

Progressive fish farmers awarded

ITANAGAR, Feb 23: Three fish farmers, namely Nokkai Wangjen of Longding, Likha Kamin of Lower Subansiri and Tech Kaya of Papum Pare district have been awarded by the department of fisheries for being the best three progressive fish farmers of the state for the year 2012-13.

The awards, comprising cash, certificate of appreciation and mementos were presented to them by Chief Minister Nabam Tuki on the valedictory function of Statehood Day celebration at Indira Gandhi Park here.

Nokkai Wangjen of

Dasotong village under Kanubari sub-division of Longding district has taken up Pisciculture way back in the year 2005 with single fish pond. He has now developed 2 ha. of water area for fish farming with technical support and assistance from the Department of Fisheries and KVK, Deomali under different schemes. Apart from composite fish culture he also practices integrated farming and produces fish seeds of both exotic and IMC and had set an example of technical excellence with innovative ideas. *(Contd. on P-5)*

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(From P-1) His endeavor and enthusiasm have been recognized by the DCFR (Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand) and was felicitated with certificate of appreciation for his commendable endeavor in augmenting fishery during 2010-11. He also received a letter of appreciation from Governor of Arunachal Pradesh General (Retd.) JJ Singh besides many recognition at district level. He used to earn Rs. 3 lakh per year from Pisciculture and related activities from his farm and imparts knowledge and training on intricacies of scientific fish farming to his fellow fish farmers of his area.

Likha Kimin is one of the best progressive fish farmers of Yachuli village under Lower Subansiri district. He diversified his activities from agriculture to Pisciculture during 2003 with establishment of a pond. Subsequently he developed water area of 2 hectare with assistance from the Department of Fisheries. In tune with the technology advancement he even adopted Integrated farming and taken up seed production activities. He is currently earning Rs. 2, 70,000 by selling table fish, fish seeds etc. His fish farm and activities have become a source of inspiration for other farmers of Lower Subansiri in particular and the state in general.

He was felicitated by the DCFR (Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand) in recognition of his activities/endeavor in augmenting fisheries particularly in high altitude areas during October, 2009.

Techi Kaya of Dipu village under Balijan Circle of Papum Pare has created a niche for himself in scientific fish farming. He started Pisciculture in a very modest way in 1991-92 and later on he developed another 1.61 hectare of water area for fish farming. His passion for Pisciculture and self enthusiasm earned him the distinction of being one of the progressive fish farmers in the state today. He has undergone training in fish seed production and hatchery management at CIFA (Central Institute of Fresh Water Aquaculture) Kasulyanganga Odisha and training on mass scale production and culture of 'magur' at CIFE (Central Institute of Fisheries Education) Kakinada centre. He rears chitala fish in his farm in addition to composite fish culture and produces quality fish seed of both exotic and Indian Major Carps and earns Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh annually.

The Department hoped their achievement will be an inspiration for other fellow fish farmers of the state to follow their foot step and will strive hard for excellence in the days to come.

The Department reiterated its commitment for all round development of not only aquaculture but fishery as a whole and making Arunachal Pradesh as one of the frontline state in fish production in the country with single point mission "From dependence towards self sufficiency in fish production with sustainable development of aquaculture/ fishery for livelihood support, protein security and assured employment".