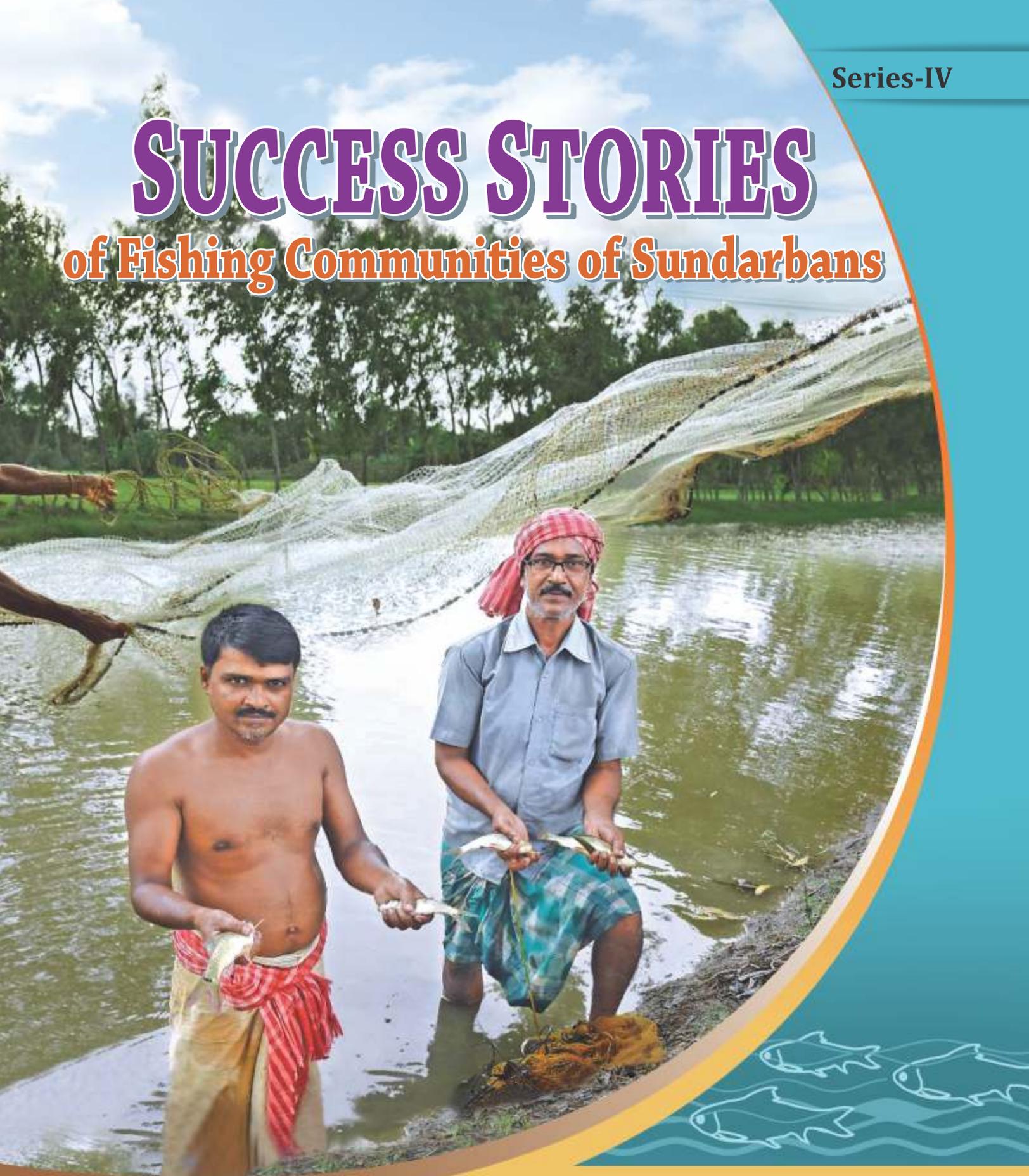


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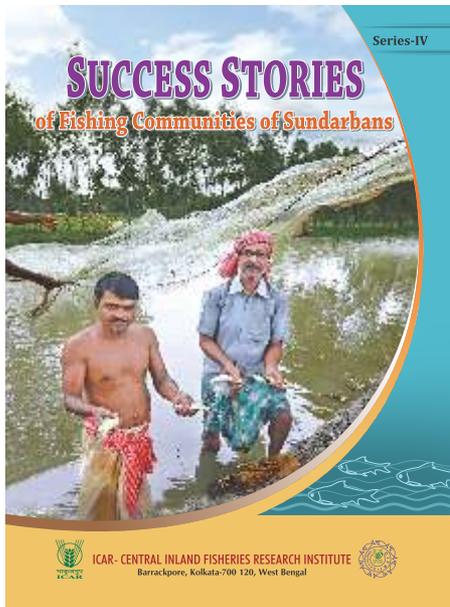
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## Foreword

In the vast tapestry of India's agricultural landscape, culture-based fisheries stand as a remarkable testament to the synergy between traditional wisdom and modern innovation. This collection of “Success Stories of Fishing Communities of Sundarbans” delves into the journeys of individuals and communities who have harnessed the potential of these aquatic ecosystems to not only provide sustenance but also to create thriving businesses and uplift their local economies.

Small-scale inland fisheries have deep-rooted historical significance in India, being both a source of sustenance and an integral part of cultural practices. Over the time, these modest water bodies have been transformed from basic food sources to dynamic economic engines, and this has been possible with the tireless efforts and timely assistance of ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute.

This compilation sheds light on how ICAR-CIFRI's research, insights, and collaborations have catalyzed transformative change in the small-scale fisheries domain.

These narratives mainly focus on the vital role played by ICAR-CIFRI, an institution that has consistently pioneered research and development in the realm of inland fisheries and aquaculture. The institute's commitment to understand the intricate nuances of pond ecosystem, genetics, breeding, disease management, and sustainable practices has acted as a guiding light for fish farmers and entrepreneurs across the country. These stories serve as a testament to the fact that scientific advancement, when coupled with practical application, can truly lead to transformative outcomes.

As we delve into these success stories, it has been witnessed that the journey towards successful small-scale fishers is not only a matter of individual enterprise but also the collaborations, partnerships, and community engagement that have played a pivotal role in translating research findings into tangible results in the field. ICAR-CIFRI's contribution extends beyond the laboratories and research papers and acts as a catalyst for the change that uplifts local economies enhances food security, and promotes sustainable livelihood.

We hope that these success stories will not only provide valuable insights and inspiration but also serve as a reminder of the untapped potential that lies within our local resources. As India continues to march towards sustainable development, the experiences shared within these pages illuminate a path where economic growth goes hand in hand with ecological stewardship and community well-being.

May the stories of these visionary individuals and their remarkable achievements resonate far beyond these pages, fostering a new wave of aquaculture success stories and contributing to the holistic prosperity of our nation.



Success Stories of Fishing Communities of Sundarbans:  
ICAR-CIFRI's Intervention

## Success Stories of Fishing Communities of Sundarbans , a Story of Community Empowerment

*"Sundarbans, West Bengal: A unique landscape where the pond fishing communities find empowerment in unity, resilience and ecological harmony, weaving a story of sustainable livelihoods".*





## Introduction

**F**or centuries, small-scale inland fisheries have woven themselves into the cultural and nutritional fabric of India, providing sustenance and livelihood to countless communities across the nation. What were once simple sources of

Fish have now evolved into sophisticated ecosystems that are driving economic growth, securing food supplies, and empowering local communities. This evolution is a testament to the visionaries who visualize beyond the surface of the water, recognizing the potential of these aquatic resources to yield not only fish but also prosperity. Small-scale fisheries, an integral component of India's agricultural mosaic, have a



history that traces back centuries. Serving as dynamic ecosystems, they have provided.

Yet, as times change and demands shift, the small-scale fisheries landscape has undergone a transformation that reaches far beyond the water's edge. It is a story of adaptation, resilience, and the unwavering bond between



humans and the aquatic environment.

The narrative of small-scale fisheries resonates not only with the communities that rely on them but also with the broader context of sustainable development. As we dive deeper, we uncover the delicate balance that underpins the ecosystem's health, from water quality management to biodiversity conservation.



*Distribution of inputs to the Fishing community*

## ICAR-CIFRI's Initiative on Empowering Fishing Communities

**S**undarbans ecosystem is affected by extreme climatic events such as Aila, Hud Hud, Fani, Bul Bul, Amphan, Yaas, Remal and floods around the year, ingress of saline water into the water bodies. Their economy is affected by these natural calamities. The economy of the Sundarbans deltaic region is mainly dependent on rice, fish, beetle, and apiculture which is the backbone of the community. To support these rural distressed people ICAR-CIFRI extended its support to rejuvenate their livelihood by providing fisheries inputs for their small and marginal backyard ponds since 2019 with the help of local NGOs, FPOs, and SHGs.

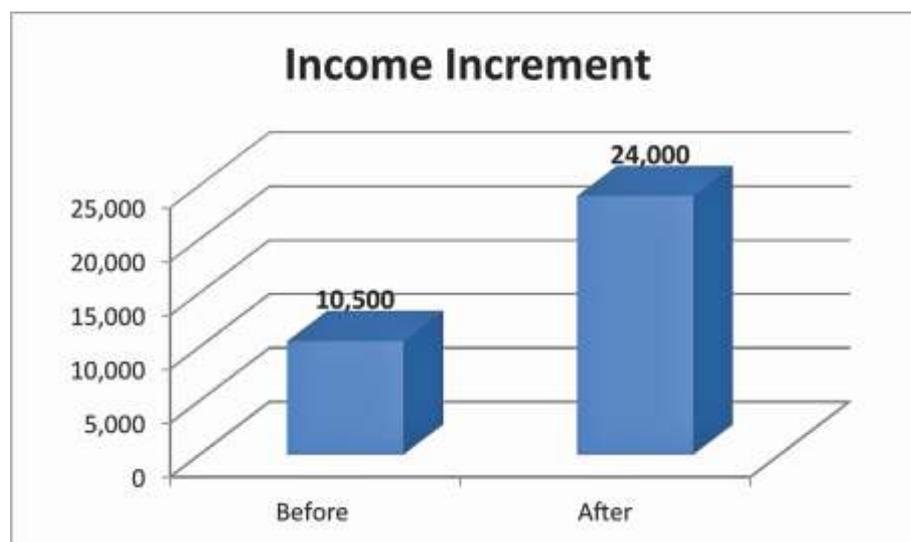
ICAR-CIFRI invested Rs. 7000/- per person in terms of 8 Kg IMC fish seed (Rohu, Catla, Mrigal), 105 Kg CIFRI Cage grow fish feed, 20 Kg Lime and medicine.

The main objective is to support the livelihoods of vulnerable communities through scientific fish farming in their backyard ponds as well as provide nutrition through protein supplements leading to nutritional security for their family throughout the year. Further, these farm families can also create savings in the local nationalized bank and deposit the income earned from the fisheries activities. Despite the dreaded COVID-19 Pandemic and several natural calamities, CIFRI's intervention in the last 2 years has shown a strong hope, it can lead to a sustainable source of livelihood in the coming days.



## Major Milestones

**I** CAR-CIFRI played a vital role in the Sundarbans region and actively supported fisher's participation in various projects aimed at boosting their economic and social empowerment. This support is crucial due to the limited livelihood options in the area, which primarily relies on activities like fish farming, agricultural activities, and livestock rearing. The initiatives undertaken by CIFRI in the Sundarbans have been instrumental in providing much-needed support and opportunities for economic stability and empowerment. Since 2019, CIFRI has focused on equipping farmers with skills and resources to enhance their fish farming practices. This effort has not only led to a significant increase in average income but has also contributed to improved nutritional security and overall well-being for their families.



