

## 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai

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Patriotism, joy and the determination to work hard in unity defined the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India at the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries, Mumbai. Director & Vice-Chancellor of ICAR-CIFE Dr. C.N. Ravishankar hoisted the tricolor and addressed the gathering. Joint Director Dr. N.P. Sahu, Heads of Divisions, Head of Administration, scientists, staff and the students attended the function. While remembering with gratitude the dedication and sacrifice of all those who made India a sovereign republic, Dr. Ravishankar highlighted the advances India has made in agriculture, space research, education, health and infrastructure in the last seven decades, and emphasized the need to work further hard to make India progressive, self-sufficient and a global leader. Food security is a challenge in future in the face of growing population and agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries sectors would play pivotal roles in ensuring the food and nutritional security, and higher educational institutions are integral parts India's developmental scheme in these sectors. Fisheries is one of the top priorities, since this sector has the potential to grow at a fast rate and provide employment and economic security as well. ICAR-CIFE has been instrumental in shaping fisheries education in India, human resource development in fisheries, technology development and dissemination. With the gradual implementation of new education policy, the fisheries education has to undergo transformation towards being multidisciplinary and entrepreneurship-oriented. ICAR-CIFE introduced the novel idea of "Knowledge commercialization" in 2023 which resulted in many research findings being transformed into field-oriented technologies useful to farmers and the industries. In 2024, ICAR-CIFE is launching a concept of "Academic excellence and student entrepreneurship", with the idea of shaping students' research into developing sector-oriented technologies with the faculty at the nucleus of this process. This synergy is expected to accelerate technology development and make academic research farmer and industry centric. Dr. Ravishankar assured that the institute would, as always, continue working to fulfil the aspirations of students and he complemented faculty, staff and the students for making ICAR-CIFE a place of learning, innovation and equal opportunity.

This was followed by cultural programs by the staff & students of ICAR-CIFE.

