

## **Celebration of National Fish Farmers Day in Presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr.**

**A.K. Patra, BCKV at ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Kolkata Centre**

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To commemorate the invention of Induced Breeding Technology of Fish in 1957, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day at its Kolkata Centre. The Celebration acknowledged the hard work, dedication, and innovation of fish farmers, who play a crucial role in meeting up the increasing demand for fish protein, creating employment, and enhancing food security. As the chief guest of the programme, Dr. Ashok Kumar Patra, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal appreciated the farming community for their excellent role in the development of fisheries in the country. He stressed on the transfer of research results to the farmer's field for enhancement of fish production through collaborative efforts by scientists and different Govt. departments. As the Guest of Honour, Dr. Shamik Das, Additional Director of Fisheries, West Bengal narrated the importance of this great day. He applauded the farmers for their wonderful contribution towards fish production and encouraged to conserve the small and indigenous fish species for our biodiversity as well nutritional security. Dr. U.K. Sar, Joint Director of Fisheries, West Bengal and Dr. T. K. Ghoshal, Head, ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre highlighted the significance of the day and motivated the farming community to elevate their contribution to meet up the fish demand with increasing population of the country. To recognize their significant contributions, five progressive and innovative fish farmers and entrepreneurs were felicitated by the chief guest. Moreover, they released and distributed leaf-meal based fish feed developed by the centre to the progressive farmers of South 24 Parganas district. Few extension leaflets and manuals were released by the chief guest and dignitaries for the benefit of fish farmers. The programme was attended by 60 fish farmers from West Bengal and Manipur.

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