**Figure:** Annual Income Increase (Rs) of Beneficiaries in the Sundarbans after CIFRI's Intervention

A study conducted through semi-structured interviews with 100 fishers from various villages in the region revealed that these beneficiaries, with an average age of 50.2 years and a majority having primary education, are actively engaged in aquaculture activities and their income has increased significantly. The substantial increase in income following CIFRI's intervention underscores

the positive impact of these initiatives on the community's economic returns.

The initiatives outlined in this project align closely with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The primary focus is on poverty alleviation (SDG 1) through enhancing the livelihoods of fishing communities by providing resources, resulting in increased income and economic stability. Additionally, the project directly addressed food security and nutrition (SDG 2) by promoting fish farming, ensuring consistent access to protein-rich food sources, and contributing to improved nutritional outcomes for these vulnerable communities.

Moreover, the interventions contributed to better health and well-being (SDG 3) by enhancing the availability of nutritious food and boosting the overall quality of life for beneficiaries. By promoting

sustainable economic practices and creating employment opportunities through responsible aquaculture (SDG 8), the project fosters both economic growth and environmental stewardship.

The focus on responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) ensures that the fish farming practices adopted are both resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable. In response to climate-related challenges, the project-built resilience in communities vulnerable to extreme weather events, contributing to climate adaptation efforts (SDG 13). Furthermore, the emphasis on conserving aquatic ecosystems (SDG 14) ensures that biodiversity is preserved while supporting sustainable fish production.

Finally, the success of this initiative is underpinned by effective partnerships between ICAR-CIFRI, local NGOs, and the community itself, demonstrating the importance of collaborative efforts in driving sustainable development outcomes.





## Story : 1



**Name** : **Manoranjan Baidya**  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 8287262868  
**Age** : 44  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.66  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
80	10,240/-	130	18,850/-	62.50	84.08

**Brief:** Mr. Manoranjan Baidya, a resident of Uttarsonakhali, experienced a significant improvement in his income from small-scale fish farming due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Following the intervention, his income witnessed a noteworthy ascent, increasing from Rs. 10,240 to Rs. 18,850. As a beneficiary of the SCSP Project, he highlighted that before the intervention, he faced numerous challenges such as fish diseases and water quality issues. Baidya expressed his appreciation, stating, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their support and guidance. This intervention not only enabled me to adopt scientific fish farming practices but also provided quality inputs, which ultimately led to an increase in my income."



## Story : 2



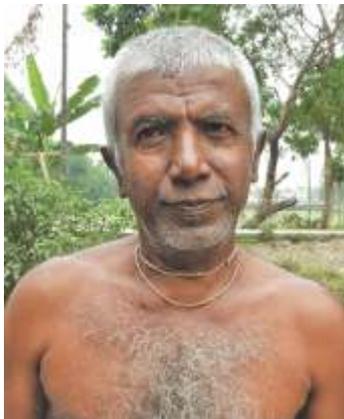
**Name** : Komol Haldar  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 8116769191  
**Age** : 47  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.198  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
35	4,900/-	120	17,040/-	242.86	247.76

**Brief:** Mr. Komol Haldar, from Uttarsonakhali, experienced a remarkable transformation in his income from small-scale fish farming owing to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income surged significantly, from Rs. 4,900 to Rs. 17,040 afterward. As a beneficiary of SCSP project, Mr. Haldar expressed his gratitude, stating, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their quality input supply and skill development in fish farming, which increased our income. Now, we are also obtaining good earning". He emphasized the pivotal role played by CIFRI in providing essential support and enhancing their skills, ultimately leading to improved livelihoods and financial stability.



## Story : 3



**Name** : Haran Naskar  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 7699033779  
**Age** : 28  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.09  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
45	5,600/-	100	14,500/-	55	159

**Brief:** Mr. Haran Naskar, residing in Uttarsonakhali, witnessed a significant improvement in his income from small-scale fish farming following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. After the intervention his income saw a remarkable surge, escalating from 5,600 to 14,500. As a beneficiary of SCSP project, Naskar expressed his gratitude, stating, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their quality input supply and technical intervention, which resulted in increasing our income and improving our livelihood." He acknowledged the pivotal role played by ICAR-CIFRI in providing essential support and technical guidance, leading to enhanced income and a better quality of life for him and his family.



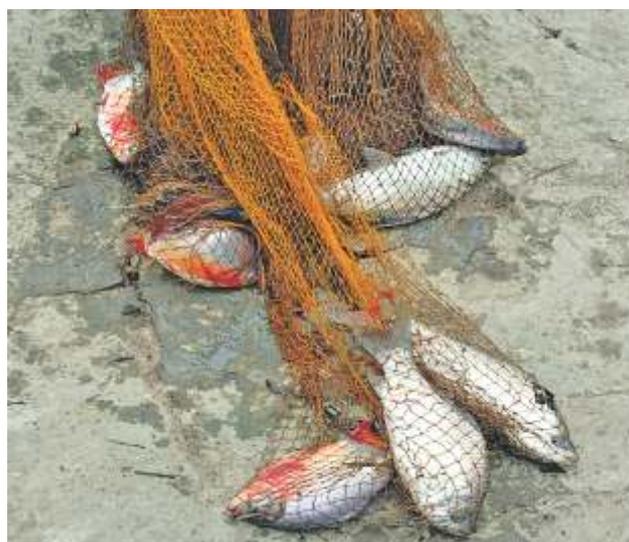
## Story : 4



**Name** : **Devdas Naskar**  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 9775670171  
**Age** : 62  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	16,500/-	200	28,000/-	66.67	69.70

**Brief:** Mr. Devdas Naskar, residing in Uttarsonakhali, experienced a substantial improvement in his income from small-scale fisheries due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. He consumed fish almost daily, while other fish were caught annually, yielding a lump sum amount of Rs. 28,000. As a beneficiary of the SCSP Project, Mr. Naskar expressed his gratitude, stating, "I would like to thank CIFRI for their intervention, which significantly increased our income. The support provided will immensely benefit us in the coming years." He acknowledged the crucial role played by CIFRI in enhancing their livelihood and contributing to their economic well-being.



## Story : 5



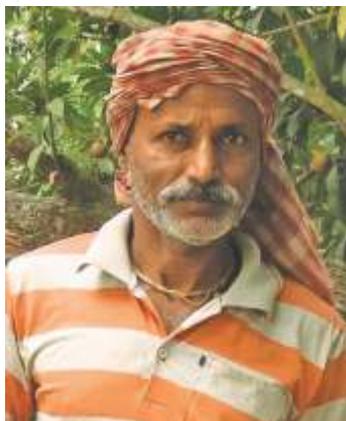
**Name** : Rangolal Sardar  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 8945937002  
**Age** : 50  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	13,500/-	160	23,500/-	60.00	74.07

**Brief:** Mr. Rangolal Sardar, a resident of Uttarsonakhali, relies on fishing as the lifeline sustaining his family in the Sundarbans. With limited options available, the fish he catches serves as his primary source of income, ensuring the fulfillment of basic needs. Additionally, following ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his earnings underwent a remarkable improvement, escalating from Rs. 13,500 to Rs. 23,500. Expressing his gratitude, Mr. Sardar credited ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project for the invaluable support received. He stated "The provision of fish seeds, feed, and technical intervention, resulted in a significant increase in my fish production. This intervention has helped me secure my family's well-being."



## Story : 6



**Name** : **Sourav Mondal**  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 7865033121  
**Age** : 47  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.66  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	20,250/-	260	39,000/-	73.33	92.59

**Brief:** Mr. Sourav Mondal, a resident of Uttarsonakhali, narrates his journey as a fisherman in the Sundarbans, fraught with challenges. However, with strategic interventions and expert guidance from ICAR-CIFRI, Mr. Mondal's annual income witnessed a remarkable ascent. Before the intervention, his income stood at Rs. 20,250, but after their involvement, it soared to Rs. 39,000. As an SCSP beneficiary he stated “This significant improvement has greatly enhanced our living standards, ensuring a stable supply of fish to sustain my family. With better livelihood opportunities, I am now able to comfortably meet expenses like food and my children's education. I am deeply grateful to CIFRI for their invaluable support and guidance.”



## Story : 7



**Name** : **Ranjan Das**  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 9093251989  
**Age** : 60  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.41  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
50	6,000/-	150	18,750/-	200	212.50

**Brief:** Mr. Ranjan Das, extended his deepest appreciation to ICAR-CIFRI for their unwavering support. Before the intervention, his income was Rs. 6000 and currently, it rose to Rs. 18,700. As a beneficiary he stated “Through the invaluable assistance provided via the SCSP project, my wife and I have experienced a notable increase in our fish production, thereby securing better economic opportunities for our family's future. ICAR-CIFRI's expert guidance and provision of essential resources, including fish seeds, feed, and capacity building, have been instrumental in our journey. I am profoundly thankful for ICAR-CIFRI's continued commitment to my success.”



## Story : 8



**Name** : Sanjay Kumar Mondal  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 9564540190  
**Age** : 43  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	21,750/-	250	35,250/-	66.67	62.07

**Brief:** Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mondal, living in Charavidya, experienced a significant improvement in his income due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income rose from Rs. 21,750 before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement to Rs. 35,250 afterward. Through the SCSP project, they witnessed a remarkable increase in fish production and secured a better economic status for their family. He stated "The guidance and inputs provided by CIFRI, including fish seeds, feed, and technical know-how, have been instrumental in my success. By adopting sustainable practices and modern technologies in fish farming, I have been able to enhance production and improve my livelihood."



## Story : 9



**Name** : **Dulal Sardar**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8001067110  
**Age** : 79  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.26  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	17,400/-	210	31,500/-	75	81.03

**Brief:** Mr. Dulal Sardar, a resident of Charavidya, experienced a substantial improvement in his income due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. After the intervention, his earnings had a significant boost, rising from Rs. 17,400 to Rs. 31,500. As a beneficiary in the SCSP project, Mr. Sardar stated "ICAR-CIFRI's interventions empowered me to make informed decisions and enhance my income. The fish seed has a good quality growth rate and low FCR values which provide me a large amount of selling value as well as can be used for consumption. I am forever grateful for the guidance in making me a good fish farmer."



## Story : 10



**Name** : **Indrajit Naiya**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 9734477108  
**Age** : 37  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.23  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
180	24,840/-	290	46,110/-	61	85.62

**Brief:** Mr. Indrajit Naiya, a resident of Charavidya, witnessed a substantial enhancement in his family's economic condition through small-scale fish farming, facilitated by ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income stood at Rs. 24,840. However, post-intervention, his income saw a notable rise to Rs. 46,110. Acknowledging the support received through the SCSP project, Mr. Naiya expressed gratitude, remarking, "I am grateful for ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, which has significantly improved our economic status. I am thankful to technical guidance for this positive change, and empowering our livelihoods through inputs and assistance."



## Story : 11



**Name** : Haridas Naiya  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : NA  
**Age** : 57  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.25  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
300	42,000/-	480	72,000/-	60	71.43

**Brief:** Mr. Haridas Naiya, a resident of Charavidya, experienced a substantial improvement in his income following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income increased from Rs. 42,000 to Rs. 72,000 afterward. He stated that life as a fisherman in the Sundarbans was fraught with challenges, from battling poor seed quality to combating disease outbreaks and macrophyte infestations. As a beneficiary of SCSP project he stated "Thanks to the strategic interventions and expert guidance from the ICAR-CIFRI staff, I can now comfortably cover expenses like food and health with these improved livelihood opportunities. This substantial increase has elevated our standard of living and ensured a consistent fish supply for my family's sustenance."



