

## **Training Programme Organized for Punjab Fish Farmers**

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The Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar organized a training programme on 'Advances in Freshwater Aquaculture' at its campus during 17th-19th June, 2014 for Punjab fish farmers.



Dr. P. Jayasankar, Director, CIFA inaugurated the programme. He said that aquaculture is a handy tool to enhance nutrition, income, employment and strengthen livelihood leading to alleviation of poverty. Dr. Jayasankar called upon the farmers to put in their best efforts to learn and adopt scientific package of practices in farming to gain maximum yield.

On the occasion, Dr. S.K. Swain, Head, Aquaculture Production and Environment Division motivated the trainees by narrating his past experiences of participatory methods of working with Punjab fish farmers in their fields during 1990s.

Dr. P.C. Das; Dr. P. Routray; and Dr. G.S. Saha, Principal Scientists, CIFA coordinated the programme.

This training programme was organized on the request of Government of Punjab. A group of seven farmers from two districts of Punjab participated in the training. The aim of the programme was to inspire the farmers and enlighten them about new technologies in freshwater aquaculture and address their queries through direct interactions.

The trainees were given easy-to-understand learning materials prepared in Hindi.

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