



**Enabling  
Entrepreneurship  
Ecosystem in  
Fisheries**

**Stakeholders' Meet &  
Policy Roundtable  
Conference**

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ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai

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**ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE)**  
Mumbai



# Enabling Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in Fisheries : Stakeholders' Meet & Policy Roundtable Conference

## About the Programme

India's fisheries and aquaculture sector is experiencing a transformational phase, emerging as one of the fastest-growing food production systems and a vital contributor to livelihoods and food security. With rising investments, technological innovations, and supportive public policies, the sector offers immense opportunities for entrepreneurship and enterprise development.

In this context, under the aegis of the Industry Academia Collaboration Programme of ICAR-CIFE, the Fisheries Economics, Extension and Statistics (FEES) Division of ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, is organizing **“Enabling Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in Fisheries: Stakeholders' Meet and Policy Roundtable Conference”** on 11 March 2026. This initiative is designed to nurture, connect, and empower fisheries entrepreneurs and innovators while bridging critical gaps in the ecosystem.

The programme will bring together start-ups, aquapreneurs, NGOs, FFPOs, progressive fish farmers, co-operatives, researchers, and academicians to exchange ideas and share their experiences. Participants will discuss challenges, strategies to overcome the challenges, and pathways to successfully scale their ventures while contributing to the growth of fisheries entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Student innovators from CIFE will present their innovative ideas and learn from the deliberations of resource persons.

## Programme Objectives

- Promote innovation and entrepreneurship in fisheries and aquaculture
- Strengthen linkages among start-ups, investors, and institutions
- Encourage policy dialogue for ecosystem development

## Who Can Participate?

The programme welcomes anyone interested in fisheries and aquaculture entrepreneurship, including students, professionals, and stakeholders across the value chain.

## Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced awareness, engagement, networking, and collaboration among stakeholders, including students, in fisheries start-up ecosystem development.
- Consolidated and actionable policy recommendations.
- Policy paper for strengthening entrepreneurship in fisheries through structured ICAR-CIFE and multi-stakeholder collaborations.

## ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE) is a premier Deemed University and national centre of excellence dedicated to fisheries education, research, and extension in India. Established in 1961 and headquartered in Mumbai, the Institute functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

With over six decades of distinguished service, CIFE has played a pivotal role in human resource development for the fisheries and aquaculture sector producing thousands of skilled professionals, scientists, and leaders.

The University offers postgraduate and doctoral programmes in fisheries science and allied disciplines, supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure, national and international collaborations, and a strong research and outreach network.

Through quality education, innovative research, and capacity building, ICAR-CIFE contributes significantly to sustainable fisheries development, food security, and the blue economy. (<https://www.cife.edu.in/>)



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## Organizing Team

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# Programme Schedule

**Venue: ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai Auditorium (Ground Floor)**

**Time: 9.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M.**

09:30 - 10:00 A.M.	Registration
10:00 - 10:30 A.M.	Inaugural Session
10.00 - 10.45 A.M.	Participant Introductions
<b>10:45 - 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Tea Break, Visiting exhibits made by student innovators</b>
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	Technical Session 1: Experience sharing by resource persons
12:00 - 01:00 P.M.	Technical Session 2: Start-up Stories: Struggles and Triumphs
<b>01:00 - 02:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Group Photograph, Lunch (International Guest House)</b>
02:00 - 3:15 P.M.	Start-up Pitches by students
03:15 - 3.30 P.M.	Technical Session 3: Issues in enabling the startup ecosystem
<b>3.30 to 3.45 P.M.</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
03:30 - 04:30 P.M.	Stakeholders' Meet and Policy Roundtable Conference
04.30 - 05.15 P.M.	Consolidation of Key Recommendations & Policy Inputs
05.15 - 05.30 P.M.	Networking and Valedictory Session