## Story : 12



**Name** : **Prabir Sardar**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8509930320  
**Age** : 65  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.4  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	34,000/-	404	64,236/-	61.6	88.9

**Brief:** Mr. Prabir Sardar, a resident of Charavidya, witnessed a significant enhancement in his income post-CIFRI intervention. His income surged from Rs. 34,000 to Rs. 64,236. As a beneficiary of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project, Mr. Sardar, stated "As a fisher of Sundarbans, fish culture isn't just an occupation for me, it's the lifeline that sustains my family. With limited options available, the fish we grow is our primary source of income, which ensures our basic needs and supports us financially. Thanks for giving us, invaluable inputs, including fish seeds, feed, and technical intervention".



## Story : 13



**Name** : **Bidyut Kumar Mondal**

**Address** : Charavidya

**Mobile No** : 9564365245

**Age** : 46

**Education** : Middle

**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.17

**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
70	9,380/-	120	19,080/-	71	103

**Brief:** Mr. Bidyut Kumar Mondal, resident of Charavidya, shares his remarkable journey following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI stepped in, his income from small-scale fish farming amounted to Rs. 9,380 and later increased to Rs. 19,080. As a SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Mondal stated "Aquaculture is our lifeline, sustaining our families and supporting our children's education. I am deeply grateful for ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, which provided invaluable assistance, including fish seeds, feed, and technical expertise. This support underscores CIFRI's pivotal role in fostering sustainable livelihoods and resilience within our region."



## Story : 14



**Name** : Nepal Mondal  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8482043424  
**Age** : 68  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	33,500/-	385	53,900/-	54	60.90

**Brief:** Mr. Nepal Mondal, experienced a notable improvement in his income through ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income from small-scale fish farming stood at Rs. 33,500. However, after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, his income raised to Rs. 53,900. As a beneficiary of SCSP project Mr. Mondal expresses his appreciation, stating, "With limited resources, we have achieved financial stability by growing fish in our pond. ICAR-CIFRI's intervention has been a beacon of hope, providing us with essential support like lime, fish seeds, and feed that helped us grow healthy fish with better market demand."



## Story : 15



**Name** : **Jubal Sardar**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 9735360561  
**Age** : 37  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.4  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
240	32,400/-	376	58,280/-	56	62.62

**Brief:** Mr. Jubal Sardar extended sincere thanks to ICAR-CIFRI for their assistance. His earnings have significantly increased, rising from Rs. 32,240 to Rs. 58,280. As a SCSP beneficiary he expressed, " ICAR-CIFRI guidance and inputs, including fish seeds and feed, I have witnessed a remarkable improvement in my fish production and economic prospects. The comprehensive technological interventions provided by ICAR-CIFRI have equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance production while ensuring environmental sustainability. Thus, I have increased my production and income."



## Story : 16



**Name** : Radheshyam Mahato  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8910595607  
**Age** : 60  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.46  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
260	35,880/-	395	57,275/-	51.92	59.63

**Brief:** Mr. Radheshyam Mahato, living in Charavidya, experienced a significant improvement in his income due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income rose from Rs. 35,880 to Rs. 57,275 afterward. As a beneficiary, he stated "I would like to express sincere gratitude to ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support through the SCSP project. Their guidance and input have been valuable in our journey towards economic empowerment. The provision of fish seeds, feed, and technical know-how has enabled us to adopt sustainable practices and modern technologies in fish farming. This has led to increase in our fish production, securing a better economic status for our family."



## Story : 17



**Name** : Aditya Biswas  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : NA  
**Age** : 64  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.36  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	33,750/-	385	57,750/-	54	71

**Brief:** Mr. Aditya Biswas from Charavidya, witnessed a significant increase in income through small-scale aquaculture. Before ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, he earned Rs. 33,750, but afterward, his income was raised to Rs. 57,750. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he stated “I want to express my heartfelt thanks to CIFRI for their assistance. Before their intervention, my earnings from fishing were quite modest, but now, with CIFRI's support, my income from fish farming has greatly improved. The income I earn is primarily allocated towards funding my grandchildren's education and other household expenses”



## Story : 18



**Name** : **Sudip Biswas**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8101828225  
**Age** : 25  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.01  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
140	18,900/-	258	39,900/-	84	111

**Brief:** Mr. Sudip Biswas from Charavidya expressed heartfelt appreciation and extended sincere thanks to ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support. Post intervention his income raised from Rs. 18,900 to 39,900. As a SCSP beneficiary, he mentioned “ICAR-CIFRI's unwavering assistance via the project, my wife and I have experienced a significant increase in our fish production. Their expert guidance and provision of essential inputs, including fish seeds, feed, and technical expertise, have been instrumental in our journey. By embracing sustainable practices and modern technologies in fish farming, we have successfully boosted our production and improved our livelihoods.”



## Story : 19



**Name** : **Haran Chandra Mondal**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 9733784965  
**Age** : 70  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.41  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
180	24,300/-	342	47,880/-	90.00	97.04

**Brief:** Mr. Haran Chandra Mondal witnessed a remarkable transformation in his fish production. As a beneficiary he stated "The fish I harvest are critical for supporting my family economically. Thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP initiative, which provided me with fish seeds, feed, and valuable technical interventions, my production has increased. My income from small-scale fish farming was Rs. 24,300. However, after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, my income soared to Rs. 47,880. I have also noticed that cultured fishes have a good market value due to their taste and size, which are attractive to consumers."



## Story : 20



**Name** : Sushanta Sardar  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8927974245  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.09  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	16,200/-	185	25,900/-	54.17	59.88

**Brief:** Mr. Sushanta Sardar from Charavidya have expressed that he witnessed a remarkable transformation in his fish production and doubled the production and income from approximately Rs. 16,200 to Rs. 25,900. As a beneficiary he mentioned, "I am deeply grateful to CIFRI for their assistance through the SCSP project. The inputs and technical guidance provided have promoted the adoption of scientific fish farming and enabled me to achieve higher and healthier fish production. Now I'm financially stable and hopeful for the future through fish culturing "



## Story : 21



**Name** : **Satyan Munda**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8509259026  
**Age** : 51  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	17,400/-	185	26,270/-	54.17	50.98

**Brief:** Mr. Satyan Munda, a resident of Charabvidya has seen tremendous improvement in his production and income through ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings rose from Rs.17,400 to Rs.26,270 indicating a notable increase in production. As an SCSP project beneficiary, he said, "Residing in the Sundarbans, fishing is more than a livelihood strategy; it's my lifeline. With limited opportunities, the fish I catch determines whether I can afford necessities and education for my children. ICAR-CIFRI's intervention which offered me fish seeds, feed, and essential technical how, has been a blessing in our life."



## Story : 22



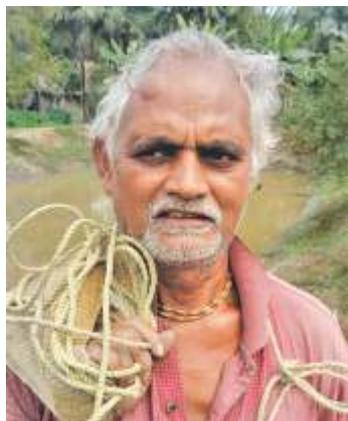
**Name** : **Manoranjan Mondal**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 8337058236  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
140	18,900/-	235	34,075/-	67.86	80.29

**Brief:** Mr. Manoranjan Mondal, from Charavidya, expressed profound gratitude to ICAR-CIFRI for their support through the SCSP project. His income surged from Rs. 18,900 to Rs. 34,000 post-intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project he stated, “By providing me with essential inputs and capacity building ICAR-CIFRI has empowered me to adopt modern techniques and practices in small-scale fish farming. This has resulted in a significant increase in my production and income. I am grateful for the support given and I look forward to future assistance.”



## Story : 23



**Name** : **Ponchanon Mondal**  
**Address** : Charavidya  
**Mobile No** : 9064293572  
**Age** : 50  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	20,250/-	254	36,830/-	69.33	81.88

**Brief:** Mr. Ponchanon Mondal from Charavidya, expressed profound gratitude to ICAR-CIFRI for their assistance through the SCSP project which doubled the production and income from approximately Rs. 20,200 to Rs. 36,800. As a beneficiary, he stated “Their assistance has played a pivotal role in boosting my fish production and creating better economic opportunities. Their provision of essential inputs has empowered me to adopt modern techniques and practices in small-scale fish farming. This has resulted in a significant increase in my income and helped me invest in the future of my family. The support from ICAR-CIFRI has been crucial for my economic empowerment,”



## Story : 24



**Name** : Ahalya Shikari  
**Address** : Ramchandrankhali  
**Mobile No** : 9732892964  
**Age** : 50  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	13,500/-	250	30,000/-	66.67	122.22

**Brief:** Mrs. Ahalya Shikari, a resident of Ramchandrankhali, experienced a remarkable increase in her income and production from fish farming after CIFRI's intervention. Her income surged from Rs. 13,500 to Rs. 30,000 post- intervention. As a beneficiary of SCSP project, she expressed her gratitude saying, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support and guidance. With the increased income, I can now allocate more funds towards my children's education, and cover my other household expenses more effectively. I am thankful and hope for further assistance"



## Story : 25



**Name** : **Prabir Mondal**  
**Address** : Amjhara  
**Mobile No** : 8967764028  
**Age** : 33  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.19  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
57	8,000/-	120	16,000/-	110.2	100

**Brief:** Mr. Prabir Mondal, a resident of Amjhara, has witnessed a remarkable increase in fish production and income from Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 16,000 through ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. As a beneficiary he stated, "We've received invaluable support, including fish seeds, feed, and training and capacity building programs on scientific farming, leading to a significant increase in fish production and income. The fish seeds and fish feeds provided are of very good quality. We didn't have the concept of giving quality fish feed to fishes to increase their growth, but with CIFRI's technical know-how, we have now become more knowledgeable about fish farming and are benefiting from it."



## Story : 26



**Name** : **Barnali Sardar**  
**Address** : Ramchandrakhali  
**Mobile No** : 9093761478  
**Age** : 32  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	15,000/-	300	39,000/-	100.00	160.00

**Brief:** Mrs. Barnali Sardar, witnessed remarkable achievement in fish farming after ICAR-CIFRI intervention her income increased from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 39,000. As a beneficiary, she stated “As we have no alternatives available for livelihood, we rely entirely on the fish farming. With the support and assistance from ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project, including lime, fish fingerlings, and fish seed, the income from fish farming has been enhanced. This has significantly contributed to the well-being of my family. I would like to thank for their assistance and look forward to their continued support”.



## Story : 27



**Name** : **Subrata Mondal**  
**Address** : Amjhara  
**Mobile No** : 7872256215  
**Age** : 35  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.19  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
41	5,658/-	100	14,000/-	147.4	237.4

**Brief:** Mr. Subrata Mondal of Amjhara witnessed a significant increase in his income through small-scale fish farming. ICAR-CIFRI's intervention led to a noteworthy increase in production and income. Before the intervention his income stood at approximately Rs. 5,600 and it increased to Rs. 14,000. He emphasized, "As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, I've realized that ICAR-CIFRI's interventions empowered me to make informed decisions and enhance my income. Their technical intervention helped me a lot in improving my farm practice. Thank you for the support."



