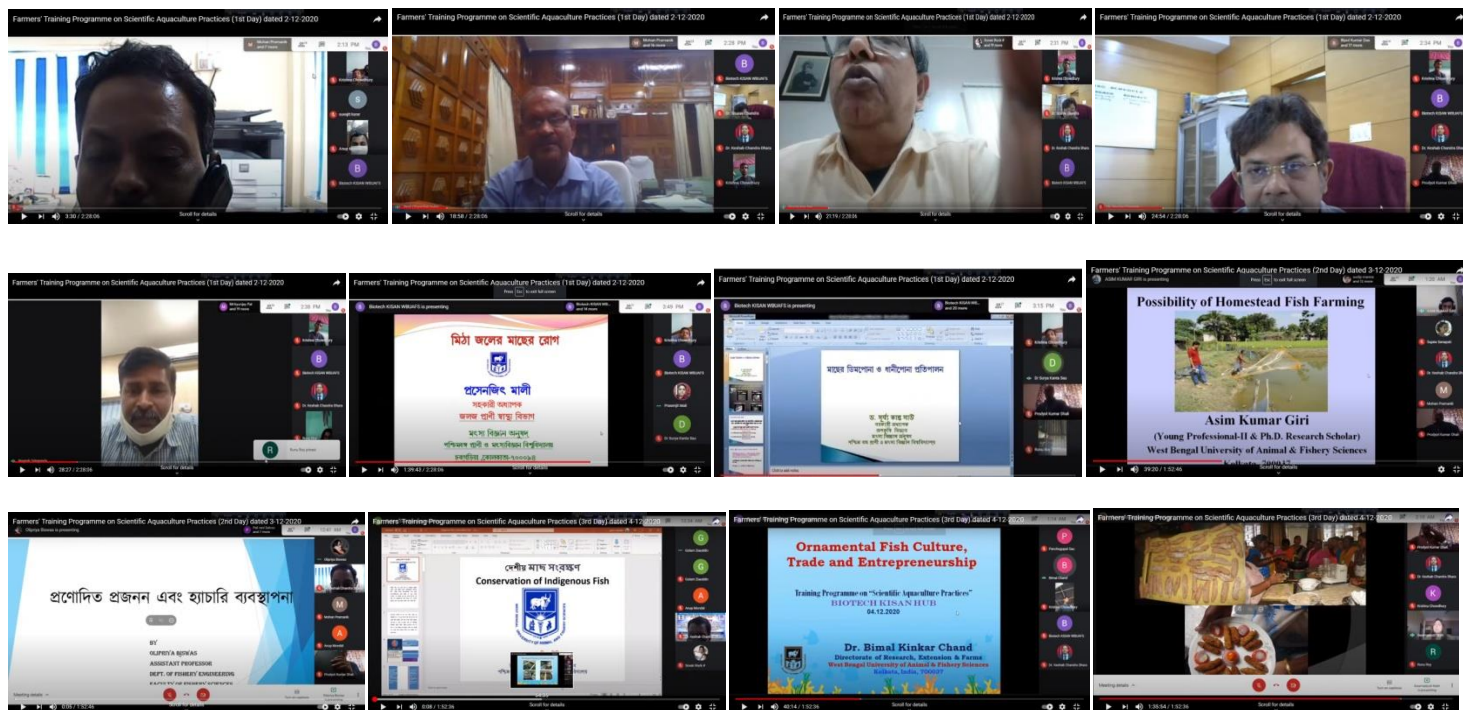


## Report of Farmers' Training Programme on "Scientific Aquaculture practices" dated 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Govt, DBT, India Mission Mode program, Biotech KISAN Center, WBUAFS has completed another phase for farming community development by completing a successful three-day farmers' training program with small and marginal farmers from five West Bengal Aspirational districts (Maldah, Murshidabad, Nadia, Birbhum and Dakshin Dinajpur) via online mode. Fisheries farmers around the world as well as West Bengal also suffer a lot in this COVID-19 pandemic situation due to a lack of proper guidance for aquaculture. In order to solve their problem, Biotech KISAN Hub reaches them via online mode and also introduces those with modern cultural techniques through the knowledge of renowned university experts and KVKs. A total of 100 farmers were educated, with 97 farmers from West Bengal and 3 from out of State. In those 97 West Bengal farmers, 27 from the Aspirational Districts (Nadia- 7, Birbhum- 12, Murshidabad- 3 and Malda- 5), 24 from the Sundarban District (South 24 Pargans- 19 and North 24 Pargans- 5) and 46 from other West Bengal districts.

At the outset, WBUAFS, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Chanchal Guha welcomed all the dignitaries and farmers on the Web platform and urged that such a program should be conducted on a frequent basis to boost farmers who provide us with bread and butter even in distressed situations. Director of Research, Extension and Farms (Actg), DREF, WBUAFS, Prof. Bipul Kumar Das inaugurated this training programme and shared his high degree of satisfaction with such activities. He evaluated the attempt to bring a large number of migrant workers (those who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic) into the training program to assist them in developing successful entrepreneurship through enhanced aquaculture practices. Dr. Sourav Chandra, Registrar (Actg) and Dr. T. S. Nagash, Controller of Examination (Actg.) WBUAFS, urged that Indian and state fisheries have enormous reach. K. C. Dhara, A formal vote of thanks to the Director of Farms and Principal Investigator of the Project was given and assured that the Biotech KISAN Hub team will extend their assistance to the state farmers in all aspects.

Mr. Adwaita Mondal, Dr. Surya Kanta Sau, Mr. Prasenjit Mali, Miss Olipriya Biswas, Mr. Asim Kumar Giri, Mr. Sutanu Karmakar, Dr. Golam Ziauddin, Dr. B. K. Chand and Dr. Swaranadhuti Nath talked and tried to address the problems of the trainees during this training program. At the end of the course, the farmers expressed their satisfaction and submitted a feedback form about their 3-day training program experience. Biotech KISAN Hub project workers, Mr. Asim Kumar Giri, Dr. Paramita Dasgupta(Das), Ms. Shilpa Ghosh, Mr. Biman Sarkar, Ms. Sreetama Bhattacharjee, Mr. Suprova Roy, Ms. Abhirupa Dey, Ms. Sayantani Bose, Ms. Rittika Chatterjee and Mr. Mursalin Mondal, under the leadership of Project Co-PI Dr. S. S. Kesh and Dr. Uttam Roy, have made every effort to do so.



Some photos from the "Scientific Aquaculture Practices" Farmers' Training Programme from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020