

## **ICAR-CIFE Celebrates XV Convocation of the Institute**

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, the premier organization in the country involved in human resources development in the field of fisheries and aquaculture, celebrated its XV convocation on 23 April, 2022. Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt of India, Shri Parshottam Rupala ji was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE), Govt. of India and Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) presided over the function. Dr J. K. Jena DDG (Fisheries) ICAR in the august presence of home M.P. Hon'ble Shri Gopala Shetty ji and local MLA Dr. Bharati Lavekar ji as Guests of Honour.

Dr. Ravishankar C. N., Director and Vice Chancellor, CIFE, in his welcome address, highlighted the salient academic and research achievements of the institute. He also underlined the research and thrust areas and the achievements in the flagship programmes taken up and new academic initiatives taken by the institute. Dr. Mohapatra in his convocation address emphasised the need of blue revolution to increase fish production to meet the future demand. He said that ICAR is in the process of charting out new education policy where students will be ready as per the industry requirements. Use of digital platforms and artificial intelligence will be given more impetus. Hon'ble Shri Parshottam Rupala ji in his convocation address hoped the fisheries sector to be the mainstream field in the coming days and fisheries has that potential which no other sector has. Govt of India has developed programs to achieve that. The curriculum should have parallel support to this initiative. And fisheries ministry is ready to do whatever necessary to promote entrepreneurship in fisheries. He lauded the efforts of North Eastern states who have performed very good in the fisheries sector. He congratulated CIFE and its faculty for producing world class talent in Fisheries. During the convocation, former Director of CIFE, Dr. Dilip Kumar was awarded honorary degree of D.Sc. A total of 230 M.F.Sc. and 91 Ph.D. Degrees were awarded besides presenting 45 Gold Medals to meritorious students of CIFE. The program ended by the formal vote of thanks by Dr. N.P. Sahu, Jt. Director of ICAR-CIFE.



