

Augmenting Fish Farmers' Livelihoods through Trout Hatchery Establishment and Aquaculture Input Distribution by ICAR-NBFGR under STC and SCSP Schemes

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ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, in collaboration with Hemnagar Sundarban Dream, West Bengal established a small-scale trout hatchery & rearing unit and organised a sensitisation and capacity development programme to support fish farmers at Takdah, Darjeeling, West Bengal under the STC and SCSP schemes. On this occasion, apart from the small-scale trout hatchery and rearing unit, several aquaculture inputs such as quality fish seeds of high-value food fishes, fish feed, FRP tanks for ornamental aquaculture, pond lining material etc. were distributed among the 305 beneficiaries. Dr. U.K. Sarkar, Director of ICAR-NBFGR, emphasized the importance of semi-intensive fish farming for livelihood improvement in hill regions and highlighted the transformative potential of newly inaugurated trout hatchery on the region's trout farming. Shri. Mani Prasad Rai of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration emphasized the importance of fish in Darjeeling's livelihood, advocating for scientific fish farming for societal development. In a technical session, topics such as species diversification, disease, and feed management were covered. Dr. Anutosh Paria from ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow, and Shri. G. Mustafa, Secretary of Hemnagar Sundarban Dream, WB, coordinated the event.

