

ICAR-NBFGR organised an awareness-cum-capacity building program for Aqua farmers in Sikkim

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ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow, organized an awareness and capacity-building program aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of fisherfolk under the NEH (North Eastern Hill) program of ICAR-NBFGR on November 6, 2024, in Gangtok, Sikkim. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR in collaboration with the Fisheries Department of Sikkim. A total of 60 fish farmers/beneficiaries participated in the program. Shri Puran Kumar Gurung, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, and Horticulture Departments was the chief guest of the program. Hon'ble minister emphasised in his remarks that this program is a significant step towards strengthening regional fisheries resources by fostering local expertise and encouraging the adoption of modern techniques. Smt. Roshini Rai, Secretary of Fisheries and Shri K.K Shrestha, Director of Fisheries, also attended the program. Dr. U.K. Sarkar, Director of ICAR-NBFGR, addressed the gathering virtually, emphasizing the significance of outreach activities in advancing the sector. Dr. Rajeev K. Singh, Principal Scientist and Head of the Germplasm Exploration, Evaluation, and Conservation (GEC) Division, highlighted ICAR-NBFGR's extensive work in the NEH region. An interactive technical session was organized for beneficiaries, providing them with scientific insights to address the challenges of aquaculture and the conservation of endemic fishery resources in the region's challenging terrain. Important aquaculture related input materials including quality seed, feed, FRP tanks, ice box, and solar lanterns were distributed to aquafarmers to support their livelihood were also distributed. The program was attended by Dr. Rejani Chandran, Scientist ICAR-NBFGR, Dr. G. Kantharajan, Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR, Shri Amit Singh Bisht, Asst Chief Technical Officer, ICAR-NBFGR and officials from Sikkim Fisheries Department.



