

'Adopt fish farming to earn more'

By Staff Reporter

MIDPU, Jul 10: The fisheries department in collaboration with Tana Akin Tara Fish Farm here conducted a 'technology awareness camp on fishery' for farmers, SHG members and others to mark National Fish Farmer's Day today.

Around 100 farmers from various parts of Papum Pare district participated in the programme.



ing. "Since Arunachal is home to many different species of fish, the business would definitely flourish," he said, adding that the state government has discussed with the GoI regarding encouraging fish farmers of the state.

The minister also encouraged ornamental and trout fish farming to tap the huge market it commands.

"Proper education about fish farming would help the farmers to develop their

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From P.1... Later, he distributed prizes to the winners of an angling competition that had been conducted by the department on Tuesday at Tara's fish farm. Tacho also distributed fingerlings to the farmers.

Among others the event was attended by the fisheries director J Taba and fisheries secretary Dani Salu. Earlier, Tacho visited Jote where he released fingerlings in Poma river.

A role model

Tana Akin Tara is a role model in the fish farming sector for the youths of Arunachal Pradesh. Spread over an area of nearly 10 acres, his Tana Akin Tara Fish Farm has been doing a profitable business since it was started in 1988.

Interacting with this reporter, Tara said, "My mother used to do rice cultivation in the area, and then initially I started fish farming in one pond in 1988. I never looked back; now I have six fish ponds and six nurseries."

Along with fish farming, Akin has also started integrated farming like piggery and poultry.

Saying that he doesn't have any regrets about adopting this as a profession, he said that "compared to paddy cultivation, fish farming is better. I have benefited a lot. I would advise youths to start their own businesses instead of waiting for government jobs."

With an annual income of almost Rs 6 lakh, the fish farm is doing brisk business. Situated in a peaceful environment with picturesque views all around, the farm is a suitable place for angling lovers.

In fact, angling lovers from the Capital Complex enthusiastically participate in the angling competitions which are held thrice a week at the farm.