## ICAR-CIFE Celebrates India's 78th Independence Day









ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 with great gaiety, enthusiasm and full participation of CIFE pariwar members. It was celebrated at Mumbai and its five regional Centres at Kolkata, Kakinada, Powarkheda, Rohtak and Motipur with integrity and commitment towards "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. The theme for the Independence Day 2024 celebration was "Viksit Bharat", which reflects the government's vision to transform India into a developed Nation by 2047 by enhancing India's global standing through economic growth, social progress, and sustainable development. ICAR-CIFE marked India's 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on August 15, 2024, with the third edition of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign from August 9 to 15 by encouraging CIFE parivar members to display the Indian flag at home/office and share selfies on online portals.

Hon'ble Dr. Ravishankar C. N., Director & Vice-Chancellor of ICAR-CIFE hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day address. At the outset, Hon'ble Director offered tribute to Nation's freedom fighters and remembered their sacrifice. He acknowledged the contribution of retired and existing officials and staff of ICAR-CIFE for taking this institute to greater heights. He flagged few critical points like working together, respect each other, responsible and accountable behaviour, building positive attitude, networking culture, freedom with responsible relationship, student innovativeness and extracurricular activities, technology commercialization, strive hard to maintain the status of Institute, keep updating our research, education and extension in line with the needs of fisheries & aquaculture sector in the country, etc. for "Viksit CIFE" and ultimately contributing to "Viksit Bharat & Self Sufficient Bharat". He mentioned the CIFE's contribution in creating quality human resources as demanded by the sector. He urged to maintain the position of CIFE and contribute to taking it to new heights. He mentioned the Student aquapreneurship and the ASEAN-India Fellowship for attractive young talents in higher education in the fisheries & aquaculture sector.

Further, he asked all members of ICAR-CIFE pariwar for their active participation in the third edition of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Sport & cultural events, patriotic group songs by staff, children, ladies' club of CIFE, speeches and poems by students & staff, tree plantation, prize distributions, etc. enlivened the day's celebrations. About more than 500 members of CIFE pariwar attended the National Flag hoisting event.