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Course Contents:

- 1. **Introduction of Aquaculture in Pakistan:** Definition, History of Aquaculture, Aquaculture: A global perspective, Status of Aquaculture in Pakistan
- 2. Construction and Management of Aquaculture Facility: Selection of Site, Climate, Vegetation, Fish pond, Watershed pond, Excavated Ponds, Design, Pond Preparation for Stocking, Polyculture Concepts, Cage Culture in Inland Waters of Pakistan, Site Selection, shape and size, Types of Fish Culture Systems, Integrated Aquaculture
- 3. Soil & Water Quality: Physical and Chemical Quality of Soil, Physical and Chemical Characteristics of Water, Aeration, Algae Management, Aquatic Plants, Integrated Pest Management
- 4. **Fish Hatchery Management:** Selection of Site, Water Quality, Layout Plan of Hatchery, Types of Ponds at the Hatchery, The Hatchery Proper
- 5. **Natural food and feeding:** Phytoplanktons, Zooplanktons, Crustaceans (cladocera), Arthropods larvae, Annelids, Molluscs
- 6. **Artificial feed and feeding:** Of plant origin, of animal origin, Feed for Salmonids, Feed for Cyprinids, Feed pelleting, Adaptation of fish on pelleted feed
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- 8. **Breeding and cultivation of Cyprinids** (major carps and Chinese carps): Natural breeding, Artificial breeding, Induced spawning, Hormonal induced spawning
- 9. **Fish diseases and their control:** Viral disease, Bacterial diseases, Fungal diseases, Parasitic (protozoan, helminths, crustaceans, leeches, Argulus)
- 10. Fish enemies and their control: Insects, Voracious fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals
- 11. **Pond Fertilization and its significance:** Varieties of organic and inorganic fertilizers. Doses of fertilizers and its uses.
- 12. Common Freshwater aquatic weeds and their control: Biological, Chemical, Mechanical
- 13. **Fish harvesting and marketing:** Netting, Transportation, Maintenance of flesh quality and price control.

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