## Story : 28



**Name** : **Rajabala Mondal**  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 8768771426  
**Age** : 68  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.02  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
55	7,425/-	130	17,900/-	136.3	141

**Brief:** Mrs. Rajabala Mondal, residing in Pochapara, witnessed a significant increase in her income after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her income was approximately Rs. 7,400, but after their assistance, it rose to Rs. 17,900. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, she expressed her gratitude, stating, "I used to culture fish for self-consumption, but the production was very low. With the support of CIFRI, through good quality fish seed and feed, production increased. Now, we are consuming more fish compared to before and the remaining amount I sell at the market provides me a decent profit. Thanks to ICAR-CFRI for their support."



## Story : 29



**Name** : Adhin Naskar  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 9679980754  
**Age** : 58  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
60	6,600/-	200	24,000/-	233.33	263.64

**Brief:** Mr. Adhin Naskar, a resident of Uttarmokamberia, has witnessed a remarkable increase in income from Rs. 6,600 to Rs. 24,000 after CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary, he remarked, "ICAR-CIFRI's invaluable assistance has enhanced our financial stability. I am grateful to ICAR-CIFRI for their support through the SCSP project, offering essential inputs like fish seeds, feed, lime, and technical interventions. With the support and guidance, my production has surged incredibly. Even after self-consuming, I am now able to sell the rest and earn a lump sum amount."



## Story : 30



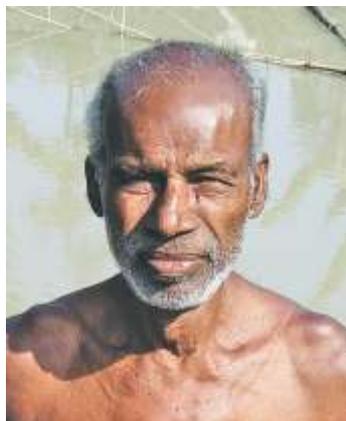
**Name** : **Kalpana Mridha**  
**Address** : Ramchandrankhali  
**Mobile No** : 9800290059  
**Age** : 62  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.17  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	15,600/-	160	25,000/-	60.00	60.25

**Brief:** Mrs. Kalpana Mridha, a resident of Ramchandrankhali, express gratitude to ICAR-CIFRI for their support, saw a significant improvement in her livelihood with the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Before their assistance, her income from small-scale fish farming was Rs. 15,600. However, post-intervention, her income soared to Rs. 25,000. Expressing her gratitude, she remarked, "Engaging in fish farming not only sustains my family but also provides a reliable source of income. The earnings from selling fish enable me to cover my household and other essential expenses. I am immensely thankful to ICAR-CIFRI for their support, which has transformed our lives for the better."



## Story : 31



**Name** : Ashok Shikari  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 7679430292  
**Age** : 59  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Own

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
60	6,900/-	200	25,000/-	233.33	262.32

**Brief:** Mr. Ashok Shikari, an inhabitant of Sundarbans, has witnessed great success in small-scale backyard fish farming with an increase in fish production and income from Rs. 6,900 to Rs. 25,000, through ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. As a beneficiary, he expressed his gratitude by stating, "We have received inputs such as lime, feed, and capacity-building programs on scientific fish farming from ICAR-CIFRI. Our income increased, and our approach towards fish farming has transformed scientifically. I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their support and guidance."



## Story : 32



**Name** : Kamala Poriya  
**Address** : Ramchandrakhalai  
**Mobile No** : 8016100670  
**Age** : 39  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.12  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	3,600/-	105	14,175/-	104.75	293.75

**Brief:** Mrs. Kamala Poriya, from Ramchandrakhalai, found her livelihood uplifted with the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Before their support, she earned Rs. 3,600. However, post-intervention, her income doubled to Rs. 14,175. Expressing her heartfelt gratitude, she shared, "Engaging in fish farming has provided sustenance for my family and contributing to our income. my husband and I sell fish, and earn good profit. Thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's inputs, our fish farming has gone big, leading to greater income and financial security. It has also helped in my skill development. We are more confident about fish culture as we hope for a better future with more contributions."



## Story : 33



**Name** : Achinta Barman  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 9382539759  
**Age** : 45  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
50	6,000/-	150	18,450/-	200	207.50

**Brief:** Mr. Achinta Barman, a resident of Uttarmokamberia, experienced a significant improvement in income from small-scale fish farming due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a SCSP project beneficiary he stated, "My income saw a notable rise, climbing from Rs. 6000 before the intervention to Rs. 18,450 after ICAR-CIFRI's involvement. The inputs such as fish seeds, feed, and invaluable training resulted in a remarkable increase in my production. I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for its capacity-building program in scientific fish farming. This made us confident for the future endeavor as well as economically stable"



## Story : 34



**Name** : **Tushar Kanti Mal**  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 9734554021  
**Age** : 66  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	300	36,000/-	200	200

**Brief:** Mr. Tushar Kanti Mal, a resident of Uttarmokamberia, experienced a significant income enhancement after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 36,000, reflecting a notable increase in production. Reflecting on his journey, he remarked, "As a recipient of the SCSP project's benefits, I must acknowledge the pivotal role played by ICAR-CIFRI's interventions with input provided for increased production and in equipping me with the knowledge to make informed choices and improving my family's financial well-being."



## Story : 35



**Name** : **Rajib Mondal**  
**Address** : Uttarsonakhali  
**Mobile No** : 7699593180  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
85	11,900/-	180	26,100/-	111.76	119.33

**Brief:** Mr. Rajib Mondal, a resident of Uttarsonakhali, emphasizes the significance of ICAR-CIFRI intervention from which his income increased from Rs. 11,900 to Rs. 26,100. As a beneficiary of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project, he stated "I would like to thank them for providing me with knowledge on scientific fish farming and quality seed, which were major constraints before CIFRI's intervention. Now I see a healthy harvest and I am confident about my future endeavors. I wish for their continued support and more training to further increase my fish production and income."



## Story : 36



**Name** : **Kiarani Baidya**  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 9564147373  
**Age** : 40  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	4,000/-	100	13,000/-	150	225

**Brief:** Mrs. Kiarani Baidya, a resident of Pochapara, experienced a notable improvement in her fish farming production after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her production was less and her income was Rs. 4000, but post-intervention profit has doubled. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, Kiarani Baidya shared her appreciation, stating, "I was facing problems like fish disease, macrophyte infestation, and quality seed. However, after CIFRI's intervention, their guidance and support, including quality seed, feed, and lime, helped me increase the profit from fish farming. We are grateful to ICAR-CIFRI for the support."



## Story : 37



**Name** : Nibedita Poriya  
**Address** : Ramchandrankhali  
**Mobile No** : 7890679630  
**Age** : 30  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	9,000/-	200	26,000/-	100.00	188.89

**Brief:** Mrs. Nibedita Poriya from Ramchandrankhali experienced a substantial upliftment in her livelihood with the assistance of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Initially earning Rs. 9,000 as a small-scale fisher, her income surged to Rs. 26,000 after CIFRI's intervention. Expressing her heartfelt gratitude, she remarked, "My sincerest thanks go out to ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support and guidance, which have not only improved my economic situation but I have also developed my skills in better fish farming which is leading to a better quality of life. I am very interested to continue this journey and hope for further contributions."



## Story : 38



**Name** : Ramprasad Sarkar  
**Address** : Uttarmokamberia  
**Mobile No** : 8001436172  
**Age** : 65  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
200	25,000/-	300	37,500/-	50	50.00

**Brief:** Mr. Ramprasad Sarkar, a resident of Uttarmokamberia, experienced a significant income boost following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 37,500. As a SCSP project beneficiary reflecting on his journey, he remarked, "Our small-scale fish farming has many challenges like fish disease and quality seed but ICAR- CIFRI's strategic interventions and expert guidance have made a substantial difference. Now, I can comfortably manage expenses such as food and health, thereby improving our living standards and ensuring a steady fish supply for my family."



## Story : 39



**Name** : Mousumi Baidya  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 9800247648  
**Age** : 46  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
200	20,000/-	400	60,000/-	100	200

**Brief:** Mrs. Mousumi Baidya, residing in Pochapara, witnessed a remarkable increase in her income from fish farming after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her income was Rs. 20,000, which hiked to Rs. 60,000 after their intervention. As a beneficiary of SCSP project, Mousumi shared her experience, stating, "As I encountered problems like fish disease, water quality issues, and a lack of proper technical knowledge, my income from fish farming was less. However, after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, their support helped to overcome these problems and enhanced my income. Now, I am using this additional income for my children's education and managing household expenditures.



## Story : 40



**Name** : Pijus Mondal  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 6295768428  
**Age** : 69  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.41  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
240	32,400/-	300	45,000/-	25	39

**Brief:** Mr. Pijus Mondal resident of Gorenbose witnessed an increase in his income from Rs. 45,000 to Rs. 32,000 through ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP intervention. As a project beneficiary, he expresses his gratitude by stating “My heartfelt gratitude to CIFRI for their support through the intervention, providing essential inputs such as fish seeds, feed, lime, and technical assistance. With ICAR-CIFRI's support and guidance, my production has surged and we earn profit and looking forward to their continued support”.



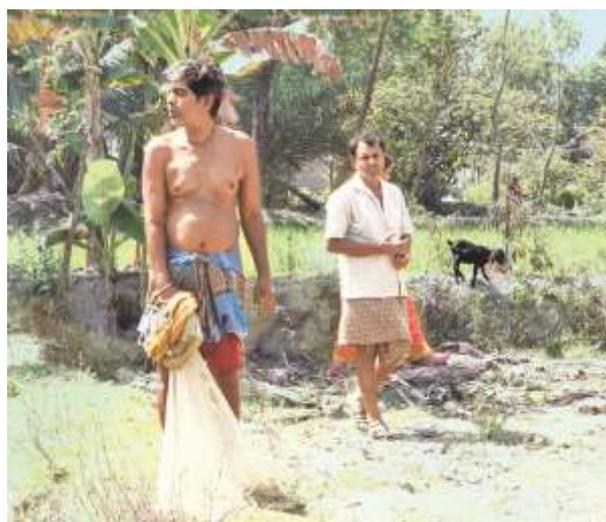
## Story : 41



**Name** : **Tapan Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7797860610  
**Age** : 66  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.41  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
140	19,320/-	185	27,750/-	32	44

**Brief:** Mr. Tapan Mondal, a resident of Gorenbose witnessed an increase in his income from Rs. 19,320 to Rs. 27,750 post-intervention through ICAR-CIFRI. As a SCSP project beneficiary he expresses his gratitude by stating” “ICAR- CIFRI's guidance and inputs, including fish seeds and feed, I have witnessed a remarkable improvement in my fish production and economic prospects. The comprehensive technological interventions provided by ICAR-CIFRI have equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance production. The support of through the project has been instrumental in my success.”



## Story : 42



**Name** : Anupama Sharda  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 8945912076  
**Age** : 47  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.41  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	12,000/-	300	45,000/-	150	275

**Brief:** Mrs. Anupama Sharda, from Pochapara, experienced a remarkable improvement in her fish production after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her income was Rs. 12,000 and post intervention it rose to Rs. 45,000. As a beneficiary of SCSP project she stated ICAR-CIFRI's provision of lime, feed, seed, and technical guidance has improved our production and income. This support enabled us to produce more fish, resulting in good capital every six months upon harvest compared to before. I am grateful for the help and I wish this support will be continued in future."



