

**ICAR - CIFE, MUMBAI ESTABLISHED ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL CENTER AT MOTIPUR, MUZAFFARPUR, BIHAR ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2017**

ICAR – Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai established its Regional Research and Training Center (RRTC) at Motipur, Dist: Muzaffarpur, Bihar on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The centre will be located in the premises of Regional Centre of Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) for which 15 acre land has been provided by IISR, Lucknow to CIFE. This centre will impart training on different technologies related to fisheries science and aquaculture to boost farmers' income.

Sh. Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare was the Chief Guest of the function. He emphasized that efforts should be made to reduce the input cost and develop marketing strategies to provide better price to the farmers, so that farmers income is doubled as has been envisaged by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Hon'ble agriculture minister detailed about the Sankalp to Sidhi programme and an oath was also taken on this occasion.

Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai while addressing the gathering welcomed the guests and assured to provide all necessary technical support to the fish farmers of the region to fulfill the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister. Dr. J.K. Jena, DDG (Fisheries Science) graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The programme was attended by Sh. Pasupati Kumar Paras, Hon'ble Minister, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt. of Bihar; Sh. Suresh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister, Urban and Housing Development, Govt. of Bihar; Sh. Rama Kishore Singh, Member of Parliament and local MLAs. The other dignitaries present were Dr. N. Vijayalakshmi, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt. of Bihar, Dr. Dilp Kumar, Former Director, ICAR-CIFE, Directors of ICAR institutes, representatives from RAU, Pusa, ATMA, KVKs, Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Bihar.

The programme was attended by more than 1100 farmers, scientists of different ICAR institutes and State departments and other the departments along with progressive farmers. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. A.D. Pathak, Director, IISR, Lucknow proposed the formal vote of thanks.

