

## ICAR-CIFE CONDUCTED BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020

The ICAR-Central institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai organized a *Virtual Brainstorming Session* on “*National Education Policy: Developing the Future Road Map*” on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, to discuss the issues on developing the ICAR Deemed Universities to multidisciplinary institutions as per the NEP-2020. Dr. R. C. Agarwal, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education) and National Director (NAHEP), ICAR the Chief guest of the programme stressed the importance of holistic development of student to address the societal issues in scientific manner and restructuring the universities as per the NEP-2020. He explained the different activities undertaken by ICAR to formulate the guidelines for implementing the NEP in Agricultural sector. Agricultural education undertaken by SAUs and Deemed Universities of ICAR are already following many recommendations of NEP 2020. However, we have to wait for the details guidelines to come from ministry of education with respect to minimum credit requirement, credit transfer, modalities of involving overseas faculties in the course curriculum, making the degree multidisciplinary etc. He said that the gross enrolment ratio should be increased at the rate of 10%. The guideline will be issued from ICAR for the modalities of implementing NEP in the DUs of ICAR. He also advised to relook into the budgetary requirement for the different infrastructural development based on the recommendation of NEP. Dr Agrawal clarified the different ambiguities related to the queries raised by the faculty member. In his initial remarks, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, ICAR-CIFE highlighted the importance of NEP-2020 in achieving the skilled manpower and in creating a holistic educational ecosystem. He informed that the course curriculum should be prepared keeping the multiple entry/exit options. Dr. N. P. Sahu, Joint Director and Dean, ICAR-CIFE accentuated the objective of NEP as a paradigm shift from ‘what to think’ to ‘how to think’. He stressed the importance of technology based education and introducing “*Green Education*” in the syllabus in achieving the objectives of the NEP-2020. All scientists and technical officers of the ICAR-CIFE participated in the Brainstorming session.

