

**Completion of three months skill development/vocational training programme on
“Seed Production Technology of Carp, Magur and Giant freshwater Prawn”
(15th June, 2016 to 15th September, 2016)**

A three months skill development programme for the rural youth of the North East India was organized by the Fish Genetics and Reproduction Department, College of Fisheries, Lembucherra under the chief patronage of Dr. M. Premjit Singh, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, CAU (I) and guidance of the Dean Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey. Mr. Himanshu Priyadarshi, Asst. Professor, co-ordinated the training program and was assisted by co-coordinators Dr. A. S. Barman and Dr. J. Parhi. The vocational training on **Seed Production Technology of Carp, Magur and Giant freshwater Prawn** was formally inaugurated on 15th June, 2016 by Dr. Shailesh Kumar, IAS, the Joint Commissioner, Taxes and Excise, Govt. of Tripura as the Chief Guest; Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, presided over the function. Dr. Shailesh Kumar underlined the relevance of skill development endeavors in aquaculture for rural economic upliftment and applauded the efforts of the CAU (I) in this regard. Dr. P. K. Pandey, Dean, enumerated the laudable efforts of the University in this regard in his welcome address. Dr. J. R. Dhanze, former Dean and consultant COE-FAB project and Dr. K. C. Majumdar VRP, DBT, India graced as guests of honour. Twenty seven rural youth from Tripura (1), Meghalaya (8), Sikkim (4), Manipur (4), Arunachal Pradesh (5) and Nagaland (5) participated in the training program. The training modules encompassed theoretical and practical aspects of induced breeding and hatchery management of carp (Indian major carps, exotic carps as well as minor carps), magur, singhi, pabda and giant freshwater prawn. Other major highlights of the programme included soil and water quality analysis, feed formulation & preparation and ornamental fish breeding. Financial aspects of seed production were given special emphasis to facilitate entrepreneurship development among the trainees. Hands on training was imparted with a view to fill in the huge void in skilled manpower availability and to achieve self-sufficiency in fish seed production enterprise in the NE region of the country. The valedictory session of the vocational training held on 15th September, 2016, was graced by Dr. K. K. Barman, Joint Director (I/C), ICAR RC for NEH region, Tripura as chief guest. Dr. R. K. Saha, Dean I/C presided over the function and Dr. J. R. Dhanze, former dean and consultant COE-FAB project was the guest of honour. Dr. Barman emphasized the significance of skill development among the youth in enhancing fish production and ornamental fish value for overall economic development. He appreciated the trainees and the efforts of the Central Agricultural University (I) in this direction. In the welcome address, Dr. Saha, Dean In-charge, spoke on various steps taken by the University for human-resource development in the NE region. Mr. Priyadarshi, Co-ordinator of the training program outlined the details of the program. The enthusiasm and satisfaction of the trainees was clearly visible from the feedback provided during the function. A training manual was released by the chief guest Dr. Barman during the event. Dr. A. S. Barman, Co-coordinator, proposed the formal vote of thanks.