

ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES EDUCATION, MUMBAI

Report of two days National Workshop on Inland Saline Aquaculture: Environmental Challenges and Eco-friendly technologies/practices

ICAR-CIFE, Rohtak centre under the aegis of NAHEP-CAAST organised a two day workshop on 5-6th October 2019 on “Inland Saline Aquaculture: Environmental Challenges and Eco-friendly Technologies/Practices”. Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director/Vice Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE welcomed the Chief guest Dr. R.C Agrawal, National Director NAHEP and DDG Education, ICAR and the guest of honour Dr. Prabhat Kumar, National Co-ordinator monitoring and evaluation, NAHEP. In his welcome address Dr. Gopal Krishna gave a brief outline of NAHEP and introduced the objective of the workshop. He highlighted the previous activities of ICAR-CIFE in inland saline aquaculture and welcomed all guests, panellists and all the participants of the workshop. Further, the chief guest and guest of honour released the improved version of mobile app *mJhinga* developed by ICAR-CIFE, which is a bilingual dynamic app for inland saline shrimp farmers in the country. Dr. Prabhat Kumar, National Co-ordinator (monitoring and evaluation), NAHEP stressed on the importance of evaluation of carbon footprint required to assess the eco-friendliness of the technologies. He emphasized that Industry has to go in parallel with the farmers’ requirement. The Chief Guest, Dr. R.C. Agrawal, National Director NAHEP and DDG Education described the features of NAHEP project and appreciated the performance of ICAR-CIFE. After the inaugural programme, National Director and National coordinator along with ADG (Marine Sciences) visited our Rohtak centre and farm facilities. The workshop was categorised into four sub- themes viz; Status and Potential of Inland Saline Aquaculture, Environmental & Health Management Challenges in Inland Saline Water, Strengthening Value Chain in Inland Saline Aquaculture and Policy and Regulatory Issues and Options for Sustainable Development of ISA. A separate session addressed each theme. Each session was opened with a brief lead presentation outlining the important discussion points relevant to the theme followed by brief remarks by panellists. The house then discussed all aspects in detail. The event was graced by experienced amalgamation of various stakeholders including experts, policy makers, state and central government agencies, farmers/entrepreneurs, industry representatives, scientists, research associates and students. Total of 60 participants attended the program. All panellists and participants actively participated in the discussion and shared their views on different issues pertaining to environmental issues and sustainable production from inland saline aquaculture.

Inaugural ceremony



Director felicitating National Director NAHEP



Director welcoming National Coordinator Monitoring and evaluation NAHEP



Address by Chief Guest, National Director, NAHEP



Discussion with panellists



Centre farm visit





Rohtak Centre visit