

## Director, ATARI, Kolkata and Director Extension, CAU, Imphal visit KVK-Khordha

Dr. S.K. Roy, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata (Zone-V) and Prof. Ph. Ranjit Sharma, Director, Extension Education, Central Agricultural University, Imphal visited the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Khordha, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar today. Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar welcomed them and took them around the facilities of the Institute and the KVK. He briefed them about significant accomplishments of KVK and highlighted the role of KVK Scientists for successful transfer of various fishery-based technologies developed by ICAR-CIFA for the farming community of Khordha district. Partnerships developed with state departments, NGOs, donor agencies, Farmer Producer Companies etc. has enabled the KVK expand its outreach. Besides, he also appreciated the various women empowerment activities carried out by KVK-Khordha under SCSP.



Dr. Roy while interacting with the scientists of KVK-Khordha stressed that this KVK should take lead in the fisheries sector as it is located inside ICAR-CIFA campus. Besides, a greater number of farmer producer organization need to be formed and technology should be promoted to enhance their income and generate employment.

Earlier, Mr. A.K. Dash, Senior Scientist & Head (I/C), KVK, Khordha briefed about the activities of KVK. While interacting with the B. Sc. Agriculture students of RAWE Programme at KVK-Khordha Dr Sharma urged the students to develop agri-entrepreneurship which is the need of the hour. He urged the students to aim for becoming job providers and not job seekers. The Scientists and staff of KVK-Khordha, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar and 30 B.Sc. (Agriculture) students from Sikshya O Anusandhan Deemed University, Bhubaneswar, Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha and Jagannath University, Jaipur, Rajasthan were also present in the meeting. Dr. H.K. De, Principal Scientist proposed vote of thanks.