## Story : 43



**Name** : **Subhas Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8348702169  
**Age** : 62  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.66  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
400	55,200/-	530	79,500/-	33	44

**Brief:** Mr. Subhas Mondal lives in Goranbose and has experienced a significant increase in income. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income amounted to Rs. 55,200, but following their intervention, it rose to Rs. 79,500. As a SCSP beneficiary, he expressed “My earnings through small-scale aquaculture have increased. This is all because of the input and assistance provided. I emphasize the crucial role played by their interventions in equipping me with the knowledge to make informed choices and enhance my family's financial well-being.”



## Story : 44



**Name** : **Dibakar Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 77479281128  
**Age** : 61  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	13,800/-	140	21,000/-	40	52

**Brief:** Mr. Dibakar Mondal, a resident of Goran Bose, experienced a notable improvement in his income through ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income from small-scale fish farming stood at Rs. 13,800. However, after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, his income soared to Rs. 21,000. As a SCSP beneficiary, he stated “The positive impact of ICAR-CIFRI's initiatives in empowering us and enhancing economic prospects is a blessing. The provision of essential inputs like fish seeds, feed, and technical expertise has improved my fish farming with higher production and income. I am grateful for this intervention.”



## Story : 45



**Name** : Amal Mondal  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8116987637  
**Age** : 32  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.24  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
85	11,475/-	195	27,300/-	129	138

**Brief:** Mr. Amal Mondal, a resident of Goran Bose, experienced a notable improvement in his income through ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income from small-scale fish farming stood at Rs. 11,475. However, after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, his income rose to Rs. 27,300. As a SCSP project beneficiary, he stated “This intervention played a crucial role in providing essential inputs like fish seeds, feed, and technical expertise. I believe that ICAR-CIFRI's knowledge dissemination offers significant advantages if we choose to implement it in the future. And I anticipate their further assistance.”



## Story : 46



**Name** : Sushen Mondal  
**Address** : Goran Bose  
**Mobile No** : 8535286974  
**Age** : 34  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
78	10,920/-	180	26,100/-	131	139

**Brief:** Mr. Sushen Mondal, residing in Gorenbose, witnessed a remarkable increase in his income from fish farming after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, his income was Rs. 10,920 rupees, which rose to Rs. 26,100 after their intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he remarked, "ICAR-CIFRI's assistance has played a pivotal role in boosting my fish production and creating better economic opportunities. With their provision of essential inputs and capacity building, ICAR-CIFRI empowered me to adopt modern techniques and practices in small-scale fish farming, resulting in a significant increase in production."



## Story : 47



**Name** : Sukhdeb Jana  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 9932709758  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.66  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
350	48,000/-	470	70,800/-	34	48

**Brief:** Mr. Sukhdeb Jana, residing in Gorenbose, experienced a significant increase in his income from fish farming following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income, which was Rs. 48,000 before CIFRI's support, rose to Rs. 26,100 afterward. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he remarked, "This intervention brought financial stability and ensured a steady fish supply for my family. I can get a healthy harvest for selling and make a decent profit. This increased income helps cover essential expenses such as food and children's education. I hope for continued support from ICAR-CIFRI."



## Story : 48



**Name** : Laxman Chandra Barik  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8371075633  
**Age** : 52  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.59  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
210	29,400/-	370	53,650/-	76	82

**Brief:** Mr. Laxman Chandra Barik, a resident of Goran Bose, witnessed an enhancement in his production and income. Prior to the intervention his income stood at Rs. 29,000, but after the intervention his income rose to Rs. 53,650. As a beneficiary of the SCSP Project, he stated, “I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their quality inputs, including fish seed, fish feed, lime, and knowledge dissemination on scientific fish farming, which resulted in increased fish production and helped me earn income. This ensures financial stability and meets our daily nutritional needs through fish consumption. I look forward to continued support from ICAR-CIFRI.”



## Story : 49



**Name** : **Bapi Mahakur**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7363009507  
**Age** : 48  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.39  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
300	41,400/-	450	63,000/-	50	52

**Brief:** Mr. Bapi Mahakur, a resident of Goranbose experienced a significant increase in his income from fish farming following CIFRI's intervention. His income, which was Rs. 41,400 before CIFRI's support, rose to Rs. 63,000 afterward. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he remarked, "ICAR-CIFRI's intervention brought financial stability and nutritional support for me and my family. The provision of input for farming is a blessing for small fishers like us. The increased income helps to support children's education, health, and household expenses. And I can save for the future too. I hope for continued support from ICAR- CIFRI."



## Story : 50



**Name** : Dilip Sardar  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8481910480  
**Age** : 61  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.23  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
85	11,475/-	195	28,275/-	129	146

**Brief:** Mr. Dilip Sardar, a small-scale fish farmer residing in Gorenbose, experienced a remarkable transformation in his fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income stood at a modest Rs. 11,475. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to an impressive Rs. 28,275. As an SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Sardar stated: "This improvement in my fish production and income has made me economically stronger as I have better harvest using the input provided and I express profound gratitude towards ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support for technological assistance, which has significantly improved me and my families well-being and empowered me for future endeavours."



## Story : 51



**Name** : **Sankar Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7063534306  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
68	9,520/-	172	24,940/-	153	162

**Brief:** Mr. Sankar Mondal, a small-scale fish farmer residing in Goran Bose, experienced a remarkable transformation in his fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income stood at a modest Rs. 9,520. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to an impressive Rs. 24,940. As SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Mondal stated: "This dramatic improvement in my fish production and income has made me economically stable and I express profound gratitude towards ICAR-CIFRI for their invaluable support through inputs and assistance, which has significantly enhanced my well-being and empowered me to achieve greater prosperity."



## Story : 52



**Name** : **Anupam Makur**

**Address** : Goranbose

**Mobile No** : 8670152406

**Age** : 29

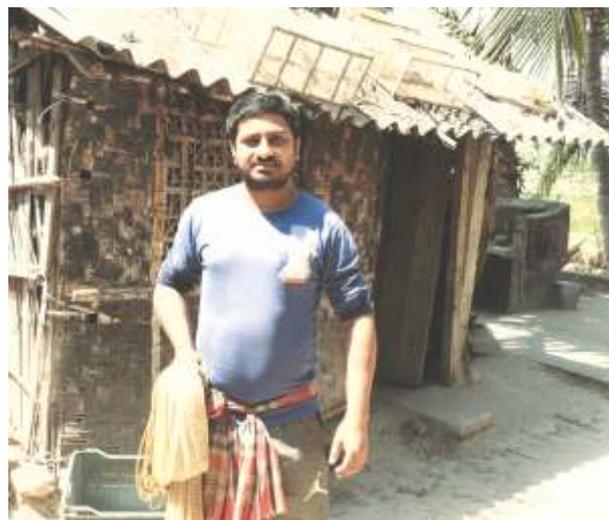
**Education** : Secondary

**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.19

**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
80	11,360/-	190	27,550/-	138	143

**Brief:** Mr. Anupam Makur, a resident of Goranbose, experienced a remarkable transformation in his small-scale fish farming venture, courtesy of ICAR-CIFRI's intervention through the SCSP project. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Makur's income stood at a modest Rs. 11,360. However, following the intervention, his income surged to an impressive Rs. 27,550. As a beneficiary, Mr. Makur extends heartfelt gratitude stating, "The invaluable support, which has not only enhanced my economic well-being but also empowered me as a youth to take it as an entrepreneurial adventure. I am thankful for the input and assistance."



## Story : 53



**Name** : **Ananta Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 9647258878  
**Age** : 44  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.23  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
85	11,900/-	185	26,825/-	118	125

**Brief:** Mr. Ananta Mondal, a resident of Goran Bose, witnessed a remarkable transformation in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Mandal's income stood at Rs. 11,900. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income soared to Rs. 26,825, representing a substantial percentage increment over the base year. Additionally, as a SCSP project beneficiary he expressed gratitude saying, "By incorporating the inputs provided by ICAR-CIFRI, it is bringing immense benefits. Due to the provision of better inputs, my harvest has become better, providing me a decent profit. I am thankful for the knowledge of modern fish farming techniques. By this, we can make our fish farming more sustainable."



## Story : 54



**Name** : Dilip Naskar  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 9933721410  
**Age** : 52  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	5,600/-	90	13,050/-	125	133

**Brief:** Mr. Dilip Naskar, a resident of Goran Bose, experienced a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Naskar's income was Rs. 5,600. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to Rs. 13,050. As a SCSP beneficiary, Mr. Naskar stated, "The assistance provided by ICAR-CIFRI has been transformative. I can see better production and income with continued utilization of the inputs and knowledge they've given. I believe we can achieve even greater success in the years to come. I anticipate future assistance."



## Story : 55



**Name** : **Robin Hembram**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7319358270  
**Age** : 29  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.29  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
145	20,010/-	270	39,960/-	86	100

**Brief:** Mr. Robin Hembram, lives in Goran Bose, experienced a remarkable upliftment in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Hembram's income stood at a respectable Rs. 20,010. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income increased to an impressive Rs. 39,960. As a SCSP project beneficiary Mr. Hembram remarked, "I along with my 5 family members consume 40-50% of total fishes in daily basis. Other fishes were caught annually and sold. Which gives me a decent income annually. I can provide for household expenses. The guidance and support from ICAR-CIFRI have been crucial in my journey towards economic stability."



**Story : 56**



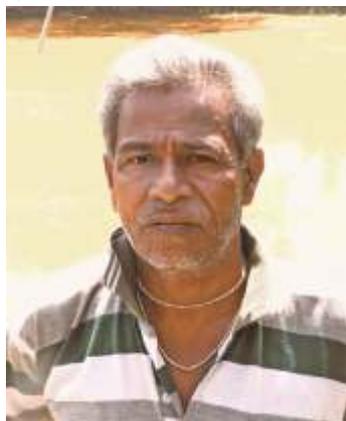
**Name** : **Gopal Sardar**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8101006484  
**Age** : 28  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.19  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
110	14,850/-	195	27,690/-	77	86

**Brief:** Mr. Gopal Sardar, a resident of Goran Bose, witnessed a significant enhancement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income stood at Rs. 14,850. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to Rs. 27,690, reflecting a notable percentage increment over the base year. As a SPSC beneficiary Mr. Sardar expressed gratitude saying, "The support extended by ICAR-CIFRI has truly transformed my fish production and income. With the knowledge and support provided, I can get a healthy harvest. I am truly grateful for the inputs and assistance and optimistic about the future."



## Story : 57



**Name** : Tapas Mridha  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8967341055  
**Age** : 56  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
80	10,720/-	175	25,375/-	119	137

**Brief:** Mr. Tapas Mridha, residing in Goran Bose, experienced a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming, thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Mridha's income amounted to Rs. 10,720. However, post-CIFRI intervention, his income surged to Rs. 25,375, showcasing a remarkable percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP project beneficiary, he stated "I am thankful for the transformative impact of capacity building and technological support provided by ICAR- CIFRI. It has empowered us to continue this endeavor. As we are dependent on fish for our primary occupation, this provision of providing inputs and assistance is a blessing to us."



**Story : 58**



**Name** : Subol Mridha  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7063536260  
**Age** : 53  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.26  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	16,680/-	265	39,220/-	121	135

**Brief:** Mr. Subol Mridha, a resident of Goran Bose, witnessed a substantial improvement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Mridha's income stood at Rs. 16,680. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to an impressive Rs. 39,220. As a SCSP beneficiary Mr. Mridha expressed gratitude stating "The support provided by ICAR-CIFRI has been instrumental in transforming our livelihoods. With enhanced productivity and improved techniques, we are better positioned to thrive in our small-scale fish farming endeavors. The fish seed has a good growth rate and low FCR values which provide me a large amount of selling value as well as for self-consumption."



