

Mission Navshakti: ICAR-NBFGR and OFTRI team up to empower women from Scheduled Caste community

ICAR-NBFGR and OFTRI team up to empower women from Scheduled Caste community for livelihood enhancement in ornamental fisheries sector under Mission Navshakti of SCSP plan project.

A three-day Skill development training programme from 16 to 19 December 2023 was initiated at Ornamental Fisheries Training Research Institute, Veerpura Village, near Jaismand Lake, Udaipur to empower women from Scheduled Caste community for livelihood enhancement and income generation in ornamental fisheries sector.

The training was inaugurated by Shri R.K. Jain, Chief Guest of the programme, Chief Conservation Officer (Wildlife), who spoke about initiating collaborative efforts with forest Department training women from SC community. Dr U.K. Sarker, Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow informed about initiatives ICAR NBFGR has taken to empower Women through Mission Navshakti in ornamental fisheries sector. Shri Arun Kumar Deputy Chief Conservator of forest (Wildlife) appreciated the efforts of collaboration between ICAR-NBFGR and OFTRI who will aid in marketing of ornamental fishes by women. Dr Atul Jain, Scientist turned Entrepreneur shaped OFTRI to create jobs, trained manpower and entrepreneurship at Veerpur village

Dr Abhinika Jain, Senior Training Instructor and co-coordinator from OFTRI, inspired women to work in ornamental fish sector for livelihood enhancement. The women were encouraged to start their business with technical backstopping from OFTRI. Dr. Poonam Jayant Singh, Coordinator and Nodal Officer SCSP Plan project, ICAR-NBFGR informed women about prospects of entrepreneurship in ornamental fish sector under Mission Navshakti. The projects envisage to change dynamics of villages surrounding Jaismand Lake by training women and creating trained manpower in Veerpura and surrounding villages where women work only in fields with no alternative source of income. The women showed enthusiasm about new learning being imparted to them and eager to start their venture by the basic kit of aquarium set-up provided to them as input to start up their own business in ornamental fish rearing and aquarium making in their backyards. A training manual was released during the programme.



