

## Capacity Development and Fishery Inputs Distribution Programme for Livelihood Improvement of Fish Farmers in Sikkim by ICAR-NBFGR under NEH component of CRP-Agrobiodiversity Project

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ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, in collaboration with Hemnagar Sundarban Dream, West Bengal, organized a one-day "Capacity Development-cum-Fishery Inputs Distribution Programme" under the NEH component of the CRP-Agrobiodiversity Project in Sirwani, East Sikkim, on December 4, 2024 under the guidance of Dr. U.K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR. The programme benefitted 50 fish farmers, including 25 women, who received vital inputs like Singhi fish fingerlings, tarpaulin sheets, fish carriers, and fish feed, in the presence of Shri. Amber Darnal, Vice President, Sirwani GPU, Shri Manoj Dorje, Panchayat Member, Smt Kamala Gadai, Former Jila Parishad, Sirwani, East Sikkim and from ICAR-NBFGR Dr. V. S. Basheer, Principal Scientist, Dr. Aditya Kumar, Scientist, Dr. Vikash Sahu, Technical Officer, and Shri. G. Mustafa, Secretary of Hemnagar Sundarban Dream. ICAR-NBFGR highlighted the role of aquaculture and biofloc fish farming in enhancing livelihoods, while experts delivered sessions on advanced aquaculture practices, species diversification, and sustainable fish production with the aim to promote sustainable fisheries, empowering farmers, and advancing the Government's vision of "Doubling Farmers' Income."

