## IAFS-III International Training inaugurated

International Training on "Genome-wide Molecular Markers and their Applications in Fish Breeding" (9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019) organized under the Indo-Africa Forum Summit – III and funded by the Ministry of External Affairs was inaugurated at CIFE, Mumbai on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The trainees of this program hail from 6 African countries Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Sudan and Tanzania. Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Former Director of ICAR-CIFE was the Chief Guest of this program. In his inaugural address, the Chief Guest discussed the importance of seed, feed and disease management for obtaining sustainable aquaculture production. He mentioned how GIFT tilapia is Africa's 'gift' to the world, and that over last two decades India has acquired knowledge and expertise to improve fish germplasm and African nations can benefit from this through linkages with Indian institutions. The Course Director and Director of the Institute, Dr. Gopal Krishna welcomed the guests to CIFE and discussed how the genetic breeding program will be the mainstay of sustainable aquaculture production in future and a necessity for meeting nutritional security and enhancing the income of millions of people engaged this sector. He congratulated the Coordinator of the training, Dr. Aparna Chaudhari, Head, FGB Division for formulating a program in this cutting edge area and wished her and the Co-Coordinators Dr. S. Jahageerdar, Dr. Gireesh Babu P., Dr. A. Pavan Kumar, Dr. Mujahidkhan Pathan all success in satisfactory completion. Dr. Aparna Chaudhari thanked all present and requested the continued cooperation of FGB faculty members and students through the training.





Chief Guest Chief Guest





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