

## **Introduction and Ranching of Penga Fish in Meghalaya**

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The Fisheries Division of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam, Barapani, Meghalaya organized a day-long awareness and ranching programme of Pengba (*Osteobrama belangeri*) an indigenous and endangered fish species of Northeast India in Umiam Lake,



Barapani on the auspicious occasion of teachers day today. The programme was organized with a motive to create awareness and promote culture of this herbivore indigenous fish under the agro climatic condition of the state of Meghalaya. The occasion was graced by the director of the institute Dr S. V Ngachan. The chief guest for the occasion was I. R. Sangma director of

fisheries, Meghalaya. Speaking on the occasion the Dr S. V Ngachan said the programme was launched on the auspicious occasion of teacher's day and urged the scientific community to teach the farmers with the latest technology for overall development of the fisheries sector. The fish is endemic to Manipur and is being newly introduced in the state of Meghalaya by the Fisheries division of ICAR under an institute project undertaken by Dr. S.K.Das, Principal Scientist & Head. The effort is not only to conserve this highly esteemed fish species through captive breeding & aquaculture but also to enhance the fish production of the region. Pengba fingerlings of 8-10 cm size produced by the institute were released into the Umiam lake in thousands number and also distributed seeds of pengba and genetically improved Amur common carp to a group of selected farmers of villages Pyllun Nongthymmai and Mynsiem.





Distribution and ranching of **Penga Fish**