

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY AND ICAR-CIFA FOR RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

An overarching and ambitious Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Bhubaneswar based ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture and Sambalpur University, Burla, Sambalpur. The MOU was signed by Prof. Sanjiv Mittal, Vice Chancellor of Sambalpur University and Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA. The MoU envisages



for research collaboration between these Organizations including student exchanges and training. In the sign-in ceremony, Dr Swain applauded the works being undertaken by Sambalpur University and the vision for raising the living standards of weaker sections of society in the western Odisha. Prof. Mittal in his speech reiterated the need for greater collaboration and using science and technology for the betterment of society. He also urged the scientist of CIFA to collaborate with Sambalpur University by which both organizations can be in a win-win situation for the benefit of the society. Prof. Mittal further emphasized the need for infusing modern aquaculture such as biofloc technology (BFT), development of Public Aquarium, nutrition research and intensive aquaculture as a means of livelihood support. The meeting started with welcome address by Dr. Padmanav Routray, Principal



Scientist of CIFA and the vote of thanks was offered by Dr. Nagesh Kumar Barik, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar. In this MoU ceremony Dr. P.K. Sahoo, In-charge, PME, Senior Administrative Officer, Mr. I. B. Kumar and other staffs were present. In future, collaboration will extend to joint research and education in the field of freshwater aquaculture.