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Every individual and family has right to an honourable livelihood. And, when it is achieved by deploying personal own skills with a little training support, it gives a sense of freedom allowing the family to live the life earning a few more necessities.

Livelihood Promotion has always been in the center of SPADE's outreach programs. We always strongly feel that to prepare the ground for livelihood intervention, forming institutions at the grass root level and making them self-reliant, dynamic and carefully cultivated member-specific Income Enhancement Plan is crucial. Designed by SPADE, this innovative step by step approach has ensured many poor households a stable livelihood with steadily increasing income and, eventually providing them with asset ownership, social participation with self esteem.

Pisciculture

West Bengal, in terms of fish consumption, is a key market in India, offering tremendous opportunity for sustainable livelihood to the people in need for it. Livelihood is more than income generation, as it should lead the people to get occupied meaningfully in order to live on their own with dignity. SPADE, taking the cue from Government of West Bengal's thrust on making the state self dependent on fish production, has got its acts together for imparting training in Composite Pisciculture. Composite Pisciculture is a scientific technology for maximising fish production from a pond or a tank through utilisation of available food organisms, supplemented by artificial feeding. Normally, the major species





selected for composite fish culture are Katla, Rohu, Mrigal, and exotic or common carps. SPADE, with its accent put on developing small entrepreneurs (farmers) who can easily take up pisciculture in ponds as a source of livelihood or to supplement the family income, has taken up result-oriented integrated approaches and impacted a growing community. The success thus achieved in creating sustainable livelihood is the testimony to the vast possibilities the rural Bengal is pregnant with. If the resources prevalent in the state can be constructively exploited and potentials explored for adopting scientific fish farming, it would be one of the big reforms that can change the rural employment scenario. However, the fisheries potential of these resources is still underutilized. SPADE is ready to do more with the state assistance or through CSR support. One available study underlines that the culture fishery shares only 36% of total fish production of the state and if augmented properly can be a game changer in socioeconomic development and livelihood security for millions of rural citizens. Fish production can be enhanced to the desired extent even in small seasonal homestead ponds through judicious use of locally available biological resources that will eventually lead to the growth of small-scale fish culture enterprise, thus an excellent opportunity for employment.

The market has not only had insatiable appetite for eadible fish varieties, but also offers fair scope for hitherto ignored ornamental fish culture which will throw open new avenues for employment generation.

SPADE has, among its core capabilities, the expertise to provide training for establishment of operation of freshwater fish seed hatchery as well as for advance level of training on hatchery operation and management.