

**Fish Production in Budgam touches a high of 6000 Qtls/year.  
Budgam on threshold of Blue Revolution.  
Rs. 80 Lacs model trout farm Nowhar to be completed this year.**



**Budgam, 18 March, 2017:-** Budgam District has become self sufficient in producing Trout fingerlings. The Trout Hatchery farm at Khag, with a capacity to produce 1.50 lac fingerlings annually now meets the entire requirements of North Kashmir. Earlier, the fingerlings were being brought from Kokernag Hatchery farm.

This was revealed at an impressive function organized to mark the beginning of fish farmer's exposure visit, which was flagged off by the Chief Planning officer Budgam, Sh. Ab. Rashid here today.

A Large number of fish farmers and concerned officers of the Fisheries Department were present on the occasion.

During the exposure visit, the fish farmer's would be taken to various fish farms of the District including Bassantwooder, Arizal, Beerwah and Khag to acquaint them about the latest fish farming techniques.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Planning Officer called for the introducing modern techniques and scientific technology among the fishermen for commercial exploitation of the fish farming so that unemployed youth could get dignified livelihood out of the Pisciculture activities. He said that the fishermen and other unemployed youth would be provided all possible assistance and technical knowhow to enable them take up Fisheries as means of earning their livelihood.

The Assistant Director Fisheries Budgam, Sh. Munir Ahmad Wani, speaking on the occasion, informed that the Rs. 80 lac under construction modern Trout Rearing Farm at Nowhar, Chadoora shall be completed during the current year. The rearing farm shall be a demonstration unit and will also cater the fish protein requirement of the whole area. He said during the current year ten (10) new fish ponds were established in private sector including three Carp fish ponds and seven Trout fish ponds. The fish farmers were provided about Rs 29.75 Lac under Blue Revolution and RKVY Schemes for construction of these fish ponds. He said about 80,000 Brown Trout fry were stocked in Nallah Doodganga, Nallah Sukhnag and Nallah Shaliganga this year to boost trout fish production in the District. He said the fish production in the District has touched a high of 6000 Qtls this year.