

Report on the Deans' Conference for Implementation of NEP 2020 in Fisheries Education and Promoting Student Entrepreneurship held on 6th August 2024

Deans' Conference for implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in fisheries education and promoting student entrepreneurship was held on 6th August 2024 at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai (Deemed University) under the NAHEP-CAAST project. Dr. Ravishankar C. N., Director and Vice Chancellor, CIFE, welcomed Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Fisheries), ICAR, and the Deans of 28 Fisheries Colleges/ Universities who graced the occasion. CIFE faculty members also participated in the event. Discussions were held on the various aspects of NEP 2020, including multiple entry multiple exit, multi-disciplinary curriculum, increasing student enrollment, academic bank of credits, sandwich degree programmes, skill development, etc. Several issues and concerns were resolved through discussions and clarifications from the DDG (Fisheries) and Dr. N. P. Sahu, Joint Director, CIFE, Mumbai and PI, NAHEP-CAAST project. DDG Fisheries also noted the specific concerns of colleges /universities that are related to ICAR. On this occasion, three groups of CIFE student-entrepreneurs presented their business ideas and showcased their products which were much appreciated by the delegates. Dr. Aparna Chaudhari, Dean (Academics) and Dr. Rupam Sharma (Nodal Officer, NAHEP-CAAST project) coordinated the organization of this event.