## Story : 59



**Name** : **Bishu Hembram**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 6295320683  
**Age** : 34  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	5,200/-	175	25,375/-	338	388

**Brief:** Mr. Bishu Hembram, a resident of Goran Bose, experienced a remarkable transformation in his small-scale fish farming venture following the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI through the SCSP project. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Hembram's income amounted to a modest Rs. 5,200. However, post-CIFRI intervention, his income surged significantly to Rs. 25,375. With appreciation Mr. Hembram stated "The assistance provided by ICAR-CIFRI has been transformative, helping me to achieve unprecedented growth in my small-scale fish farming. We have healthier harvest more than ever, it has better value at the market. As well as we consume at home for proper nutrition. I am thankful for the help given."



**Story : 60**



**Name** : **Kenaram Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8158056982  
**Age** : 40  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.264  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
165	22,275/-	270	39,150/-	64	76

**Brief:** Mr. Kenaram Mondal, a resident of Goran Bose, witnessed a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income stood at an impressive Rs. 22,275. However, following the implementation of ICAR-CIFRI's interventions, his income surged to Rs. 39,150. As a SCSP beneficiary, he stated "The guidance and resources offered by ICAR-CIFRI have empowered us to achieve remarkable progress in our small-scale fish farming. Before we had certain obstacles in farming due to the unaffordability of farming inputs, but we are glad to have accessibility through this intervention. I look forward to future assistance."



## Story : 61



**Name** : Ganesh Gayen  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8609022447  
**Age** : 39  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.11  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
50	7,000/-	145	20,300/-	190	190

**Brief:** Mr. Ganesh Gayen, from Goran Bose, saw significant improvements in his small-scale fish farming thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's help, Gayen earned Rs. 7,000, but post-intervention, his income rose to Rs. 20,300 from small-scale aquaculture. As a SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Gayen expressed gratitude, saying "I can't express my gratitude enough for the essential inputs like fish seeds, feed, and technical know-how provided by CIFRI. It enhanced economic prosperity for my family and other fishers like us."



## Story : 62



**Name** : **Sadhan Bera**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 7478748821  
**Age** : 35  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.46  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
315	42,525/-	410	57,400/-	30	35

**Brief:** Mr. Sadhan Bera, resident of Goranbose, experienced a remarkable transformation in his small-scale fish farming venture, thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, their income was Rs. 42,525. However, their income surged significantly post-intervention to Rs. 57,400, showcasing a substantial percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP project beneficiary, he stated “The pivotal role of ICAR-CIFRI's support in improving our livelihood has changed our life as a small-scale fisher. I can't thank CIFRI enough for their input and assistance, it has made me financially stable. I look forward for future assistance”



## Story : 63



**Name** : **Arup Mondal**  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 6294744545  
**Age** : 28  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
78	10,920/-	180	26,280/-	131	141

**Brief:** Mr. Arup Mondal, a resident of Goranbose, witnessed a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Mondal's income stood at Rs. 10,920. However, his income surged to Rs. 26,280 post-interventions, showcasing a notable percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP beneficiary, he stated "I am thankful for the transformative impact of ICAR-CIFRI's support on our livelihood. This intervention of providing quality inputs has brought about a positive change in my small-scale fish farming activities. I have seen better quality harvest which gives me a decent profit annually"



## Story : 64



**Name** : Sukumar Mondal  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 9800238632  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
110	15,400/-	225	33,750/-	105	119

**Brief:** Mr. Sukumar Mondal, a resident of Goranbose, experienced a significant income boost following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 15,400 to Rs. 33,750. As a SCSP project beneficiary, he remarked, "Our small-scale fish farming have many challenges like macrophyte infestation and quality seed but ICAR-CIFRI's strategic interventions, quality inputs like fish seed, feed, lime and expert guidance have made a substantial difference. I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI, and looking forward for more support and guidance."



## Story : 65



**Name** : Narayan Jana  
**Address** : Goranbose  
**Mobile No** : 8016933845  
**Age** : 36  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.26  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
143	19,448/-	185	25,900/-	29	33

**Brief:** Mr. Narayan Jana, a resident of Goranbose, experienced a significant income boost following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 19,448 to Rs. 25,900. As a SCSP project beneficiary, he remarked, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their knowledge dissemination on scientific fish farming and provision of quality fish seed, which was a major constraint before CIFRI's intervention. As a result, my production and income has started increasing, and I look forward to their continued support."



## Story : 66



**Name** : **Gopal Koyal**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 7699906184  
**Age** : 59  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.09  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	4,000/-	80	11,200/-	100	180

**Brief:** Mr. Gopal Koyal, a resident of Gourdaspara, experienced a significant production income boost following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 11,200. As a SCSP project beneficiary Koyal expressed his gratitude by stating, " Before CIFRI's intervention, I faced challenges in accessing quality fish seed, lime, and feed. Their support has not only improved my income but also empowered me to adopt more sustainable farming practices. I am grateful for the assistance and I look forward to a long-standing partnership with ICAR-CIFRI."



## Story : 67



**Name** : **Gobinda Koyal**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9093236090  
**Age** : 58  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	350	42,000/-	250	250

**Brief:** Mr. Gopal Koyal, a resident of Gourdaspara, experienced a significant increase in income following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His earnings surged from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 11,200. As a SCSP project beneficiary Mr. Koyal expressed his gratitude by stating, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their capacity-building program on scientific fish farming and the provision of quality fish seed, lime, and feed, which were not available before CIFRI's intervention. As a result, my income increased, and I look forward to continued support from ICAR-CIFRI."



## Story : 68



**Name** : Arabinda Mistry  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9093253679  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.4  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	18,000/-	300	45,000/-	100	150

**Brief:** Mr. Arabinda Mistry, residing in Gourdaspara, experienced a substantial improvement in his income from small-scale fisheries due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. His income surged from Rs. 18,000 before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement to Rs. 45,000 afterwards. As a beneficiary of SCSP beneficiary, Mr. Mistry expressed his gratitude, stating, "I would like to thank CIFRI for their intervention which significantly increased our income. The support provided is immensely benefiting us. It has enhanced our livelihood and contributed to our economic well-being. I would appreciate their further assistance with the small-scale fishers like us in near future."



## Story : 69



**Name** : **Atanu Koyal**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9064639835  
**Age** : 43  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
90	10,800/-	120	21,600/-	33.33	100

**Brief:** Mr. Atanu Koyal, lives in Gourdaspara, experienced a notable improvement in his small-scale fish farming enterprise, Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income amounted to Rs. 10,800. However, post-intervention, his income doubled to Rs. 21,600, showcasing a significant percentage increment over the base year. As SCSP project beneficiary he expressed, “The transformative impact of ICAR-CIFRI's support on our livelihood is commendable. Me and my family cannot thank ICAR-CIFRI's intervention enough for the assistance and input for better fish culturing. It has significantly enhanced my income from small-scale fish farming.”



## Story : 70



**Name** : **Raju Naskar**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9093040486  
**Age** : 45  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Brother

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	14,400/-	160	20,800/-	33.33	44.44

**Brief:** Mr. Raju Naskar, a resident of Gourdaspara, saw a significant increase in income from small-scale fisheries due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income was Rs. 14,400, but it rose to Rs. 20,800 following their support. Expressing his gratitude, he credited ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project and he stated, "The provision of fish seeds, feed, and technical intervention, have resulted in a substantial increase in fish production. The critical role played by ICAR-CIFRI in improving our livelihood by doubling our income have secured our family's well-being. We are grateful for the support and assistance"



## Story : 71



**Name** : **Subhasish Halder**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9800659625  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	10,000/-	150	19,500/-	50	95

**Brief:** Mr. Subhasish Halder, lives in Gourdaspara, experienced a notable improvement in his small-scale fish farming. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income amounted to Rs. 10,000. However, post-intervention, his income doubled to Rs. 19,500, showcasing a significant percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP beneficiary, Subhasish expressed his gratitude by stating "I am deeply thankful for ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, which has significantly enhanced my income from small-scale fish farming through quality inputs and capacity building program on scientific fish farming. This has made me and others financially stronger and we are thankful."



## Story : 72



**Name** : Sanjay Sardar  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 5126103394  
**Age** : 42  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.4  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
200	26,000/-	250	45,000/-	25	73.08

**Brief:** Mr. Sanjay Sardar, a resident of Gourdaspara, experienced a substantial improvement in his small-scale fish farming venture, thanks to the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income stood at Rs. 26,000. However, post-intervention, his income surged impressively to Rs. 45,000, representing a significant percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP beneficiary, he expressed gratitude, "This intervention has supported us in enhancing his livelihood. I am immensely grateful for your input and assistance, which has truly revolutionized my small-scale fish farming activities, it has made me financially stronger than ever, and looking forward to your continued support."



## Story : 73



**Name** : **Sushmita Mondal**  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 8001409208  
**Age** : 28  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.06  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
30	4,500/-	145	21,750/-	383.00	383.00

**Brief:** Mrs. Sushmita Mondal, residing in Pochapara, witnessed a notable increase in her fish production after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her production income was only Rs. 4,500, which rose to approximately Rs. 21,700 after their intervention. As a beneficiary of SCSP project, she shared her appreciation, "Before, we used to culture fish for self-consumption. After the ICAR-CIFRI intervention, we started we sell an amount of harvest at the market and we are now receiving decent capital per year. Additionally, we are consuming more fish due to the increased production. We are very much grateful for the assistance"



## Story : 74



**Name** : **Mithu Mondal**  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 7407316368  
**Age** : 35  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.17  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
40	4,000/-	100	16,000/-	150	300

**Brief:** Mrs. Mithu Mondal, residing in Pochapara, experienced a remarkable improvement in her fish production after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her production stood at 40 kg, yielding an income of Rs. 4,000. However, after CIFRI's guidance, her production increased to 100 kg, resulting in an income of Rs. 16,000. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, she expressed, "After CIFRI's intervention, my husband and I made much profit by selling fish. Moreover, the increased fish production helps sustain our daily livelihood. We're grateful for the opportunity to provide for our family in this way. We anticipate the further assistance."



## Story : 75



**Name** : **Khudiram Mondal**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9093832082  
**Age** : 45  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.24  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	10,000/-	200	24,000/-	100	140

**Brief:** Mr. Khudiram Mondal, a resident of Gourdaspara, witnessed a remarkable enhancement in his small-scale fish farming aquaculture thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. After ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income experienced a notable upswing, climbing from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 24,000 which reflects a notable percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Mondal remarked. "The support provided by ICAR-CIFRI has been invaluable, propelling my small-scale fish farming endeavors to new heights. The inputs provided gave me a good harvest every time. I can sell fish as well as consume it at home. I hope this assistance will be continued in future"



## Story : 76



**Name** : **Shakti Sardar**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 8973016186  
**Age** : 48  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	150	22,500/-	50	87.5

**Brief:** Mr. Shakti Sardar, a resident of Gourdaspara, experienced a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming venture due to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, Sardar's income amounted to Rs. 12,000. However, post-intervention, his income surged impressively to Rs. 22,500, marking a notable percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP project beneficiary Mr. Sardar remarked, "When I first started my fish farming, things were tough. But with CIFRI's help, things turned around. They provided lime, feed and fish fingerlings to stock my pond. As the fish grew, so did my profits. Now, my family depends on our fish farm for income and food. CIFRI's support has made a big difference in our lives."



