

## Awareness-cum-Capacity Building Programme on National Fish Farmer's Day at Dumboor, Tripura

Dumboor, Tripura, 10.07.2025

On the occasion of National Fish Farmer's Day (10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025), an awareness cum capacity-building program was successfully conducted by ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow, in collaboration with TTAADC and State Fisheries Department, Tripura at Dumboor, Gomati district, Tripura with the objective of empowering local fish farming communities. The program perceived active involvement by 300 fishermen and fish farmers, who gained essential knowledge on scientific and sustainable aquaculture and fisheries activities. The program was graced by various esteemed dignitaries, including Shri Rajesh Tripura, Hon'ble Executive Member (Fisheries & ARDD), Shri Sanjoy Manik Tripura, Hon'ble MLA, Karbook, Tripura, Shri Shyamjoy Jamatia, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gomati; Sri Krishna Hari Tripura, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Gomati District, Tripura; Dr. Kajal Chakraborty, Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow; Scientists and technical officer from ICAR-NBFGR; and various officials from the State Fisheries Department and TTAADC, Gomati district, Tripura. Their presence and addresses inspired the farmers and emphasized the government's dedication to strengthening the fishing sector in the region. The effort is expected to bring about positive transformations in the socio-economic conditions of the fish farming community in Dumboor. The most important aspect of the event was the fish ranching in Dumboor reservoir and the comprehensive input distribution drive, executed under the Scheduled Tribes Component (STC) and North Eastern Hill (NEH) schemes. Farmers obtained vital resources to enhance their operations, comprising fish seeds, fish feed, fishing nets, and various other fishing essentials. To further enhance the local fishing infrastructure, fishing boats were allocated to farmers, markedly improving their fishing capabilities. The program acted as an essential platform for disseminating knowledge and improving the skills of fish farmers. Experts Dr. Rajeev K. Singh, Head and Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR; Dr. Rejani Chandran, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR; Dr. Aditya Kumar, Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR; Dr. L. Mog Chowdhury, Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR; and Mr. Jaspreet Singh, Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow conducted sessions on various facets of aquaculture, covering scientific fish rearing techniques, fisheries resource management in reservoir, and market linkages, thereby equipping participants with essential skills to enhance their yields and livelihoods.

