

Press Note

In a glittering function at ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Versova, Mumbai, the Third International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education (ISAFE3) organized by the Asian Fisheries Society, Malaysia in partnership with Indian Fisheries Association was inaugurated on 16th May 2018. The Chief Guest, Shri Mahadev Jankar, the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Gov't of Maharashtra accompanied by luminaries like Padmavibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Former Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board; Dr. J. K. Jena, President of the Asian Fisheries Society and DDG (Fisheries Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Dr. C. Virapat, DG of Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia Pacific (NACA), Thailand and Prof. S. Kaushik, European Research Area (ERA) – Chair Professor, Spain flagged off the three day Symposium. The event is attended by over 300 delegates from India and other countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Ethiopia, France, Korea, Nepal, Thailand, Spain and Sri Lanka. The Convener, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, ICAR- CIFE welcomed the guests and stated that the theme of the Symposium, 'Fisheries Education for Sustainable Blue Economy' is particularly relevant in the face of growing human population and climate change concerns. The delegates will deliberate on the strategies for enhancing the quality of fisheries education in the Asia Pacific region to cater to the training needs of various stakeholders of the Blue Economy so as to promote employment, entrepreneurship, environment friendly practices and sustainability in the region. Dr. Jena emphasized that the 3 Es of 'sustainability' - Economy, Equity and Ecology are main concerns of the Symposium and that transformation of fisheries education system will be brought about by a constructive and confident attitude of the teachers and students. Dr. Kaushik underlined the importance of strong international linkages for improving education. Dr. Virapat expressed the necessity of bridging the urban and rural gap through education. He also acknowledged India's strength in genetic improvement, germplasm conservation and diversity. He attracted the attention of the delegates towards gender equality in fisheries. In his Keynote Address, Padmavibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar, said that the knowledge bridge between cities and villages requires institutions located in villages that serve as links between advanced knowledge generated in the universities and deeper dissemination and adoption of technologies in villages. He called the ecosystem so generated 'Cillage' and expressed his belief that through this approach villages may expand to include manufacturing along with agriculture and become strong partners in India's story of sustainable development.