## Story : 77



**Name** : Gorachand Sardar  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 8597059630  
**Age** : 65  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	150	19,500/-	50	62.50

**Brief:** Mr. Gorachand Sardar, a resident of Gourdaspara, witnessed a remarkable enhancement in his small-scale fish farming through ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. After ICAR-CIFRI's assistance, his income experienced a notable upswing, climbing from Rs 12,000 to Rs 19,500 which reflects a notable percentage increment over the base year. As a SCSP project beneficiary, Mr. Sardar remarked, "Fish farming is our only source of income. We're grateful for the help we've received so far. But we need more assistance in the future. This will help us keep our fish farm running smoothly. With more support, we can improve our farm and earn more money. Our family depends on this income, so it's important to us. We hope for continued help to make our fish farm even better."



## Story : 78



**Name** : **Abhijit Baidya**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9733922026  
**Age** : 43  
**Education** : Graduation  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.24  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	30,000/-	400	56,000/-	60	86.67

**Brief:** Mr. Abhijit Baidya residing in Gourdaspara, witnessed a significant enhancement in his small-scale fish farming due to the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Before assistance, his income was approximately Rs. 30,000. However, post-intervention, his income soared impressively to Rs. 45,000. He expressed his gratitude “ICAR-CIFRI's assistance has boosted my fish production and opened up better economic opportunities with their provision of essential inputs. They have empowered me to adopt modern techniques and practices in small-scale fish farming. This helped me to invest in my family's future.”



## Story : 79



**Name** : Jagdish Chandra Sardar  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9609129102  
**Age** : 51  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	22,500/-	250	45,000/-	66.67	100

**Brief:** Mr. Jagdish Chandra Sardar, residing in Gourdaspara, witnessed a significant enhancement in his small-scale fish farming due to the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Before assistance, his income amounted to Rs. 22,500. However, post-intervention, his income soared impressively to Rs. 45,000, marking a notable percentage increment over the base year. Expressing his gratitude, he emphasized the transformative influence of ICAR-CIFRI's assistance on his livelihood. He mentioned "I have observed a commendable increase in production, the support provided by ICAR-CIFRI has been invaluable, propelling my small-scale fish farming endeavors to profitable ones. I anticipate further assistance for our better future."



## Story : 80



**Name** : **Shikha Sardar**  
**Address** : Pochapara  
**Mobile No** : 8159056055  
**Age** : 36  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.17  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	10,000/-	250	37,500/-	150	275

**Brief:** Mrs. Shikha Sardar, a resident of Pochapara, experienced a significant improvement in her income after CIFRI's intervention. Before CIFRI's support, her income was 10,000 rupees. However, with the guidance and assistance provided by CIFRI, her income increased to 37,500 rupees. Reflecting on this transformation, as a beneficiary of the SCSP project, Shikha expressed, "The intervention by CIFRI has been a turning point for me. Before their support, my income was limited, but now, thanks to CIFRI, I am earning a more sustainable income. This increase has provided me with greater financial stability and opportunities to meet the needs of my family. I am truly grateful to CIFRI for their invaluable assistance."



## Story : 81



**Name** : Anukul Laskar  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : NA  
**Age** : 55  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.24  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	10,000/-	200	26,000/-	100	160

**Brief:** Mr. Anukul Laskar, a resident of Gourdaspara, witnessed a significant improvement in his small-scale fish farming venture, thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR- CIFRI's assistance, Mr. Laskar's income stood at Rs. 10,000. However, his income surged to Rs. 26,000 post-intervention. He appreciates the assistance and stated that “CIFRI's help is making a lot of families like ours happy. We're grateful for their support. And we're planning to continue fish culture in the future too. CIFRI's intervention has given us hope for a better life. We'll always be thankful for their assistance. We're excited about the possibilities ahead with fish farming.”



## Story : 82



**Name** : Sukhdev Sardar  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9734034502  
**Age** : 38  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	18,000/-	250	37,500/-	66.67	108.33

**Brief:** Mr. Sukhdev Sardar, residing in Gourdaspara, witnessed a remarkable enhancement in his income courtesy of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Previously earning Rs. 18,000/-, his income soared to Rs. 37,500/- following their intervention. Expressing heartfelt appreciation, Sukhdev remarked, "I am deeply thankful to ICAR-CIFRI for their support. CIFRI's assistance not only elevated my financial status but also imparted invaluable knowledge on responsible fish farming. This transformation has not only augmented my earnings but also enriched my overall quality of life."



## Story : 83



**Name** : **Nalini Mondal**  
**Address** : Gourdaspara  
**Mobile No** : 9083852456  
**Age** : 55  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.33  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	15,000/-	300	39,000/-	100	160

**Brief:** Mr. Nalini Mondal, residing in Gourdaspara, experienced a substantial uplift in his livelihood with the aid of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Previously earning Rs. 15,000/- as a small-scale fisher, his income surged to Rs. 39,000/- post-intervention. Expressing profound gratitude, Mr. Nalini remarked, "Engaging in fish farming not only sustains my family but also serves as a reliable source of income. The proceeds from fish sales enable me to afford my children's school fees and other essential expenses. I am immensely thankful to ICAR-CIFRI for their support, which has truly transformed our lives for the better."



## Story : 84



**Name** : Arabinda Halder  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9903249471  
**Age** : 43  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.12  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	19,500/-	200	29,000/-	33	48.72

**Brief:** Mr. Arabinda Halder, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a remarkable improvement in his livelihood through the intervention of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Previously earning Rs. 19,500/- as a small-scale fisher, his income doubled to Rs. 39,000/- post-intervention. Expressing heartfelt gratitude, Arabinda shared, "Engaging in fish farming has not only provided sustenance for my family but has also significantly contributed to our income. Thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's support, our fish farming endeavours have expanded, leading to greater financial security. Additionally, their input has enhanced my skills in fish culture. We now confidently approach the future, anticipating further growth."



## Story : 85



**Name** : **Shyamal Sardar**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 6297957187  
**Age** : 35  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.17  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	14,400/-	250	35,000/-	108	143.06

**Brief:** Mr. Shyamal Sardar, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a significant boost in his income from small-scale fish farming following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, income was Rs. 14,400, which doubled to Rs. 35,000 afterwards. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed profound gratitude, attributing the success to ICAR-CIFRI. Mr. Sardar states, "My income from fish farming has doubled, all credits to ICAR-CIFRI for their quality inputs and guidance. We eagerly anticipate their continued support, which will undoubtedly further enhance our farming practices and contribute to our community's prosperity."



## Story : 86



**Name** : **Shyamal Halder**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 7362910745  
**Age** : 48  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.5  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	30,000/-	300	42,000/-	20	40

**Brief:** Mr. Shyamal Halder, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a notable increase in his income from small-scale fish farming, rising from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 42,000 after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed gratitude BY stating, stating, "I am grateful to ICAR-CIFRI for providing quality feed and seed, which were major necessities that were previously unavailable to us. Additionally, their dissemination of knowledge has enabled us to adopt scientific fish farming practices."



## Story : 87



**Name** : **Sudip Halder**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 7797927638  
**Age** : 27  
**Education** : Higher Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	200	26,000/-	100	116.6

**Brief:** Mr. Sudip Halder, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a substantial increase in his income from small-scale fish farming, rising from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 26,000 following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed gratitude and emphasized the importance of ongoing support: "Fish farming is our sole source of income. We are immensely grateful for the assistance we have received from ICAR-CIFRI through their quality inputs, which have enabled us to adopt scientific fish farming practices. However, we anticipate further assistance in the future to ensure our fish farm operates smoothly. "



## Story : 88



**Name** : **Kamal Haldar**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8609931449  
**Age** : 43  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Spouse

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
80	9,600/-	100	14,000/-	25	45.83

**Brief:** Mr. Kamal Haldar, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed his income from small-scale fish farming leap from Rs. 9,600 to Rs. 14,000 after the intervention by CIFRI. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he conveyed his appreciation, stating, "I am very grateful to ICAR-CIFRI for providing quality inputs such as fish feed, seed, and lime, and for disseminating scientific fish farming knowledge, which resulted in increased production and income and looking forward for their continued support."



## Story : 89



**Name** : Akash Mondal  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8513012931  
**Age** : 26  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.13  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
50	6,000/-	80	11,200/-	60	86.67

**Brief:** Mr. Akash Mondal, who lives in Masjidbati, experienced a substantial increase in his income from small-scale fish farming, rising from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 11,200, thanks to ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he states, "ICAR-CIFRI's unwavering dedication to our community has been life-changing. Their support and mentorship have not only lifted us out of financial uncertainty but also equipped us with the knowledge and skills for sustainable fish farming. Despite encountering challenges such as water quality and disease issues, I am optimistic that with the support of ICAR-CIFRI, our income from fish farming will increase further."



## Story : 90



**Name** : Haripada Sardar  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9907076648  
**Age** : 60  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	18,000/-	200	28,000/-	33.3	55.56

**Brief:** Mr. Haripada Sardar, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a near doubling of his income from small-scale fish farming, increasing from Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 28,000 following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Expressing his gratitude, Mr. Sardar states, "I would like to thank ICAR-CIFRI for their support and guidance in our fish farming. Their dissemination of knowledge and capacity-building programs, along with the provision of quality inputs, have enabled us to adopt scientific fish farming methods. This has not only enhanced our income but also improved our nutrition."



## Story : 91



**Name** : **Kartik Halder**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8609456047  
**Age** : 62  
**Education** : Primary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.12  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	150	21,000/-	50	75

**Brief:** Mr. Kartik Halder, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a significant increase in his income from small-scale fish farming, rising from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 21,000 after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, expressed appreciation, stating, "I am grateful to ICAR-CIFRI for their unwavering commitment to our well-being. They have empowered us with knowledge and resources in fish farming, which have increased our income. Before, we used to culture for our consumption, but after the intervention, we are now earning some income."



## Story : 92



**Name** : **Shyamapada Sardar**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 7029690670  
**Age** : 60  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.5  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
150	18,000/-	300	42,000/-	100	133

**Brief:** Mr. Shyamapada Sardar, residing in Masjidbati, saw his income from small-scale fish farming rise from Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 42,000 following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed his gratitude, stating, "I am thankful to ICAR-CIFRI for their knowledge and resources in our fish farming. With their assistance, my income has increased, allowing me to provide more fish to feed my family compared to before. Thanks to my bountiful harvest, I can sell at the market and make a substantial profit."



## Story : 93



**Name** : **Palan Naskar**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9593430194  
**Age** : 40  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.5  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
200	24,000/-	350	49,000/-	75	104

**Brief:** Mr. Palan Naskar, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a significant improvement in his income from small-scale fish farming following ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's involvement, his income was Rs. 24,000, which doubled to Rs. 49,000 afterward. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed his gratitude, attributing the success to ICAR-CIFRI. Mr. Naskar remarked, "My income from fish farming has doubled, all credits to ICAR-CIFRI for their quality inputs and guidance. We are eagerly anticipating their continued support, which will undoubtedly further enhance our fish farming practices."



## Story : 94



**Name** : Basudev Haldar  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8001259454  
**Age** : 64  
**Education** : Secondary  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.25  
**Ownership** : Father

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
300	60,000/-	450	1,00,000/-	50	66.67

**Brief:** Mr. Basudev Haldar, a fish farmer from Masjidbati, initially earned Rs. 60,000 from his aquaculture business. With the support from ICAR-CIFRI, his income has increased significantly to Rs. 100,000. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he stated, “I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to CIFRI for their invaluable assistance. I'm grateful for the high-quality fish feed, seed, and lime they've provided. These resources have helped me achieve a healthy and disease-free fish harvest. With ICAR-CIFRI's continued support, I'm hopeful for the future of my primary occupation, fish farming.”



