

TRAINING & EXPOSURE VISIT ON INTEGRATED FISH FARMING FOR IMPROVING LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A two days' "training & exposure visit on integrated fish farming for improving livelihood and entrepreneurship development" was organized during 23-24 September 2024 for the selected progressive fish-farmers of 10 districts of North Bihar falls under flood-affected/ waterlogged ecosystems. The training program was mainly focused on practical learnings and exposure about integrated fish-farming systems for flood affected/ waterlogged situation, and entrepreneurship development among progressive farmers/ youth through fish farming and allied activities. A total of 23 number of progressive fish-farmers participated in the training out of which 22 were male and 1 female. The Director, Dr. K.G. Mandal apprised about flood and waterlogging situation in Bihar. In his address, he emphasized the effective utilization of un-utilized and under-utilized resources in flood-affected areas following integrated fish farming approach, and also explained the prospects and potentials of fish farming in the region. The trainees were made aware of design & construction of fish pond, species identification & selection, stocking, feeding, water quality and health management etc. They were taught with detail explanation and live demonstration of various fish-based IFS models like fish-cum-poultry, fish-cum-poultry-duck-horticultural crops, fish-cum-goat and land shaping modules suitable for flood-affected ecosystems.

Next day, the trainees were taken for an exposure visit at fishery enterprise i.e. "Kash Fisheries" farm at Bariyaria, Sangrampur, East Champaran, Bihar, where they interacted with owner Shri Yetendra Kashyap. He, shared his experience of fish farming and fish seed production with the farmers and explained about the current activities and practices being followed at his fish-farm. There, trainees saw different fish farming units, fish seed production unit, fish feed formulation unit, ornamental fishes and biofloc system etc. for developing expertise in various entrepreneurship opportunities available in the arena of fishery. He demonstrated the participants that he is actively working on developing and promotion of aqua-tourism at his farm. Seeing "Kash Fisheries" farm, trainees got motivated and expressed their happiness. Further, a guest speaker Shri Aditya Kumar (FEO, Motihari) was invited and he delivered detail information on state and centrally sponsored schemes available for fish farmers promoting fisheries sector towards blue revolution. The training program was successfully coordinated by Mr. Ravi Kumar, Scientist (Fisheries Resource Management) and Dr. Neela Madhav Patnaik, Scientist (Agricultural Extension). This two days' training program was sponsored by BAMETI, Patna, Govt. of Bihar.



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