

## Capacity Building cum hands-on training programme for line department officials of NE-states on “Species Diversification in NE Aquaculture and Management”

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A 7-day Capacity Building cum hands-on training programme for line department officials of NE-states on “Species Diversification in NE Aquaculture and Management” was organized by department of aquaculture, College of Fisheries, Central Agricultural University, Lembucherra, Tripura, during 22<sup>nd</sup> February-29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Altogether, 17 (seventeen) trainees including nine (9) from the states of Arunachal Pradesh and two (2) from the state of Manipur and six others attended the training program. The training consisted of lectures, hands-on session, field demonstrations on the topics related to species diversification in NE region in addition to exposure visit to the fish farms of progressive farmers of the state. A course manual was also prepared for the trainees.

Speaking on the occasion of valedictory function of the programme drew attention of the trainees to the special attention of recent statement of Hon’ble prime minister, Shri Narendra Modi in which he has promised to double the income of farmers of India by year 2021. Aquaculture being one of the most remunerative food producing professions and importance of species diversification in enhancing income generation, the line department officials have special role to play. Dr. K. Majumdar, Visiting Research Professor, DBT, GOI in his address emphasized the importance and relevance of the present capacity building programme sustainable aquaculture development in the region. Prof. J. R. Dhanze, former Dean, COF and the chief guest of the function pointed out that state like Arunachal Pradesh is uniquely placed with regards to species diversification due to the fact that it is bestowed with vast range of climate, soil types, temperature regime and varied indigenous fish fauna, and hence, it is incumbent upon the line department officials to play proactive roles. Earlier, Dr. Arun B. Patel, the training coordinator and Head Aquaculture provided a brief account of the technical components and conduct of the training. Sharing their experiences, several trainees expressed their pleasure of getting exposed to recent technologies pertaining to seed and feed production, water quality analysis and management of multiple alternative species. Dr. M. K. Datta, Asstt. Prof. (SS), Aquaculture proposed the formal vote of thanks to the Hon’ble Vice chancellor, CAU, Dean, COF, all the resource persons and support staff, especially faculties and staff of department of Aquaculture.

