

Awareness Campaign for Popularization of Reportfishdisease App and Drones in Fisheries Management by ICAR-NBFGR

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An awareness campaign was organized by the ICAR-National Bureau of Fisheries Genetic Resources, Lucknow, and Abhinav Fish Farmer Producer Organization (FFPO), Barabanki for popularizing the Reportfishdisease (RFD) app, management of fish diseases and use of drones in fisheries management at Barabanki, in which over 100 fish farmers participated. Dr U.K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow and Co-coordinator, NSPAAD highlighted different programmes of the Institute for the overall growth of the fisheries sector in the region. Dr Sarkar mentioned that the Bureau has been playing a pivotal role in providing quality fish seed and diversification of conservation aquaculture. Dr Sarkar emphasized the need to popularise the ReportFishDisease app to reduce the losses due to fish diseases. Dr. P. K. Pradhan stressed the importance of timely reporting of fish diseases. Dr. Neeraj Sood explained the functionality of the RFD app to the fish farmers. Dr. Aditya Kumar highlighted the importance of the management of water quality and feed in aquaculture. Dr Ajey Kumar Pathak informed the fish farmers about the benefits of using Agri-drone in aquaculture and made them aware also about the guidelines and regulations for their use. Shri Vikas Kumar demonstrated drone operation with a spraying of medicine on the aquaculture farm. The State Coordinator, FFPO, Mr. R. S. Gupta gave detailed information on the fisheries development programmes being implemented in Barabanki district by Abhinav FFPO. Besides, Mr Ganesh Prasad, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Ramesh Chandra, Fisheries Development Officer, Fisheries Department, Barabanki provided insights into the activities of the Department. Mr. Mohammad Afaaq Khan, Technical Specialist, FFPO coordinated the programme and emphasized the need to organize such events in the future as well for the benefit of the fish farmers.

