

**ICAR-DCFR organized awareness-cum-training programme on trout farming in highlands
on
2nd October, 2016
at
Chushout Shamma Village, Leh**

Prolonged harsh weather conditions coupled with lowest rainfall of the country, the cold arid zone of Ladakh has limited cropping season and agriculture is considered as subsidiary enterprise. Due to these constraints, most of the population engaged in mainly trade and services related to tourism for their livelihood. Keeping in view, ICAR-DCFR has been making constantly efforts since 2013-14 to establish rainbow trout culture in raceways under Tribal Sub Plan that proved trout culture can provide rich protein food locally as well generate employment throughout the year. To popularize trout culture for its expansion in the region, Scientists of DCFR organized an awareness-cum-training programme on trout farming in highlands on 2nd October, 2016. The aspirant trainees comprised of a Self Help Group of the village including 21 women and 4 youth. Some women farmers showed their keen interest in adopting the technology. The main constraint of trout farming in the region is transporting seed and feed from State Fisheries Farm located in Kashmir valley. Keeping in view, Directorate has taken initiative to establish a hatching facility of 50,000 eyed ova for making farmers self sufficient. Scientists from HMAARI (SKUAST-K), Stakana and RRS, ICAR-CAZRI, Leh supported the activity. Further, efforts are on to establish ornamental culture units as there is scope due to tourist area.

