

ICAR- sponsored twenty-one day winter school on “Smart Feed for Smart Aquaculture” organised by Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai during 7 to 27 January, 2026.

Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai organised a 21-day winter school on “**Smart Feed for Smart Aquaculture**” for the Scientists of the ICAR/ Faculty of the Central Agricultural University (CAU) /State Agricultural University (SAU) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Mumbai during 7-27 January, 2026. A total of 22 participants (Male: 17; Female: 5) from different institution have participated in the winter school. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. B. Meenakumari, former Chairperson of National Biodiversity Authority, Former DDG (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi & Former Director ICAR-CIFT, Kochi in the presence of Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director (Acting), Dr. K.N. Mohanta, Head, Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFE (Course Director) and Dr. Prem Kumar, Principal Scientist, Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFE (Course Coordinator). A very comprehensive and user-friendly training manual comprised of both theory and practical classes on smart feed for smart aquaculture was released by the chief guest. In the inaugural address, Dr. B. Meenakumari highlighted the importance of smart feed to be utilised in smart aquaculture for maintaining sustainability and achieving ambitious targets of government of India to increase aquaculture production of the country. She emphasised the importance of such winter school in equipping the scientific workforce of the country to be well equipped and help in achieving the vision of 2047 by the government of India. In the welcome address, Dr. N. P. Sahu highlighted the credibility of the apt title for the winter school in today’s scenario. He spoke that the hands on 21-day programme will make the participants well aware of nutritional requirement of fish and shell fish, feed formulation protocols, necessities of advance technologies, socio-economic status of aqua-farmers. Dr. K. N. Mohanta emphasized the importance of broodstock & larval rearing diet, system & species specific feed for the sustainable development of aquaculture. Dr. Prem Kumar gave the brief outline of the winter school and Dr. Manish Jayant culminated the inauguration ceremony by giving Vote of thanks.



