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Skill Development Programme on Value Addition of Cage-Farmed Fish for Tribal Fishermen from Nandurbar, Maharashtra

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ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology today inaugurated a 3-day skill development program on 'Hygienic Handling, Packaging, and Value Addition of Fish, with Special Reference to Pangasius spp.' Held under the Tribal Sub-Plan initiative, the programme aims to empower tribal fishermen from Nandurbar, Maharashtra.

Dr George Ninan, Director, ICAR-CIFT, emphasized the need to equip fishers with modern techniques to enhance fish quality and ensure sustainable livelihoods.



Shri K.G. Padvi, Assistant Commissioner, Fisheries (T), Nandurbar, highlighted the importance of such training programmes in improving the skills of tribal fishing communities.

In collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and the Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries (T), Nandurbar, the programme is specifically designed for fishers from Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities, including the Bhil and Pavara tribes living near the Narmada Reservoir, who are involved in cage farming of Pangasius spp.

The training programme focuses on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in hygienic fish handling, pre-processing, value-added product preparation from cage-farmed Pangasius, fish waste utilization, modern packaging, and FSSAI compliance. The programme aims to enhance fishers' technical expertise, promote improved handling practices, and create new opportunities in the fisheries sector. It includes demonstrations and interactive sessions led by ICAR-CIFT experts.