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## National Fish Farmers' Day celerbated

ITANAGAR, Jul 11: National Fish Farmers' Day was celebrated in the premise of a private fish pond owned by progressive fish farmer Tana Akin Tara at Midpu under Doimukh yesterday.

Attending an awareness meeting at Midpu in the evening, Fishery Minister Rajesh Tacho assured to extend all possible help to the fish farmers, who wish to take up fish farming seriously. He also emphasized on the importance of fish farming which can be taken up as main occupation by the interested fish farmers, informed senior journalist Taro Chatung, who also attended the celebration.

Tacho distributed 1000 fish seeds to each local fish farmers present in the meeting free of cost.

He also gave away prizes to the winners of an-

gling competition organized by Tana Akin Tara at his ponds on July 9.

T Yongam, Deputy Director of Fishery highlighted the scientific fish farming system.

Earlier in the morning, Tacho released 30,000 fingerlings into the Poma River with an objective to conserve fishes in the rivers of the state in presence of Dani Sallu, Secretary, Fishery, J Taba, Director, Fishery, D Das and T Yongam, Deputy Directors of Fishery, Panchayat leaders, HGBs, GBs and public of Poma area.

It is pertaining to mention here that Akin Tara had initially created one fish pond in 1988. Today, he is the pride owner of five small ponds to breed fish and six big ponds to grow them. He earns Rs 7 lakh to Rs.8 lakh per annum from his ponds.