

ICAR-CIFE Organized the Recruitment Fair: Unlocking Opportunities in the Thriving Aquaculture Sector on 18 December 2024

The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, successfully organized the "Recruitment Fair: Unlocking Opportunities in the Thriving Aquaculture Sector" on 18 December 2024. This pioneering event served as a significant step towards bridging the gap between academia and industry, offering fisheries graduates an invaluable platform to explore job opportunities while enabling recruiters to connect with emerging talent. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Joykrushna Jena, Deputy Director General of Fisheries, ICAR, in the esteemed presence of Dr. Ravishankar C.N., Director, and Dr. N. P. Sahu, Joint Director of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. Dr. K.N. Mohanta, Head of Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Physiology (FNBP) at ICAR-CIFE and Convener of the event, extended a warm welcome to all delegates and participants and provided an overview of the programme. In his inaugural address, Dr. Jena highlighted the critical role of collaboration among researchers, industries, and students for advancing the fisheries sector's research and development. He applauded ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, for initiating this meaningful event, describing it as a vital bridge connecting industries and students. Dr. Ravishankar emphasized the importance of industry-driven research and expressed his gratitude to both the students and industry representatives for their enthusiastic participation in this landmark event, organized on short notice. Dr. Sahu elaborated on the genesis and rationale behind the programme and proposed making the Recruitment Fair an annual event. He also acknowledged the interest shown by industries in funding student research projects and called for closer academia-industry collaborations through contract and consultancy research programmes.

The fair saw participation from 37 industries and 288 postgraduate and Ph.D. students specializing in various fisheries science disciplines from across the country. Interviews were conducted both online and offline, covering key thematic areas such as aquaculture, nutrition, processing and value addition, health and environment, genetics, and biotechnology. Preliminary estimates suggest that 60-70 students are likely to be recruited by participating industries as a result of this event. The feedback from both industries and students was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing their gratitude and high satisfaction with the event. Many extended their thanks to ICAR-CIFE for organizing this historic initiative.

Dr. Prem Kumar and Dr. Sikendra Kumar, Senior Scientists at ICAR-CIFE, coordinated the programme effectively, ensuring its success.

This Recruitment Fair has set a new benchmark in fostering academia-industry linkages in the fisheries sector and underscores the commitment of ICAR-CIFE to advancing the career prospects of fisheries graduates while supporting the growth of the aquaculture industry.







