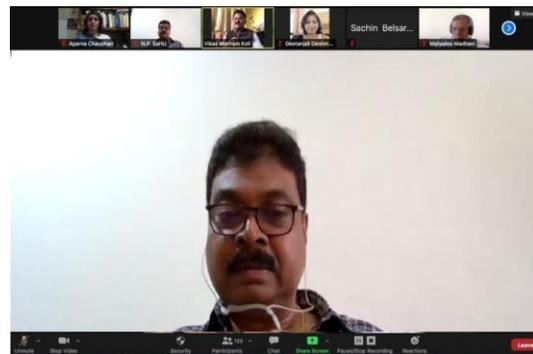


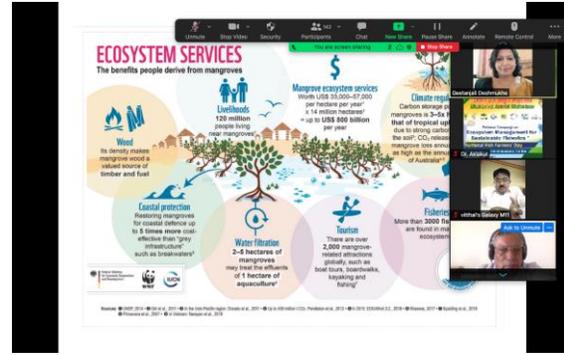
**ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai**  
**Report on National Fish Farmers' Day Programme**  
***Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav***  
**10<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Consolidated Report:** CIFE HQ and 5 Regional Centres located in the States of Maharashtra, W.B., M.P., Haryana, A.P and Bihar, celebrated this event by organizing online and offline programs on Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Fisheries in different languages. Eminent guests, officials and farmers were invited. A total of 500 persons participated.

**ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai (HQ)**

ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai organised the online National Fish Farmers' Day programme under the ongoing celebrations of Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The theme of this event was "Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Fisheries" as decided by the Fisheries Division, ICAR. About 150 participants including students, staff and farmers/ fishermen were present. All the Regional Centres also participated along with farmers of 5 States. Dr. Mahesh K. Farejiya, Director General, Fish Survey of India was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He spoke on 'Marine Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Fisheries' and urged the fishermen to follow the guidelines of responsible fishing. Dr. Geetanjali Deshmukhe, Principal Scientist, FRHPHM Division, gave a talk on "Role of Mangroves in Sustaining Coastal Communities and Fishery in Maharashtra". Mr. Vikas Koli, Bhoomiputra Foundation Versova shared his concerns and ideas on plastic pollution that is affecting the livelihoods of fishermen. Fish farmers from Bihar and Powarkheda shared their excitement about starting new fish hatchery/ aquaculture ventures. Dr. N. P. Sahu, Jt. Director, CIFE flagged the importance of environment and how the emphasis has now shifted to sustainable production. In his Presidential Address Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director and Vice-Chancellor, CIFE, spoke about the commitment of this Institute to work towards sustainability in a holistic manner combining quality education, meaningful research and committed extension. He invited interested stakeholders to join hands and assured whole-hearted support to this goal. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. N. Ojha. The event was coordinated by Dr. Aparna Chaudhari (Coordinator, Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav Celebrations, CIFE) and Dr. S. N. Ojha (Head, FEES Division, CIFE).





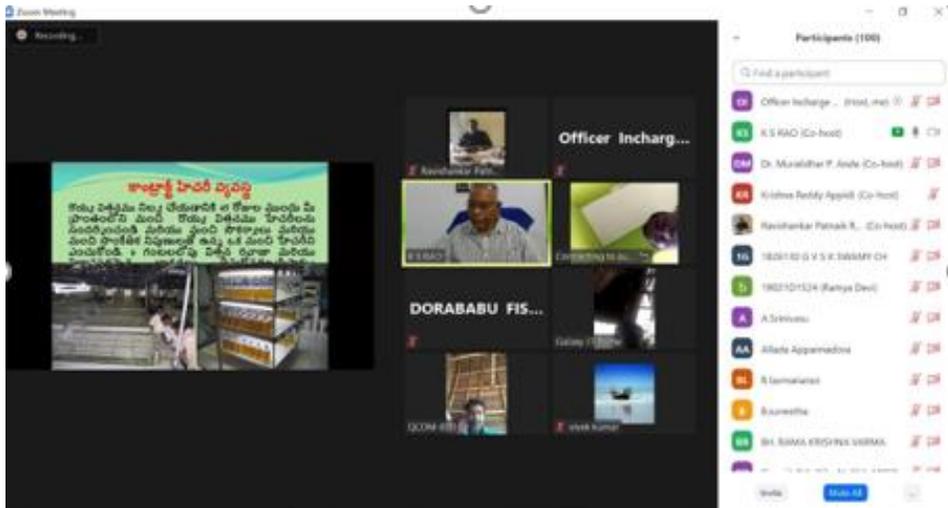
### ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Kolkata Centre observed the National Fish Farmers' Day on 10th July 2021 to pay homage to pioneer Scientists, Prof. H. L. Chaudhuri and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi for their achievement on induced breeding in major carp. A total of 65 farmers from different parts of West Bengal participated in the programme on a virtual mode and the program was organized in local language (Bengali). At the beginning, Dr. G. H. Pailan, Principal Scientist and Officer-in-Charge welcomed all dignitaries and participants, and narrated the importance of the day. The programme witnessed the gracious presence of Dr. M.V. Rao, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal, who inaugurated the programme and in his inaugural speech, he stressed on the development and dissemination of farmer-friendly technologies that will benefit large number of small and marginal farmers. Prof. Ratan Kumar Saha, Dean, College of Fisheries, Agartala delivered the keynote address on ecosystem approach for aquaculture and fisheries management. Five progressive fish farmers and entrepreneurs namely Mr. Milon Sinha, Mr. Tapan Maiti, Mr. Bablu Ghosh, Md. G. Mustafa and Mr. Supravat Dutta shared their experience on successful aquaculture ventures that are motivating to farmers. As a token of appreciation and encouragement, two progressive fish farmers, named Md. G. Mustafa and Mr. Bishnupada Mondal were felicitated with the Best Fish Farmers Award 2021. The participants appreciated the importance of celebration of this programme and interacted on their various issues related to fisheries and aquaculture. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Gouranga Biswas, Senior Scientist. On this occasion a plantation program was also organized in the institute campus.



