

ICAR-CIFA observes International Women's Day with the theme "Time is Now : Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives"

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The ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar observed International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018. The theme for 2018 International Women's Day is "Time is now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". This year's theme captures the vibrant life of the women activists whose passion and commitment have won women's rights over the generations, and successfully brought change. Women all over the world are gathering strength, demonstrating the power of speaking with one voice, as they call for opportunity and accountability, drawing momentum from grassroots networks and coalitions that stretch right up to government leadership.



Dr. K. D. Mahapatra, Principal Scientist and Chairperson of Internal Women Complaint Committee, ICAR-CIFA, welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests . She expressed her tribute to the women who have immensely contributed to shape the society. In addition, preference for male child in terms of their higher education, nutrition and economic rights unlike that of female child has created gender inequity

at the family level.

Dr. S. S. Mishra, Director In-Charge, ICAR-CIFA addressed the gathering and emphasized that the potential of women can be enhanced by providing education to them. Our society can change only when attitude towards women will change and we can certainly provide them a positive working ambience.

Smt. Lalita Pattnaik, educationalist from UNICEF, Odisha graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. She opined that, the social activists for women empowerment must be from both the genders. She reiterated the fact "SPEAK UP" for the females of our society who are undermined under the patriarchal social values.

Shri R. K. Dash, Superintendent of Police, Special Intelligence Wing, Govt. of Odisha joined as Chief Guest on the occasion and highlighted on the prevailing laws and policies formulated exclusively for the security and social development of women both at work place and family level. He expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the misutilization of various Acts and imprecise enforcement of law. He flagged the slogan, “WOMEN SHOULD RESIST TO ANY INJUSTICE TO THEM”.



Dr. M. Mohanty, DST Scientist presented the significant research output of the women researchers at the Institute and their contribution towards the development of the fisheries sector.

Dr. (Mrs.) U. L. Mohanty, Assistant Chief Technical Officer proposed the vote of thanks.

