

ICAR-CIFE signs umbrella MoU with Department of Fisheries (DoF), Maharashtra on 6.2.24 in presence of Honourable Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Minister for Forests, Cultural Affairs, Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra

An umbrella MoU was signed between ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai and Department of Fisheries (DoF), Maharashtra in the auspicious presence of Honourable Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar ji, Minister for Forests, Cultural Affairs, Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra to address major areas in fisheries and aquaculture like i.) Development of inland saline aquaculture in Maharashtra ii.) Capacity building programmes for DoF officers on latest aquaculture technologies iii.) Capacity building programmes for fishers and entrepreneurs iv.) Development of helpline platform for fishers and farmers v.) Establishment of freshwater quarantine centre in ICAR-CIFE vi.) Development of ornamental fish culture vii.) Development of value added byproducts from low cost fishes viii.) Assessment and conservation of aquatic biodiversity and fishery resources in Maharashtra ix.) Support for Masters and Ph.D students research and x.) Certificate/Diploma courses and content development in local language.

Dr. Ravishnakar C.N., Director, CIFE, Mumbai and Dr. Atul Patne, IAS, Commissioner, Fisheries, Maharashtra were present for the signing ceremony along with DoF, Maharashtra officials, CIFE team Dr. Arpita Sharma, Head of Social Science Division, Dr. K. Pani Prasad, Principal Scientist, Dr.A.K. Jaiswar, Principal Scientist, Dr. Kapil S, Scientist, Dr. Karan Ramtake, Scientist and officials from many other institutes.

In addition to the MoU signing event, progress on the research project 'Investigations of ecological status, conservation and enhancement of fisheries in Maharashtra's part of the Sardar Sarovar Reservoir and activities related to seed certification were also presented to the Honourable Shri. Mungantiwar ji. ICAR-CIFE technology 'SHUBH leather: Novel leather fabric from fishes,' developed by Shubam Soni, Dr. Arpita Sharma, and Dr. Martin Xavier, utilizing discarded fish skin waste as a resource in a circular economy strategy, was also explained and leather samples were displayed.





