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### **Educational Qualifications**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Ph. D. (Zoology)</b> | Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 2000             |
| <b>2</b> | <b>D.F.Sc.</b>          | CIFE, Mumbai. 1988                              |
| <b>3</b> | <b>M.Sc. (Zoology)</b>  | Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar. 1981 |

## Awards & recognitions

**ICAR** (Indian council of Agricultural Research) **one-time special award** for release of CIFA-IR-1 (Jayanti) on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1998.

CIFA, Kausalyaganga, **Best team award** (Fish Genetics and Biotechnology), 1999.

Fishery technocrat Forum, Chennai, **Team award** for outstanding contribution in the field of Fishery and development of improved rohu (Jayanti), 2000.

**International fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship** by IFAR board Consultative Group of International Agriculture Research (CGIAR), Washington DC, USA at World Fish center, Penang, Malaysia and other CGIAR centers at Philippines and Malaysia for a period of 05.09.2003- 14.11.2003 to study on "Perspectives of CGIAR system".

**Selected as board member of the selection committee** for International Fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship for the years 2004-2007 by CGIAR, Washington D.C.USA..

**Selected as chairperson of the selection committee** for International Fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship for the years 2007-2010 by CGIAR, Washington D.C.,, USA..

As a **key note speaker** in the Genetics in Aquaculture session of World Aquaculture Society conference at Hanoi, Vietnam during 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**FAO consultant to Nepal** on “ Genetic improvement of carps in Nepal” from 6<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**Resource person and key presenter** in the International training program on “ Quantitative Genetics & application to Aquaculture” organized by WorldFish Center, Malaysia at Thailand & Sri Lanka

Special appreciation award for CIFA, Kausalyaganga for Institute building for 2005.

As a team member received **special appreciation** research team award from CIFA during Annual day celebration for 2006

**Best Division team award** (Fish Genetics and Biotechnology) for 2007.

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|  | <p><b>Special appreciation plaque</b> for contribution towards growth of CIFA for 2008.</p> <p><b>Represented India as Focal point expert</b> in the consultative workshop on “Broodstock management and dissemination of improved fish breeds to promote aquaculture in SAARC countries” at Islamabad, Pakistan during 13-14 March 2012.</p>  |
| <p><b>Research Experiences</b></p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Selective breeding of rohu (<i>Labeo rohita</i>) with 17% average realized selection response per generation after seven generations of selection.</li> <li>➤ Developed breeding programme for rohu, mass tagging of fish with PIT tag, production of fullsib groups, rearing of fullsib groups in nursery as well as wet laboratory, mass challenge protocol against aeromoniasis, selective breeding for disease resistant trait, data analysis using SAS package, dissemination planning etc.</li> <li>➤ Carp hatchery management &amp; growout culture</li> <li>➤ Genetic improvement of carps through genome manipulation</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Current Research Interests</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selective breeding &amp; stock improvement of carps</li> <li>• Breed improvement of freshwater prawn <i>M. rosenbergii</i></li> <li>• Genome manipulation</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Current Research Projects</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock evaluation of Catla (<i>Catla catla</i>) for establishment of base population and selective breeding of rohu for two traits (growth &amp; disease resistance against aeromoniasis)</li> <li>• Selective breeding of freshwater prawn (<i>M. rosenbergii</i>)</li> <li>• Improving disease resistance of rohu carp and tiger shrimp farmed in India: Developing and implementing advanced molecular methods and streamlining access to and use of genetic resources</li> <li>• Quality seed production and stock upgradation of carps through use of cryopreservation technology in the selected hatcheries of India</li> </ul>      |
| <p><b>Completed Projects</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selective Breeding of Rohu (<i>Labeo rohita</i>), Phase- I (Indo-Norwegian Programme)</li> <li>• Genetic Improvement of Rohu (<i>Labeo rohita</i>) for Growth through</li> </ul>  |

