

## Four-Day Training Programme on Finfish and Shellfish Disease Diagnosis and Management Held at ICAR-CIARI



A four-day training programme on "Finfish and Shellfish Disease Diagnosis and Management" was organised by the Division of Fisheries Science, ICAR–Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, A&N Islands, under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), South Andaman, from September 22 to 25, 2026.

The programme was conducted under the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD) Phase-II and was attended by 19 fish farmers, including 14 male participants.

The training aimed to enhance the knowledge and practical understanding of fish farmers on the early identification, diagnosis, prevention and management of diseases affecting cultured fish and shellfish.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, and attended by Dr. J. Praveenraj, Course Director and PI, NSPAAD Phase-II; Dr. M. Muruganandam, Head, Division of Fisheries Science; Dr. R. Kiruba Sankar; Dr. Jess Maria Wilson; and Mr. Chittaranjan Raul, along with the Assistant Director, Department of Fisheries, members of ATMA and Sagar Mitras.

During the training, experts delivered lectures and conducted interactive sessions on various aspects of aquaculture health management. The sessions covered finfish and shellfish diseases, disease-causing factors and diagnostic approaches, bacterial, parasitic, fungal and viral diseases, better management practices, water-quality management, preventive management using chemicals and additives, biosecurity protocols and disease reporting.

The participating farmers actively interacted with the experts and sought clarifications on disease identification, treatment, pond management and water-quality issues encountered in their farms.

The training provided the participating farmers with an opportunity to strengthen their technical knowledge and adopt improved fish health management practices.