of the institute and the objective of the programme to create awareness in making the state self sufficiency in fish seed production and expansion of diversified aquaculture practices in cold regions while incorporating new variety of fish into the farming system. He also emphasized that establishing a seed production unit is need of the hour since there is a scarcity of the quality seed in the region and the proposed seed production unit will help to fulfill the demand of the farmers.

The programme was chaired by the Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Shri Er. Tage Taki as Chief Guest. He mentioned on the importance of adopting scientific farming practices for enhanced production of fish and crops in the region.

The programme also witnessed the gracious presence of Shri Kemo Lollen, Deputy Commissioner, Lower Subansiri district, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh as Guest of Honour. He emphasized on the need of a fish seed production unit in the region for achieving better results in the fish based activities by stakeholders.

Shri Hage Kobin, Zilla Parishad Chairperson, Lower Subansiri district also took keen interest on the issues of the programme. He spoke on the introduction of profitable fish species in the region for doubling the income of fish farmers .

Shri Er. Gyati Atto, Chaiman of Gaumco Multipurpose Cooperative Society Pvt. Ltd talked on the purpose and objectives of the society for creating opportunities and benefits for the rural farming community and stressed on taking the fish seed production as a true means for producing quality seeds for the farmers of the district and nearby areas.

Scientists from ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal Dr. Deepjyoti Baruah and Shri Parvaiz Ahmad Ganie explained and demonstrated the scientific methods of breeding different groups of fishes for seed production.

Farmers representatives Shri Tilling Tadi, Mrs. Tylang Shanti and Mrs. Gyati Rinyo of the region also expressed their gratitude for the meet and expressed their satisfaction that such kind of programmes will benefit the farmers by learning knowledge and skills on fish culture and seed production.

Shri James Nabam DFDO, Lower Subansiri district; Scientists from KVK Lower Subansiri Dr. A.N. Tripathi, Shri Girish Nainwal, Fishery Officers Shri Kago Tamang, Ms. Chigging Yadii Voda also participated in the programme and interacted with the farmers on the fish based schemes and plans for the district.

Furthermore and most importantly, a Portable FRP Fish Hatchery was installed and inaugurated on the occasion by the Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Shri Er. Tage Taki in presence of other dignitaries at the premises of Mrs. Gyati Rinyo, an active member of Gaumco Society. The fish hatchery is of first kind to be established in the region with assistance from ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal.

In order to encourage the fish farmers, critical input in the form of quality fish seeds were distributed free of cost to the farmers for stocking in their rice-fish plots and culture tanks under the aegis of ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal.

The programme had a successful session of interaction among the participants where many questions raised by farmers were solved and feedback was received. Certificates were distributed to the farmers for their participation. Vote of thanks was offered by Shri Gyati Mali, Treasurer, Gaumco Society and Dr. Deepjyoti Baruah, ICAR-DCFR and Coordinator of the programme.

