

## Joint Efforts for Community Empowerment through Sensitization, Capacity Development, and Fishery-input Distribution at Sagar Island by ICAR-NBFGR

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ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, in association with Hemnagar Sundarban Dream, West Bengal organised a stakeholder meet-cum-awareness programme under the guidance of Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Director of ICAR-NBFGR, aimed at community empowerment through sensitization, capacity development, and fishery-input distribution under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan component, at Gangasagar, South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal, on 26 February 2024. On this occasion, several fishery inputs including quality fish seeds of high-value food fishes, cast nets, etc. were distributed to the 50 beneficiaries. Shri. Sujit Mondal from the Bharat Sevashram Sangha from the Sundarbans area emphasized the role of institutional collaboration towards augmenting the livelihoods of the fish farmers & fishers of the Sundarbans region. Shri. Amit Pramanik from the Gangasagar Gram Panchayat emphasized the need for skill development for fish farming and utilizing the best fish farming practices to increase income. During the technical session, topics such as pond preparation, species diversification, fish culture and feed management, and disease reporting, were covered by Dr. Aditya Kumar and Dr. T. Kumawat from ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow, and Shri. G. Mustafa, Secretary of Hemnagar Sundarban Dream, WB, who coordinated the event. A team of researchers and officials from ICAR-NBFGR also joined the event.

