

REPORT

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON “BREEDING, CULTURE & HEALTH
MANAGEMENT OF ORNAMENTAL FISHES”**

A five-day Skill Development Training Programme on **“Breeding, Culture & Health Management of Ornamental Fishes”** was organized by Aquatic Animal Health Division, CIFE, Mumbai, in collaboration with ICAR-CIFE Kolkata Centre under the aegis of National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for women fish farmers of Bengal State during 27.6.2019 to 1.7.2019. A total of 28 women fish farmers (SC-23, OBC-3 & Gen-2) joined the programme from North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas and Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal. The course design was very comprehensive and covered all fundamental aspects of ornamental fish farming. The identification, culture, breeding & rearing of different exotic and indigenous ornamental fish, importance of live feed & culture techniques, infectious & non-infectious diseases of ornamental fishes, application of different therapeutics, best management practices, monitoring of different water quality parameters, construction of glass aquaria, maintenance and aquascaping, and possibilities of entrepreneurship development in ornamental fisheries were given special emphasis during the course.

The programme was concluded on 1st July 2019 and certificates were distributed to the participants by the Chief Guest, Ms. Esha Sengupta, IAS, Director of Fisheries, West Bengal in the presence of Course Director, Dr. K. V. Rajendran, Head, AEHM Division, ICAR-CIFE Mumbai, Dr. G. H. Pailan, OIC, Kolkata Centre and Dr. Gayatri Tripathi, Principal Scientist, AEHM Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, the Course Coordinators of the all-women training programme. The Course Coordinators thanked Director & Vice-Chancellor and also the Programme Leader, Dr. Gopal Krishna for his guidance and support to this programme. During the valedictory function, the representatives of the trainees, while providing their feedback, expressed their appreciation for the practical utility of the training and how the experience would be useful in their future endeavour. Mrs. Sengupta thanked ICAR-CIFE and complimented the efforts of the Institute in addressing the importance of ornamental fish farming for women under NAHEP. She detailed about the progress on fish culture in the Jalpaiguri, South and North 24 Parganas.

The training programme attracted wide publicity locally, as it was covered by a News Channel (The Public Report <https://youtu.be/iD80MYk4ULQ>) and a local Newspaper.

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