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## World Fisheries Day celebration in Longtharai Valley

World Fisheries Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> November to encourage farmers at Manughat Community Hall in Longtharai Valley, Dhalai district as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised by Office of Superintendent of Fisheries, Longtharai Valley, TTAADC, Chailengta. The programme was inaugurated by the Executive Member of Fisheries, TTAADC Rajesh Tripura in presence of Chairman of Manu Block Advisory Committee Diba Chandra Hrangkhawl. Other dignitaries present in the programme were Chairman of Dhalai Zonal Development Committee, TTAADC Paritosh Debbarma, MDC Debojit Tripura, Chairman of Manu Sub-Zonal Development Committee, TTAADC Ratish Tripura.

EM Rajesh Tripura in the programme said, the TTAADC administration has already taken initiatives for the development of fisheries and scientific fish cultivation in order to assist rural farmers to find average income source and produce adequate good quality fish. EM also assured that beneficiaries shall be given training for sufficient production of naturally made and hygienic fermented fish as it is an essential ingredient of the indigenous people and can be converted into a source of income to support the family in long run. Other dignitaries spoke in the programme on stopping illegal fish farming like using electric net and poisoning water bodies. They also spoke on the need to preserve different fish species to prevent their extinction, specially in rural water bodies.

Principal Officer of Fisheries department, TTAADC, Khumwlwng Subas Singh Jamatia spoke about the importance of celebrating this day. Welcome speech was given by Superintendent of Fisheries, Longtharai Valley Subir Debbarma. Fishing nets were distributed to five successful fish farmers of Manu Sub Zone. Five bicycles with ice-boxes and one motor-cycle with ice-box were distributed to each beneficiary by the dignitaries under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Fish farmers from different areas participated in the programme in large numbers.

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