ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar continues the fervour of patriotism by celebrating 74th Independence Day strictly adhering to social distancing norms and other COVID protocols. On this eve, Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, the acting Director of the institute took the pride of unfurling the tricolour. Dr. Swain while addressing a small gathering expressed his gratitude towards the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to bring smiles on millions of lips and provided free breaths unlocked from the clutch of British. He also exhorted the researchers, students and technocrats for employing indigenous knowledge and skill that will pave path towards ATMA NIRBHR BHARAT; a historical vision and dream of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. While the atrocious COVID pandemic continues to hit the economy, Scientists and researchers from CIFA have risen to the occasion to carry on with their research agenda. He reiterated CIFA’s commitment to serve the sector and the fishermen community.

On this auspicious occasion Director felicitated the corona warriors namely Dr. P. K. Sahoo, Dr. J. Mohanty, Dr. Ashish Saha, Dr. Mrinal Samanta, Dr. P. K. Meher, Dr. Laxman Sahoo, Sri Mohan Bade, Sri Kiran Rasal, Sri Anirban Paul, Sri Uday Udit & Sri Satya Narayan Sahoo with mementoes who have epitomised their selfless service to the Nation by testing COVID samples on deputation to ICAR-ICFMD, Bhubaneswar. Besides he also honoured Sri Dwarikanath Nayak, Sri Ekadashi Mallik, Sri Mahadev Satpathy, Sri A. K. Das, Sri T. K. Swain and Sri J. B. Mishra for their service in keeping the office premises clean and hygienic during this pandemic. The programme was coordinated by Sri. Debabrata Sahoo.