

## **ICAR-CIFE Organized the National Workshop on "Empowering Student Entrepreneurship and Innovations in Aquafeed Industry" on 27 November 2025**

The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, successfully organized the National Workshop on "Empowering Student Entrepreneurship and Innovations in Aquafeed Industry" on 27 November 2025. 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. Niteen V. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU) Nagpur, in the esteemed presence of Dr. N. P Sahu, Director (acting) 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. Patil 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 making vital bridge connecting industries and students. Dr. Sahu, 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. The workshop saw the participation from 22 industries and 165 postgraduate and Ph.D. students specializing in various fisheries science disciplines from across the country. During the technical session "Challenges & Opportunities in Aquafeed Industry" students exhibited their idea in the form of poster / model and power point presentations. The students were awarded for these best presentations by the aquafeed industries. Dr. Prem Kumar, Principal Scientists at ICAR-CIFE, coordinated the programme effectively, ensuring its success.

This workshop 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.



