

**ONE-DAY CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON
'RURAL AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT'
HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

An Interface-cum Consultative Workshop was organized by Department of Aquaculture on 25th September, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Dean, College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Lembucherra on 'Rural Aquaculture Management' with the Program Staff (Fishery), Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood, Tata Trusts and a panel of experts from College of Fisheries. In his opening remarks, Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, CoF welcomed the participants and briefed the house about the purpose and objectives of the program. He encouraged the participants to clear every doubt and questions on their mind and assured full support and cooperation of the College and the University for betterment of the farming community. Subsequently, Prof. A.B. Patel, HoD, Aquaculture and Convener of the program requested the participant Associate Program Managers and Cluster Coordinators, CME to share with the house their job locality, responsibilities, field experiences and number of farmers they deal with. The panel of experts from College of Fisheries also indicated their area of expertise and current research focuses. Then the house was open for interaction cum questions and answers session.

The question related to common fish diseases, especially during winter months, encountered in many of the ponds displaying visible signs and symptoms and sometimes without any visible signs was answered by Dr. Himadri Saha and explained the four most common diseases/syndrome in Tripura and their first hand common treatments taking additional supplementary questions and inputs from various participants. Preventive measures and good management practices in aquaculture were discussed in details and remedial measures using local resources were also highlighted.

Prof. A.B. Patel clarified questions related to liming and emphasized the importance of proper liming of the ponds, their specific dosages, judicious use depending on culture intensity and practices adopted. He also advocated optimal fertilization for sustainable management of food production and feeding with local resources.

Dr. M.K. Datta answered questions related to common problems of red/brown algal blooms in fishponds. He presented various causing factors and suggested different control measures/methods depending on their local availability.

Various questions related to gas formation, ammonia and stress related queries, feed and feeding management, magur/pabda breeding and seed production, insect prevalence in nursery ponds, quality fish seeds were answered by the experts, including Dr. Tanmoy Gon Choudhury, Dr. Sampa Baidhya, Dr. Himanshu Priyadarshini, Dr. A.S. Barman, Dr. S. Khogen, Dr. Pradyut Biswas, Dr. Gusheinzed Waikhom, Dr. Sagar Mandal and Dr. A.D. Upadhyay.

The workshop ended with the concluding remarks of Dean and vote of thanks proposed by a representative from Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood, Tata Trusts.

