

ICAR-CIFA conducted National Interface Meet at ICAR RC NEH-Manipur Centre, Imphal, Manipur on 27 Nov. 2018

A one day National Interface Meet on “Innovative Approaches for Development of Freshwater Aquaculture in Manipur” was organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar at Manipur, in collaborations with ICAR-Research Center for NEH region Manipur Center, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Directorate of Fisheries, Govt. of Manipur.



Dr S. S. Mishra, Head, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar and Convener of the programme, welcomed all the dignitaries and briefed the objective of conducting this National interface meet in Manipur. He elaborated importance of culture enhancement in available resources in Manipur state. Dr. R. K. Saha, Director of Extension Education, CAU, Imphal, stressed on easy availability of quality seed, quality feed, environment management and marketing for production enhancement. He also opined about the present intake capacity of student for fisheries science educations, and future planning for boosting the farm fish production in Manipur. Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, of Manipur University, highlighted conservation of rich biodiversity of



Manipur and the importance of conservation of indigenous fish species. Mrs. Bidyarani Ayekpam, Director, Dept. of Fishery, Manipur talked on recently prepared road map for making the Manipur state self-sufficient on fish production by 2020 and need based skill development training for fish

farmers. Shri. M. H. Khan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Fishery) congratulated ICAR-CIFA for conducting such a need-based interface meeting and selecting Manipur for this innovative meet in very crucial time when the state is preparing the road map for enhancing the fish production. He also emphasized need-based approaches for immediate planning for set up of potable hatchery, feed mill, ranching in wetland, capacity building programme for fish farmers

and fisheries officers. A souvenir was released on the occasion. Dr. N. Prakash, Director, ICAR RCNEH, Umiam, Meghalaya, emphasized the importance of quality seed, quality feed, region specific technology and suggested that the state department should be more proactive for all round development of fisheries. Dr. Ch Basudha, Senior Scientist, Fishery, ICAR-RCNEH, Manipur Center, thanked all delegated for their valuable suggestions. Experts and Scientists Dr K. N. Mohanta, Head, FNPD; Dr S. K. Sahoo, Pr. Scientist, APED and Mr Rakesh Das, Scientist, FHMD from ICAR-CIFA and B.P.Mohanty, Head, FREM, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, West Bengal presented different aspects of management of fishery resources and issues relating to production enhancement in Manipur.

