

7-days training programme on ‘Seed Production and Larval Rearing of Magur and Singhi’

(4th September to 10th September, 2018)

A seven days training programme for line department officials of different north eastern states on the topic ‘Seed Production and Larval Rearing of Magur and Singhi’ was organized by the College of Fisheries, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Lembucherra, Tripura during 4th to 10th September, 2018. Eight official of state fisheries department from Nagaland, Sikim and Tripura participated in this programme. The main objective of the training programme was to demonstrate the low cost technology for seed production and larval rearing of magur and singhi, which could be easily taken up by the farmers and apply in their own farm. Development department officials are the best persons to disseminate the technology to the farmers for their economic upliftment. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean of the college, in the presence of Dr. Atanu Sarkar, Head, Department of Extension and Social Science, Dr. S. C. Mandal, Head, Dept. of Fish Genetics and Reproduction and Dr. A. S. Barman, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Fish Genetics and Reproduction, Coordinator of this training programme. In the inaugural session, welcome address was delivered by Dr. S.C.Mandal and highlighted the importance of catfish seed production. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, highlighted the relevance of the training to the trainees in the light of huge gap in demand and local production of catfish seed. The training consisted of lectures, hands-on session, field demonstrations on the topics related to seed production and larval rearing of magur and singhi.

Speaking on the occasion of valedictory function of the programme, Dr. A. S. Barman, Asst. Prof. and the coordinator of the training programme provided a brief account of the technical components and other details of the training and in his address he emphasized the importance and relevance of the present capacity building programme for sustainable aquaculture development in the region. Sharing their experiences, several trainees expressed their pleasure of getting exposed to seed production technology of high valued magur and shinghi and promised to promote it in their own respective states. Prof. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries, Lembucherra drew attention of the trainees about the importance of aquaculture as one of the most remunerative food producing professions towards doubling the farmers income by 2022. He also assured the trainees to render all kind of technical supports as and when they require in future. Besides certificates, a breeding calendar along with leaflets was also distributed among the participants. The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Himanshu Priyadarshi, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Fish Genetics and Reproduction.