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|                                    | <p>Selective Breeding, Phase- II (Indo-Norwegian Program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selective breeding of Rohu, <i>Labeo rohita</i> for innate resistance to aeromoniasis (Indo-Norwegian Program)</li> <li>• Achieving greater food security and eliminating poverty by dissemination of Improved Carp Strains fish in India ( CIFA-WorldFish center collaborative project)</li> <li>• Age effect of parents on the growth performance of offspring and rate of inbreeding in different carp hatcheries of Orissa state</li> <li>• Sustainable genetic improvement of rohu (<i>Labeo rohita</i>) for growth through selective breeding</li> <li>• Genetic improvement of rohu for growth and disease resistance against <i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i> through sustainable selective breeding</li> <li>• Cryopreservation and utilization of male gametes of improved rohu (Jayanti)</li> <li>• Standardization of breeding and rearing of some of the commercially important ornamental fishes with greater emphasis to indigenous fishes.</li> <li>• Stock comparison and development of base population of giant freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Teaching experiences</b></p> | <p><b>Ph.D Guidance</b></p> <p>Guided Dr. S.Sarkar for Her Ph.D in Zoology On “Genetic And Biochemical Parameters of some important hybrids of Carps” (Awarded on 28th January 2005) By Utkal University.</p> <p>Guiding As Co-Guide to Mr. B.Mohanty on “ Immune Response In Various Families Of Rohu , Labeo Rohita , Exhibiting Differential Resistance to Edwardsieollosis (Awarded in 2008)</p> <p><b>Syllabus designed</b></p> <p>Course/syllabus of M.F.Sc and Ph.D (Fish Breeding and Genetics) of CIFE</p> <p><b>Teaching</b></p> <p>Teaching Fish Genetics In BJB College In Bhubaneswar As Guest Lecturer.</p> <p>Teaching in Vani Vihar University As Guest Lecturer In Different Refresher Courses</p>   |

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| <b>International recognition</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship</b> by IFAR board Consultative Group of International Agriculture Research (CGIAR), Washington DC, USA</li> <li>• <b>Selected as board member of the selection committee</b> for International Fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship for the years 2004-2007 by CGIAR, Washington D.C., USA..</li> <li>• <b>Selected as chairperson of the selection committee</b> for International Fund for Agriculture Research (IFAR) fellowship for the years 2007-2010 by CGIAR, Washington D.C., USA..</li> <li>• As a <b>key note speaker</b> in the Genetics in Aquaculture session of World Aquaculture Society conference at Hanoi, Vietnam during 5th to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007.</li> <li>• <b>FAO consultant to Nepal</b> on “ Genetic improvement of carps in Nepal” from 6<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December 2007</li> <li>• <b>Resource person and key presenter</b> in the International training program on “ Quantitative Genetics &amp; application to Aquaculture” organized by WorldFish Center, Malaysia at Thailand &amp; Sri Lanka</li> <li>• <b>Represented India as Focal point expert</b> in the consultative workshop on “Broodstock management and dissemination of improved fish breeds to promote aquaculture in SAARC countries” at Islamabad, Pakistan during 13-14 March 2012.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Publications</b>              |  |
| <b>List of Publications</b>      | <p>Reddy, P.V.G.K., <b>K.D. Mahapatra</b>, R.K. Jana and S.D. Tripathy, 1995. Induction of triploidy in grass carp using thermal and pressure shock. <b>The nucleus</b> 38 (1, 2): 23-25.</p> <p><b>Das Mahapatra, K.</b>, and B.K.Nayak, 1995. Chromosomes of mitotic gynogenetic rohu (<i>L.rohita</i>) and rohu produced with fertilization with cryopreserved milt. <b>J.Aqua.</b> (3): 61-62</p> <p>Reddy, P.V.G.K., <b>K.D.Mahapatra</b>, J.N.Saha and R.K.Jana, 1998. Effect of induced triploidy on growth of common carp var. Communis. <b>J.Aqua.Trop.</b> 13(1): 65-72</p> <p>Gjerde, B., P.V.G.K.Reddy, M.Rye, R.K.Jana, <b>K.D.Mahapatra</b>, S.D.Gupta, J.N.Saha, M.Sahoo, S.Lenka, P.Govindswamy, S.D.Tripathi and T. Gjegrem, 1999. Genetic variation in growth</p>  |

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