

## Fishery Minister Inaugurates Training Programmes

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Shri N.C. Debbarma, Minister for Revenue and Fishery, Government of Tripura inaugurated two training programmes on “More from less through good management practices in aquaculture” and Capacity building on applications of ICT in marketing of fish and fish products” today at the College of Fisheries, Lembucherra. The said trainings, intended for line department/Krishi Vigyan Kendra as well as farmers of the state were organized by the Department of Aquaculture and Department of Extension & Social Sciences of the college respectively. The two training programme are being sponsored by ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute and CSS- National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, respectively. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Shri Debbarama congratulated the college on its proactive role in organizing key trainings, workshop, and seminars for speeding the growth process of the farming community. He mentioned that the state in spite of having a rich water resource, fragmentation of the water bodies in addition to multiple ownerships has become a serious issue taking forward the cause of the fisheries sector. He further emphasized the need for developing fisheries in hill areas, where scope is enormous. With aquaculture sector advancing well elsewhere in the mainland, he pointed the need for resolving critical gap in technology flow from lab to land. He highlighted the strategic outlook of the state functionaries in establishment of knowledge centre in each district, scientific market retail shops and implementation of fishing bans during monsoon to enhance stock recruitment process. Dr. P.K. Pandey, Dean of the college highlighted the significant role the college has been delivering towards capacity building of farmers, apart from achieving great heights at national level through the performance of the students. He mentioned the importance of resource use efficiency in farming, especially the northeast region which faces severe crisis of fish feed and technological inputs. He further said that proper digital marketing knowledge of the producers can be augmented to achieve maximum profit from their farming enterprise. Present during the inaugural programme were Dr. A.B. Patel, Course Director, Dr. A.D. Upadhyay, Course Director, Smt. Sikha Verma, Programme Consultant, CSS-NIAM and Dr. S. Khogen Singh, Coordinator of the training. The said training was attended by 10 trainees from line department/Krishi Vigyan Kendra and 22 farmers of the state.

