

## Capacity Building of Scheduled Caste Fish Farmers under SCSP

A three-day training programme on “**Breeding and seed production of carps**” was organized at ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal from July 10-12, 2024. During the training programme, farmers gained theoretical and practical knowledge along with demonstration of breeding of carps. They learnt about disease diagnosis, its management and got the opportunity to visit hatchery, Recirculating Aquaculture System, trout raceways and ornamental fish hatchery located at ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal.



The 16 scheduled caste farmers of village Darim, Bhumiadhar and Dhari of Nainital district benefitted from the training. They were also given inputs in the form of seed, feed, net etc. Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Director, ICAR-DCFR emphasised on the need for skill development of farmers on various aspects of carp aquaculture. He mentioned that small and marginal farmers of Himalayan state can earn all year round by integrating fish farming with crop production, horticulture and animal rearing. The training was coordinated by Dr. Renu Jethi, Dr. N.N. Pandey and Dr. Raja Aadil H. Bhat.