

PRESS RELEASE



One-Day Training and Distribution of Critical Input (Formulated Feed)

Programme Held in Ri Bhoi to Promote Sustainable Aquaculture

Nongpoh, 2nd September 2026: ICAR- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar today organized a One Day Training and Distribution of Critical Input (Formulated Feed) Programme at the Office of the Superintendent of Fisheries, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Government of Meghalaya. The Programme was an initiative under the ICAR-CIFA North Eastern Hill (NEH) Region activities, to promote sustainable fish farming, boost aquaculture productivity, and improve livelihoods in Northeast.



50 Nos of Fish Farmers, beneficiaries of Solar Powered Aerators for Aquaculture Ponds supported by the District Administration in 2025 were identified for this One-Day Training and Critical Input Support in which Dr. Subhendu Adhikari, Principal Scientist and the Scientist-in-Charge / North-Eastern Hills (NEH) Coordinator was the Primary Resource Person.

This Initiative would not have been possible without the will to collaborate and the leadership and guidance of the Head and Director of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) Dr. Pramoda Kumar Sahoo and the Director of Fisheries, Government of Meghalaya, Dr. Rezina Ch. Marak, MCS.

During the training, sessions on need for Quality Critical Inputs like Fish seed and Fish Feed for enhancing Fish Production in Aquaculture Ponds and Scientific Feeding Management and Pond Management were discussed in details through the Expert Sharing of Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist and Smti. Meda A. Khongliw, Superintendent of Fisheries, Ri Bhoi District.



A total of 5000kg of Fish Feed was distributed to the Fish Farmers. These Farmers or their Harvest in March of 2026 would be the pilot for the proof of concept on the benefits and impact of solar Powered Support to aquaculture Ponds and the Pilot study for Sustainable aquaculture.