

Report on the National Campaign on Diversification in Aquaculture
(Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav)
10th March 2022

ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai under the National Campaign - Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, organised an invited talk on **Development Priority of Aquaculture in India** by **Dr. Dilip Kumar**, Former Director and Vice-Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai on 10th March, 2022 at 3 p.m. A total of 498 participants including faculty, students and farmers from Mumbai headquarters and its five Centers, attended the talk. Dr. Ravishankar C.N., Director and Vice Chancellor, welcomed the speaker and the participants on this occasion and highlighted the importance of the national campaign on diversification of aquaculture.

Dr. Dilip Kumar, in his talk highlighted that marine resource utilization is highly capital intensive and has the disadvantage of application of large-scale effort. An integrated approach has been adopted in new programmes for marine fishery development. In the inland fishery sector, however, development remained slow for many reasons, such as the widespread nature of various activities, technology not being transferred down to the producer level, and absence of an adequate number of trained personnel. It is also true that the immense scope for fish production through adoption of modern aquaculture practices has been brought to the attention of planners rather late. Aquaculture has developed through two main dimensions. The first is industry based /corporate scale aquaculture, mostly prevalent in western countries which has access to finance, technology, market and conducive policies. The second is small scale family-based aquaculture that is mostly seen in developing countries such as Bangladesh, which will ensure sustainable use of aquatic resources for economic growth, nutritional security, improved livelihoods while preserving the health of the ecosystem in the future. He stressed upon the fact that development options should be prioritized based on local needs. In spite of several challenges that remain in small scale aquaculture sector, it has huge potential to make contributions for reduction of hunger and poverty. Policy guidelines for small-scale fishery as well as participation from public and private sectors are essential for delivering equitable development outcomes to meet the needs of the country. His lecture was followed by fruitful interaction with the participants. Dr. N.K. Chadha, Head, Division of Aquaculture, coordinated the programme and proposed vote of thanks.



Talk on “Development Priority for Aquaculture in India”