### ICAR-CIFE, Kakinada Centre

A programme on **Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav** and **National Fish Farmers' day** was organized in local Telugu language in virtual mode at ICAR-CIFE, Kakinada centre on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The theme of the program was **“Ecosystem management for Sustainable Fisheries”**. Dr. Muralidhar P. Ande, Senior Scientist and Officer Incharge, ICAR-CIFE, Kakinada centre gave welcome address. Dr. K. Syamala, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Kakinada centre delivered a speech on significance of the theme. As a part of this programme two eminent speakers Dr. K. Shanmukha Rao, CEO, NaCSA, Kakinada delivered a talk on **“Adoption of Better Management Practices in Aqua Societies for Sustainable Aquaculture”** and Dr. A.K. Reddy, Principal Scientist (Retd.) delivered a talk on **“Effective Management of Aquatic Resources for Sustainable Aquaculture”**. During this program two progressive farmers Shri. S.V.V. Dora Prasad Reddy and Shri. J. Nageswara Rao were identified as best progressive fish farmers. About 100 participants participated in the programme.



### ICAR-CIFE, Rohtak Centre

ICAR-CIFE, Rohtak Centre celebrated National Fish Farmers' Day-2021 under the theme of National Campaign on **“Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Fisheries”** following social distancing norms of Covid- 19 on 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 pm. Around 50 participants including students, staffs and farmers were present during this auspicious occasion. Smt. Asha Hudda, District Fisheries officer and Sri. Rakesh Kumar, Fisheries Officer from Department of Fisheries, Rohtak were invited as Chief Guests for this programme. Officer in- charge gave inaugural address and delivered the National Fish Farmers' Day message to all the attendees and remembered the contribution made by Dr. Hiralal Chaudhuri and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi for successful revolution in fish seed production by introducing hypophysation technique (Induced Breeding). He also cautioned all, to follow strict safety measures against Covid-19. The Chief Guest spoke on various

existing policies & schemes for fisheries under PMMSY. A speech was delivered on sustainable fisheries and ecosystem management by Shri. Rakesh Kumar.



### **ICAR-CIFE, Powarkheda Centre**

ICAR-CIFE, Powarkheda Centre celebrated National Fish Farmers Day on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. 35 farmers visited the Centre to attend the online programme conducted by Mumbai HQ. Later, an offline program was organized at the Centre. The Chief Guest of the function was Ms. Priyanshi, Fisheries Extension Officer, Department of Fisheries, Hoshangabad, M.P. Dr. Sunil Kumar Nayak, OIC, CIFE Powarkheda Centre welcomed the guests and spoke about the importance of the occasion and Centre's activities in M.P. State. The Chief Guest stressed the coordination among research institutes, State administration and farmers for effective communication and transfer of technology. Mr. Dhalongsaih Reang, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Powarkheda Centre reminded about the contribution of Dr. C. H. Alikunhi and Dr. Hiralal Choudhari to national fisheries sector. Mrs. Harsha Haridas, Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Powarkheda Centre pointed out the importance of adopting eco-friendly aquaculture practices such as Biofloc technology and integrated farming to enhance maximum production from minimum resources in a sustainable manner. Mr. L. P. Bamaliya, ACTO, ICAR-CIFE Powarkheda Centre proposed the vote of thanks. The program ended with the pledge to conserve productive ecosystems for sustainable aquaculture.



## ICAR-CIFE, RRTC Motipur Centre

The celebration of National Fish Farmers' Day under the Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, a national campaign on ecosystem management and sustainable fisheries was done on 10th July 2021. A technical discussion for creating awareness on wetland in Bihar and its management was planned with title, "बिहार में सतत मत्स्य पालन के लिए आद्रभूमि पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र प्रबंधनक्षमता एवं संभावना :". The program started at 3.00 p.m. and brief theme discussion was done by OIC, RRTC Motipur Dr. Md. Aklakur, followed by remarks of Dr. S. N Ojha Nodal Officer RRTC Motipur. A detailed presentation on State fisheries policies and PMMSY was given by Mr. Nishat Ahmed, Jt. Director Department of State Fisheries, Bihar. Fish farmers and entrepreneurs enquired about new technologies in aquaculture and associated issues. Dr. Md Aklakur delivered a talk on wetland and aquatic resource conservation. Dr. N P Sahu, Jt. Director ICAR-CIFE, stressed the importance of ecosystem management and aquatic environment conservation in his speech. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Aklakur.

