

## **Report on NAHEP's Sponsored Kids Museum Fest organised on International Museum Day at ICAR – CIFE, Mumbai on May 18,2024**

On the occasion of International Museum Day, the Fisheries Resources Management department of ICAR CIFE, with the financial support and guidance of ICAR-NAHEP, organized a vibrant Kids Museum Fest at the Aquatic Biodiversity Museum of ICAR CIFE on May18,2024. The event aimed to engage children and their parents in interactive learning experiences centered around marine conservation and biodiversity.

The fest welcomed 37 enthusiastic children and their parents, eager to explore the wonders of the aquatic world. The day commenced with a guided tour of the museum's main exhibits, featuring interactive displays and hands-on activities. Young visitors were introduced to various marine species, fishing techniques, and conservation efforts, sparking their curiosity and prompting insightful questions.

Following the tour, creative workshops and competitions were held, where kids crafted marine-themed artworks using paper, crayons, markers, and recycled materials. These activities fostered creativity while instilling a deep appreciation for marine conservation among the participants.

After a refreshing snack break, the children gathered in the audiovisual room for "Tales of the Sea," featuring stunning ocean-themed videos and captivating stories about marine creatures and seafaring adventures. Interactive learning stations provided an opportunity for the kids to explore marine biology, oceanography, and sustainable fishing practices through touch tanks with live specimens and plankton sample microscopes.

Dr. Nayak B.B, HoD FRHPHM, delivered a thought-provoking talk on the importance of aquatic biodiversity and the need to educate today's kids about climate change. The engaging presentation further enriched the children's understanding of marine ecosystems and their significance. The event concluded with a closing ceremony presided over by ICAR-CIFE NAHEP's PI, Dr. N P Sahu. Dr. Sahu delivered an inspiring speech, engaging with parents and highlighting the importance of environmental conservation. Prizes were awarded to competition winners, and souvenirs were distributed to all participants as tokens of appreciation. Eco-friendly bags and glass bottles were also provided to parents, promoting sustainability practices and concluding a day filled with education, creativity, and enjoyment.

The event was successfully coordinated by student volunteers of FRM under the guidance of staffs of Fisheries Resource Management.

Student Volunteers and event coordinators: Mr. B. Chanikya Naidu, Ms. Sonam Angmo, Mr. Rajesh Kumar J, Ms. Geenita Keisham, Ms. Surya Prabha, Ms. Sheetal Bhardha K , Ms. Ashpel Mano M.R , Mr. Nikhil K, Mr. Vineeth Anand, Mr. Muzzamal Hoque , Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Ms. Treesa Maria, Ms. Amin Basheer, Ms. Swati Chaudry, Ms. Latha , Ms. Sinchana, Mr. Shanshank Sinha, Mr. Debashis Mohanta, Ms. Sangeetha Beck, Ms. Sushmitha B.R.







