

PRESS RELEASE



Empowering Tribal Fish Farmers of aspirational district of Meghalaya through CIFRI Technology

Mawpun, Meghalaya, March 11: ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI) developed a product “CIFRI CAGEGROW”, a floating fish feed in order to support scientific fish farming. In order to popularize the feed among tribal fish farmers of Meghalaya, ICAR-CIFRI, Regional Centre Guwahati in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Govt. of Meghalaya organized a “Field Day-cum-input distribution programme” under TSP programme of the Institute at Meghalaya State Fisheries Research & Training Institute, Mawpun, Meghalaya on 11.03.2026. The programme is expected to benefit the under privileged fish farmers of Ri-Bhoi district, which is an aspirational district of Meghalaya. The programme was organized under the overall guidance of the Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore; the Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Meghalaya; Dr. S. K. Majhi, Head, ICAR-CIFRI RC, Guwahati; Shri Grikjang, S. R. Marak, Principal, MSFR & TI, Mawpun. It was coordinated by Dr. Pronob Das, Dr. S. C. S. Das, Senior Scientists and Mr. A. Kakati, Technical Officer. Mr. Terry Lyngdoh Supervisor, MSFR & TI, Mawpun also present in the programme. The programme was attended by 70 participants including fish farmers, officials, Scientist, and media personnel.



During inaugural session, Shri. Grikjang, S. R. Marak welcomed the participants and dignitaries for the day-long programme. In his address gave emphasis on importance of collaborative work of different stakeholders for development of fisheries in the state. He thanked ICAR-CIFRI for providing technical and input support for development of fisheries in the state. Dr. Pronob Das explained the purpose of the programme. He also highlighted the research and extension activities carried out by the Institute for development of fisheries in Meghalaya.



Dr. S.C.S Das spoke about the importance of fish feed in successful scientific fish farming in the programme. Progressive fish farmers thanked both the organization for conducting such a unique programme for benefit of the farmers. They requested ICAR-CIFRI for continuing their technological in future. Mr. Terry Lyngdoh, stated that CIFRI CAGEGROW feed previously distributed by ICAR-CIFRI in different parts of the states giving encouraging results to the fish farmers. Inaugural session ended with formal vote of thanks.

During technical discussion, Dr. P. Das explained about different products and technologies developed by the Institute for benefits of farmers of the mid-altitude region. He also briefed about scientific merits of CIFRI CAGEGROW floating feed. Dr. S. C. S. Das briefly explained about fish farming techniques for fish production enhancement in a sustainable manner. Mr. A. Kakati brief about fish feed, feeding and health management aspect of aquaculture. Shri Grikjang, S. R. Marak briefed about different government schemes for fisheries and aquaculture in Meghalaya.



During the interactive Session, Scientists and officials addressed the queries raised by the farmers on different aspect of aquaculture and fisheries. They urged the participants to adopt sustainable fish farming practices for their livelihood. On the occasion, a total of 5000 kg CIFRI CAGEGROW floating feed was distributed among 50 tribal fish farmers' of Meghalaya.

Scientists of ICAR-CIFRI requested the farmers to give report on performance of the feed in their ponds. The critical input support in the form of 'CIFRI CAGEGROW' feed is expected enhance fish production and their by income of the farmers.

