

ICAR-NBFGR Promotes Fisheries Enhancement and Sustainable Management Practices through Aquaculture Input Distribution and Community Participation under SCSP

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ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources organized a comprehensive programme focusing on fisheries enhancement, sustainable management practices, and aquaculture input distribution under the SCSP component at its Aquaculture Research and Training Unit, Chinhat, Lucknow, on 18 September 2024. The event, aligned with the *Swachhata Pakhwada* 2024, commenced with a pledge under the *Swachhata Hi Seva* initiative, promoting cleanliness and environmental sustainability. Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, highlighted the significance of community participation in advancing fisheries development and distributed essential aquaculture materials, such as lime, bleaching powder, potassium permanganate, fish fry nets, hand nets, and electric weighing machines, to fish farmers. These materials were provided to enhance proper aquaculture practices and promote sustainable fisheries management. In addition, technological demonstrations and capacity development sessions were conducted to sensitize the farmers on best practices in aquaculture and resource management. The programme benefitted 50 Scheduled Caste fish farmers from various districts of Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Sarkar reaffirmed ICAR-NBFGR's commitment to empowering marginalized communities through technological interventions and sustainable aquaculture practices. The active engagement of stakeholders, including local fish farmers, was essential in fostering a collaborative approach towards the long-term enhancement of fisheries and the sustainable management of aquatic resources in the region.

