

## **Some words about the --- "Fish Farmers' Development Agency", Bankura**

Fish Farmers' Development Agency (F.F.D.A), Bankura was established in the year **1981** under the Chairmanship of hon,ble **Sri R. Bandyopadhyay I.A.S** the then District magistrate, Bankura. The Office started in a rented house at Pratap Bagan ,Bankura Town .The Organization started with a staff strength of Ten and **Sri P. Chatterjee** as the Ist C.E.O of F.F.D.A, Bankura. Since 1981, 22 Chief Executive Officers have served this organization. In the year 1996 (13<sup>th</sup>,February) the office was shifted to "Meen-Bhawan", Gopinathpur. At present the C.E.O of this organization is Sri Anirban Ghosh.

The present Address of the Office is "Meen-Bhawan", Gopinathpur At.+ P.O +Dt.:-Bankura , Land Phone No & Fax No.03242250693.

F.F.D.A, Bankura has multifarious activities, mainly there are three schemes:-

(i)**I.F.P** -Inland Fisheries Project.-It is a mid-term(5to7yrs.) loan project with Govt. subsidy and includes various schemes such as Re-excavation(1ft/2ft/3ft)&Composite Fish Culture, Poly-Culture with Fresh Water Prawn etc.

(ii)**S.T.C.P**- Short Term Credit Project It is a short term(6 months to1yr. )loan project with out Govt. subsidy & with low rate of interest.

(iii)Different other activities under **Allied** schemes .It is mainly For the Fish Vendors and Fish Retailers .The nature of loan is same as STCP loan, without subsidy.

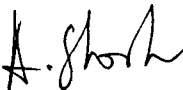
The allied scheme is a big scope for generation of employment for those who do not have any water body (Own or Lease) and is financially backward.

Besides these schemes the F.F.D.A also sets some demonstration centre for Scientific Pisciculture for enhancement of production as per Government allotment and requirement. Other important activity of FFDA is to train the fish farmers with modern Scientific technology of pisciculture

Since inception, the physical Water area coverage under FFDA Scheme is 6649.45 ha. with 10422 nos. of beneficiaries. This organization has trained up 7249 nos. of beneficiaries to augment the fish production. Now, we have achieved the target of an average production of about 3800kg in an FFDA pond.

From the time of its establishment F.F.D.A Bankura have helped the farmers to develop Scientific Pisciculture practices in the District of Bankura and to increase the productivity of table size fish and bridge the gap between supply and demand in the District.

This year (2012-13), we achieved a physical target of 54.65 ha. under IFP, 33.08 ha under STCP & 47 units under Allied schemes.

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Chief Executive Officer  
Fish Farmers Dev. Agency  
Bankura