

## Awareness Programme on Fish Health Management under the Project “National Surveillance Programme on Aquatic Animal Diseases”

An awareness programme on **Fish Health Management under the Project National Surveillance Programme on Aquatic Animal Diseases** was organised by ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna at Sarai Ranjan, Samastipur, Bihar, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The main objective of the programme was to sensitize fish farmers about the fish diseases and its management strategies. In this interaction session fish farmers were made aware about some of the important fish diseases like bacterial, fungal, viral and parasitic etc along with their control strategies. During the discussion farmers shared their experiences and constraints faced during fish culture. Emphasize was given to follow prophylactic measures like healthy fish seed, use of potassium permanganate, lime, probiotics, maintaining optimum water quality parameters and feeding practices etc. to avoid disease incidents. Also, they were exhorted regarding Better Management Practices in aquaculture in detail to augment fish productivity in the region. During this programme, Mr Sanath Kumar (DFO, Samastipur) also described about different schemes and government programme running in Bihar which will help the farmers immensely. In the meeting Dr. Kamal Sarma, Snatashree Mohanty, Ravi Kumar from ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna and more than 60 fish farmers were present and participated.

