ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR-CICFR), Bhimtal and Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (AVFU), Raha Promote Mahseer Conservation Through Community Awareness Programme under the NER Activity 2026–27 at Lawphulabori, Assam

A day-long awareness programme on “Breeding, Culture and Conservation of Mahseer” was jointly organised by the Department of Aquatic Environment Management (AEM), Faculty of Fisheries Science (F.F.Sc.), Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (AVFU), Raha, and ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR-CICFR), Bhimtal, under the NER Activity 2026–27 of ICAR-CICFR, Bhimtal, on 29 October 2026 at Lawphulabori village under Dighaliati Gaon Panchayat, Assam. The programme was organised to sensitize fish farmers to the ecological importance of mahseer, its conservation needs, and the potential of sustainable breeding and culture practices. A total of 30 fish farmers, including 27 males and 3 females, participated in the programme.

The programme was conducted under the NER Activity 2026–27 of ICAR-CICFR, Bhimtal, under the leadership of Dr. Amit Pande, Director, ICAR-CICFR, Bhimtal, and the coordination of Mr S. K. Mallik, Nodal Officer, NER Activity. Dr Rajdeep Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of AEM, highlighted the ecological significance of mahseer and the need to conserve it. He also delivered a lecture on the mahseer species found in India, their breeding and culture practices, and ongoing conservation initiatives.

A documentary produced by ICAR-CICFR, Bhimtal, titled “Breeding, Culture and Conservation of Golden Mahseer”, was screened to further enhance awareness among the participants. The documentary offered insights into the breeding, culture and conservation of this important indigenous freshwater fish. Dr. Raktim Sarmah, Department of AEM, delivered a detailed presentation on key aspects of mahseer culture and practices that can support its sustainable farming. An interactive session provided an opportunity for participants to discuss issues and seek clarification on mahseer breeding, culture and conservation. Dr. Hemanta Pokhrel, Mr. Abdur Rahman and Mr. Tushar Partim Gogoi of F.F.Sc., AVFU, Raha, were also present and contributed to the interaction. The programme helped disseminate scientific knowledge on mahseer breeding, culture and conservation and highlighted the importance of sustainable aquaculture and community participation in conserving this valuable indigenous fish resource.

List of participants in the day-long awareness programme on " Breeding, Culture & Conservation of Mahseer" held at Lawphulabori village on 29th October, 2026

SI NO	NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	SEX
1	Rachita Konwar	Lowphulabori	39	F
2	Namita Dewri	Bamunijan	38	F
3	Dhrubajyoti Konwar	Lowphulabori	44	M
4	Dijen Medhi Konwar	Lowphulabori	61	M
5	Pradip Patar	Lowphulabori	50	M
6	Bitul Konwar	Lowphulabori	48	M
7	Sidhanta Bordoloi	Dighaliati	43	M
8	Prasanjit Konwar	Dighaliati	47	M
9	Swapan Hazarika	Komgaon	34	M
10	Kehunam Patar	Lowphulabori	60	M
11	Dipankar Konwar	Lowphulabori	45	M
12	Sanjoy Roy	Garmaj	30	M
13	Dhantuna Deka Doley	Barobujia	53	M
14	Babul Konwar	Lowphulabori	64	M
15	Biswajit Dekaraja	Lowphulabori	30	M
16	Anup Deka Lalung	Lowphulabori	45	M
17	Rajat Patar	Lowphulabori	62	M
18	Ambika Deka Doloi	Lowphulabori	45	M
19	Suntara Deka Doloi	Lowphulabori	35	F
20	Sarbeswar Deka Doloi	Lowphulabori	58	M
21	Chandiram Konwar	Lowphulabori	50	M
22	Prahlad Konwar	Lowphulabori	42	M
23	Anil Patar	Lowphulabori	48	M
24	Sunmoni Bordoloi	Lowphulabori	43	M
25	Bakul Konwar	Lowphulabori	38	M
26	Dibakar Bangthai	Lowphulabori	26	M
27	Rajen Patar	Lowphulabori	49	M
28	Tarun Konwar	Lowphulabori	51	M
29	Junti Deka Doloi	Lowphulabori	39	F
30	Nayanmoni Bangthai	Lowphulabori	39	M





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