

CIFA organises stakeholders' workshop at Purulia

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The Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, a constituent of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture is promoting scientific fish culture among the SC/ST women in Purulia. This technology is being disseminated among 100 SC/ST women belonging to 7 SHG groups through training and demonstration. Recently a stakeholders' workshop was organized at Hizla in collaboration with Dakakendu Women's Development Society, Purulia. The workshop was attended by over 127 persons including 82 women. Among others who participated were Shri U K Ghosh, District Fisheries Officer, Purulia; Dr. M Bhattacharya, Programme Co-ordinator, Kalyan Krishi Vigyan Kendra; Ms. Tusurani Mahato, Secretary, Dakakendu Women's Development Society; Sri Utsav Maity, Fisheries Extension Officer and Sri Kuddus Ansary, Manager, One stop Aqua Shop. Dr Radheyshyam, ex-Principal Scientist and Dr G S Saha, Principal Scientist also participated in the workshop.

An exhibition on freshwater aquaculture technologies was also organized on the same venue as a part of the workshop to generate awareness. Few videos on composite carp culture, pearl culture, prawn farming, magur culture etc. were also screened. The scientists from CIFA also had an interactive training session with the farmers wherein their practical problems related to fish culture were discussed. The session was coordinated by Dr. H.K.De and Sri A S Mahapatra. Smt. Saraswati Murmu of Salghati said "we have been practicing aquaculture in traditional way. In this workshop we could learn about newer avenues in aquaculture".

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