**Story : 95**



**Name** : **Biswajit Mondal**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9091343137  
**Age** : 50  
**Education** : Illiterate  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.09  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
120	14,400/-	200	28,000/-	66.67	94.44

**Brief:** Mr. Biswajit Mondal, residing in Masjidbati, initially generated an income of Rs. 14,400 from his backyard fish farming. After ICAR-CIFRI's intervention, his income significantly increased to Rs. 28,000. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he shared his appreciation stating "I am Biswajit Mondal, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to CIFRI for their invaluable assistance. Before their involvement, the profits from my fish farming were modest. Now, with ICAR-CIFRI's support, my earnings have substantially increased. My spouse and I believe that further training in fish culture would greatly benefit us. We are deeply grateful for ICAR-CIFRI's support and the positive impact it has had on our lives."



## Story : 96



**Name** : Uttam Mondal  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9732550083  
**Age** : 47  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.08  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
80	9,600/-	120	16,800/-	50	75

**Brief:** Mr. Uttam Mondal, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a remarkable transformation in his fish farming production, with his income increasing from Rs. 9,600 to Rs. 16,800. As a beneficiary of the SCSP project, he expressed his gratitude, stating, "With the support of Kultali Society and ICAR-CIFRI, my income nearly doubled from fish farming. The provision of fish feed, seed, lime, and guidance played a crucial role in achieving this significant improvement. I am deeply thankful for the invaluable assistance provided by ICAR-CIFRI."



## Story : 97



**Name** : Bidyut Kumar Mondal  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9564365245  
**Age** : 56  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.16  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
70	8,400/-	100	14,000/-	42.86	66.67

**Brief:** Mr. Bidyut Kumar Mondal, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a significant increase in his income after CIFRI's intervention. Prior to CIFRI's support, his income was Rs. 8,400, but after their assistance, it rose to Rs. 14,000. As a SCSP project beneficiary he expressed his gratitude, stating, "I used to culture fish for self-consumption, but the production was very low. With the support of CIFRI, through good quality fish seed and feed, production increased. Now, we are consuming more fish compared to before. Also sell an amount at the market regularly. Thanks to ICAR-CFRI for their invaluable support."



## Story : 98



**Name** : Sukumar Naskar  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 9735774628  
**Age** : 65  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.25  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
250	30,000/-	350	49,000/-	40	63.33

**Brief:** Mr. Sukumar Naskar, residing in Masjidbati, witnessed a remarkable increase in his income from fish farming after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before ICAR-CIFRI's support, his income was Rs. 30,000, which soared to Rs. 49,000 after their intervention. As a SCSP project beneficiary Mr. Naskar shared his experience, stating, "As I encountered problems like fish disease, water quality issues, and a lack of proper technical knowledge, my income from fish farming was less. However, after ICAR- CIFRI's intervention, their support helped to overcome these problems and enhanced my income. Now, I am using this additional income for health and managing household expenditures."



## Story : 99



**Name** : **Anadi Gayan**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8515966077  
**Age** : 29  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.09  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
100	12,000/-	150	19,000/-	40	63.3

**Brief:** Mr. Anadi Gayan, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a significant improvement in his income after ICAR-CIFRI's intervention. Before the intervention, his income was Rs. 12,000. However, with the guidance and assistance provided by CIFRI, his income increased to Rs. 19,000. As a SCSP Project beneficiary reflecting on this transformation, Anadi expressed, "The intervention by CIFRI has been a turning point for me. Before their support, my income was limited, but now, thanks to CIFRI, I am earning a more sustainable income. This increase has provided me with greater financial stability and opportunities to meet my family's needs. I am truly grateful to for their invaluable assistance."



## Story : 100



**Name** : **Dipu Mondal**  
**Address** : Masjidbati  
**Mobile No** : 8017206815  
**Age** : 37  
**Education** : Middle  
**Size of land holding (in acre)** : 0.25  
**Ownership** : Self

Before CIFRI's Intervention		After CIFRI's Intervention		Percentage Increment over the base year	
Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production (kg)	Income (Rs)	Production	Income
200	24,000/-	350	45,500/-	75	89.5

**Brief:** Mr. Dipu Mondal, residing in Masjidbati, experienced a remarkable transformation in his income with the support of ICAR-CIFRI's SCSP project. Before their intervention, he earned Rs. 24,000. Post-intervention, his income surged to Rs. 45,500, marking a doubling of profits. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude, Mr. Mondal shared, "ICAR-CIFRI's assistance has been a blessing to us. With their input and guidance, our farm's productivity has increased, leading to a significant increase in income. We are no longer just farmers; we are entrepreneurs, empowered to create sustainable livelihoods for ourselves and our community."



## Conclusion

In the rich agricultural landscape of India exemplifies the blend of age-old wisdom and contemporary innovation. The stories in “Success Stories of Fishing Communities of Sundarbans” capture the transformative journeys of individuals and communities who have tapped into the potential of these aquatic systems. These efforts have provided food, spurred businesses, and revitalized local economies. Historically, small-scale inland fisheries have been integral to India's culture and sustenance. Over time, with significant contributions from ICAR-CIFRI, these water bodies have evolved into vital economic assets. This collection showcases how ICAR-CIFRI's research, collaboration, and practical insights have revolutionized pond fisheries. ICAR-CIFRI's dedication to understanding pond ecosystems, genetics, breeding, disease management, and sustainable practices has illuminated the path for fish farmers and entrepreneurs nationwide. These narratives demonstrate that scientific advancements, paired with practical application, can lead to profound changes. The success stories reveal that thriving pond fisheries stem from collaboration, partnerships, and community involvement. ICAR-CIFRI's work transcends academia, acting as a catalyst for economic upliftment, enhanced food security, and sustainable livelihoods. We hope these stories will inspire and highlight the untapped potential within local resources. As India advances toward sustainable development, these experiences offer a roadmap where economic growth aligns with ecological stewardship and community well-being. May the achievements of these visionary individuals inspire new waves of success in small-scale aquaculture, contributing to the holistic prosperity of our nation. Small-scale inland fisheries, deeply embedded in India's cultural and



nutritional fabric, have evolved from simple fish sources to sophisticated ecosystems, driving economic growth and empowering communities. The transformation reflects the vision of those who recognize the potential of these resources to yield both fish and prosperity. This narrative resonates with the communities reliant on these fisheries and the broader sustainable development goal. We further uncover the delicate balance of ecosystem health, water quality management, and biodiversity conservation. The resilience and spirit of fishers and entrepreneurs adopting modern techniques, from breeding practices to biosecurity measures, ensure the sustainability and success of their endeavors.

As we celebrate these successes, it is important to remember that the journey of enhancing small-scale inland fisheries is ongoing. The lessons learned from the Sundarbans are not just regional triumphs but serve as a testament to what can be achieved nationwide. By fostering innovation, nurturing community partnerships, and prioritizing sustainable practices, we can ensure that these fisheries survive and thrive for generations to come. Let these stories be a beacon of hope and a call to action, reminding us that with dedication, collaboration, and a shared vision, we can unlock the full potential of our natural resources. Together, we can build a future where every water body is a source of life, livelihood, and lasting prosperity.



## ICAR-CIFRI's Intervention on Sunderban Fish Farmers



**Kolkata, (KCN):** A team from ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute recently conducted a visit to the Basantiblock at Sunderban, South 24 Pargana, West Bengal to assess the impact of the support provided to 3500 fishers over the past three years. During the visit, the team surveyed 242 households and held focus group discussions to understand the beneficiaries' perspectives and experiences. The beneficiaries expressed a high level of

satisfaction with the assistance received from ICAR-CIFRI, which was facilitated by the Kultali Milantirtho Society. They were particularly grateful for the provision of fish seed, lime, and fish feed. These enabled them to increase their fish consumption to four to five days a week and to sell fish once or twice a year. A few concerns got raised during the focus group discussions including poor water quality and water shortages in ponds during summer. There were

some fish disease related issues in certain parts of Uttar Sonakhali and Amjhara. Beneficiaries requested for medium-sized fish feed pellets and pond renovation including dyke strengthening, and seepage loss. Despite these challenges, the beneficiaries reported significant improvements in fish production and a sustainable livelihood with fish culture. They expressed a strong desire to expand their involvement in fish farming, taking it as a viable primary source of income.

## Empowering Sundarban: ICAR-CIFRI's Journey Towards Sustainable Livelihoods



**KOLKATA,(KCN):**In the heart of the Sundarban, home to over 5 million residents, a story of resilience and transformation is unfolding, spearheaded by the tireless efforts of ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI).

For decades, the people of Sundarban relied solely on fish farming and cultivation to make ends meet. With limited alternatives, more than 70% of the population turned to the waters, where both men and women worked tirelessly to catch fish for survival. However, this way of life came with its challenges, particularly for women who spent long hours in the saltwater, risking their health and well-being.

Recognizing the urgency for change, Dr. Basant Kumar Das and his dedicated team at ICAR-

CIFRI embarked on a mission to uplift the lives of Sundarban's fishermen. Through a strategic collaboration with the Kultali Milon Tirtha Society, CIFRI began providing crucial support to the fishermen of Basanti Block.

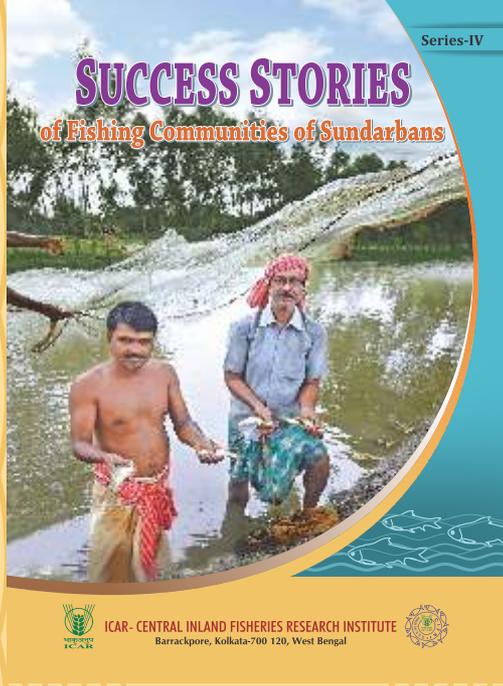
By distributing high-quality fish seeds and feeds, CIFRI aimed to enhance fish production and turn fish farming into a sustainable business model. The impact was immediate and profound. With access to superior resources, the growth rate of fish tripled, leading to increased yields and higher incomes for the beneficiaries.

Despite challenges such as water pollution and fish disease, the residents of Basanti Block expressed their gratitude towards ICAR-CIFRI for empowering them to lead better lives. Women, in

particular, experienced a significant shift, no longer confined to the riverbanks but actively participating in the fish farming industry.

Through focused group discussions and data collection from Fulmalancha, Masjidbati, Kultali ICAR-CIFRI gained valuable insights into the constraints faced by the beneficiaries, further guiding their efforts towards sustainable development. Today, as the success story of Sundarban continues to unfold, ICAR-CIFRI stands as a beacon of hope, empowering communities and transforming livelihoods. With a commitment to sustainability and innovation, ICAR-CIFRI is not only improving economic well-being but also fostering a brighter future for generations to come.





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