

Skill development training on Freshwater Pearl Culture Technology

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Kolkata Centre, in collaboration with ICAR-CRIJAF, Krishi Vigyan Kendra North 24 PGS (addl.), Nilganj conducted a three-day skill development training program on Freshwater Pearl Culture Technology at KVK, North 24 PGS (addl) West Bengal, during September 22-24, 2025. Twenty fish farmers including 7 female fishers of Basudevpur, North, 24PGS West Bengal participated in the training. Dr. T. Samajhdar, Principal Scientist and Head of KVK in his welcome address highlighted KVK's efforts to enhance rural livelihoods through scientific fish farming and Pearl Farming. Mrs. Sweta Pradhan Scientist and Coordinator of the training programme from ICAR-CIFE Kolkata Centre briefed about freshwater pearl farming and impart hands on session on different implantation techniques and nuclear beads preparation in pearl farming. Dr. D. Borkotoky delivered lecture on Integrated farming system and Mr. S. Kaduvetty explained about fish farming and pond preparation in aquaculture to the farmers. The participants were learned the practical exposure on the pearl farming skills along with harvesting, value addition and marketing in pearl culture technology. At the end of the training, leaflet, certificate, CIFE pH kits were distributed among the farmers. Farmers showed their satisfaction and gave positive feedback about the training.

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