

Report on Visit of Prof. K. V. Raju, Honourable Member, NITI Aayog at ICAR-CIFE Rohtak Centre

Prof. K. V. Raju, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog and Dr. J. K. Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), visited ICAR-CIFE Rohtak Centre on 24 August 2026. Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai and Dr. Sukham Munil Kumar, Principal Scientist and the Nodal Officer of the Regional Centre were also present during the visit. The purpose of visit was to review the ongoing activities and understand the potential as well as challenges associated with inland saline aquaculture (ISA) in the north-west region of the country.

The dignitaries visited three shrimp farms of Rohtak located at Bahu Akbarpur (8 acres) owned by Shri. Yashpal, Madina (18 acres) owned by Shri Rohit and Lahli (3 acres) owned by Shri Rishipal. They interacted with the farmers and discussed potential strategies for promoting inland saline aquaculture in the region. Dr. M. A. Pathan, Senior Scientist and the Officer-In-charge of the Centre delivered a presentation highlighting the major activities of the centre and its contribution in promoting ISA. The dignitaries observed *P monodon* culture at the Centre and distributed genetically improved seeds of common carp to farmers. Prof. K. V. Raju, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog, apprised the need of a comprehensive roadmap for the sustainable ISA across different inland saline states of the country that needs to chalk out in consultation with the state fisheries department. He advised the Centre to prepare a roadmap highlighting state-specific opportunities, issues, technological needs, and strategic interventions for promoting sustainable ISA. Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Fy) suggested potential areas of intervention including resource mapping and diversification in achieving sustainability in ISA. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. N.P. Sahu, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai.

Few glimpses of the visit







