

SCIENTISTS OF ICAR-CIFA IN COVID TESTING

Today the immutable fact is that the gravity of novel coronavirus has left none of the place of globe to rule in and role of Scientists in particular can never be ignored in this grim situation. When country's battle against SARS-CoV-2 pandemic still continues, scientists from the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar

have jumped to the fray epitomising their selfless service to the nation. To enable so, they are deputed phase-wise for analysing the clinical samples collected from COVID succumbed and suspected patients by Govt. of Odisha employing RT-PCR technique at prestigious R & D organization of ICAR; International Centre for Foot & Mouth Disease (ICFMD), Jatani, Bhubaneswar. This is certainly an unparalleled and inspirational action of the scientists that has proved humanity is superior to call of duty by staying a part from



their family members in this difficult time. Dr. P. K. Sahoo, Dr. J. Mohanty, Dr. Ashish Saha & Dr. Mrinal Samanta in first phase (15-30 May, 2020), Sri Mohan Bade, Sri Kiran Rasal in second phase (01-18 July, 2020) followed by Sri Anirban Paul, Sri Uday Udit & Sri Satya Narayan Sahoo in third phase (from 21 July, 2020) have been deputed for COVID-19 RT-PCR testing. Dr. Mrinal Samanta is coordinating the programme from ICAR-CIFA. ICAR-CIFA justifies its appellation, gauged not only by its exclusive research in fisheries but also employing Scientists and staff for extending hands in every disaster and calamities. This kind of endearing quality of the organisation is being venerated in every forum and parts of the country. To a special note, Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, the Director of the esteemed institute flags off organisation's commitment towards wellbeing of the society and ensures consistent service in upcoming days for the mankind.