from all parties on the issue is not possible

Training on coldwater fish culture underway

ITANAGAR, Jan 20: A five-day national level training programme on "Culture and Breeding of Important Coldwater Fish Species", organized by ICAR- Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal in collaboration with Deptt of Zoology, Rajiv Gandhi University, and sponsored by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad has commenced at RGU premises today. The programme aims to impart technical know-how regarding propagation and rearing of important coldwater fish species like Rainbow trout, Mahaseer, Snow trout, Semiplotus and other minor carp including its seed production technology. It's hoped that the training will certainly benefit the farmers of this region which will in turn help augment the overall fish production in the state. Gracing the inaugural session as the chief guest, RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Tamo Mibang, in his address, emphasized to establish a network between the research institute (DCFR), State Fisheries Department and the University to develop the lab to land programme. He also told the participants to take maximum benefit from the experts of DCFR, Bhimtal and to utilize vast untapped resources for the benefit of the upland hill population of Arunachal Pradesh. State's Fisheries Director J Taba also addressed the participants emphasizing the need of dissimilation of the technologies from the research institute to the end users. Resource persons from DCFR Dr D Sarma, Dr S K Gupta & Tandel Riteshkumar said the training programme will certainly benefit the farmers, officials and they will be able to implement the knowledge to the filed level to improve the livelihood security of the region.

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New fish species 'discovered' in State

ITANAGAR, Jul 20: The Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat has claimed to have discovered a new ornamental fish species, Microphis ignoratus, in Indian sub-continent in one of the tributaries of mighty Siang river in Arunachal Pradesh.

Presence of this freshwater pipefish in India is a new record and was never observed by any other researchers even before in the fresh water system of Indian sub-continent. It is recorded for the first time at one of the tributaries of mighty river Siang near Sigar village under Mebo CD Block of East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, informed the Head of Department, Dr Keshav Kumar Jha.

He said there are 28 different identified fish species of nathidae, both freshwater and marine which are reported from various corners of the world; out of which five species are reported in freshwater system in Asian continent (Fishbase, 2013).

Till date only one species of freshwater pipefish, M. deocatus has been reported from Indian subcontinent. Available research document suggests that Microphis ignoratus has not been reported earlier from the freshwater habitat of Indian ature suggests that Microphis ignoratus has not been reported earlier from the freshwater habitat of Arunachal Pradesh.

The status of fish Microphis ignoratus species is endangered (IUCN, 2012).

The identification has been made with the help of meristic and morphometric characteristics and identified by following keys for identification of family Syngnathidae given by Jayaram (1991, 1994 & 1999). Sen further confirmed as Microphis ignoratus as descriptions are available on Fishbase website (www.fishbase.org), IUCN (www.iucn.org) etc.

The registration No. of the fish species is JNC/ZOO-FM/SR/22.1 of Fish Germplasm Explorations Research Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, India. The research paper is already published in "African