

Empowering Communities and Advancing Knowledge: Capacity Building Programmes by ICAR-NBFGR

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A series of specialised training programmes were organised by the Centre for Peninsular Aquatic Genetic Resources (PAGR), ICAR-NBFGR, Kochi, focusing on enhancing skills, disseminating technologies, and promoting sustainable livelihoods. The programmes included:

- Captive Breeding and Larval Rearing of Indigenous Fishes (08–14 September 2025): Trained 24 participants in advanced methodologies for captive breeding and larval rearing to support conservation and aquaculture development.



- Awareness and Technology Dissemination Programme in the Pichavaram region of Tamil Nadu (19 September 2025): Engaged 100 participants, with emphasis on livelihood promotion of the Irular community (Scheduled Tribe) through sustainable fisheries-based practices.



- Open-source Geospatial Tools in Fisheries Resource Management (15–20 September 2025): Equipped 13 participants with practical knowledge of geospatial applications for resource monitoring, mapping, and management.



Dr. Kajal Chakraborty, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, emphasised that these programmes were designed to strengthen the capacities of students, researchers, and farming communities in the conservation and sustainable management of fish genetic resources. Dr. T. T. Ajith Kumar, Head, PAGR, ICAR-NBFGR, highlighted that such training simultaneously opens new avenues for livelihood promotion through the farming of ornamental fishes, crabs, and food fishes.