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## ICAR-CIFA celebrated International Women's Day 2026

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar and KVK, Khordha jointly organized a Workshop on “Empowering SC Women Farmer through Women Friendly Aquaculture Technologies” in connection with the celebrations of International Women's day 2026. A total of 100 farm women from of Balipatna block of Khordha district attended the workshop. Dr. Kanta Das Mahapatra, former Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA gave a presentation on “Freshwater aquaculture as a livelihood option for farm women”. Dr. S.N. Sethi., Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA delivered a lecture on “Natural Farming for sustainable aquaculture”. Dr. C.K. Mishra. Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA talked on Empowerment of women farmer through ornamental aquaculture.



Ms. Prajna Parangama, Deputy Collector, Khurda and the Chief Guest of the programme, expressed her delight in participating in the International Women's Day celebration at ICAR-CIFA. She highlighted that recognizing and promoting the contributions of women in aquaculture and rural development is essential, and emphasized that empowering women through knowledge, entrepreneurship, and opportunities in fisheries can significantly strengthen livelihoods and foster inclusive and sustainable development. Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Director of ICAR-CIFA, in his address highlighted the various initiatives undertaken by the institute to promote women's empowerment, particularly in the field of aquaculture and fisheries. He also spoke about several schemes launched by the Government aimed at strengthening the socio-economic status of women and encouraging their active participation in development activities. Dr. K. D. Mahapatra and Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, former Principal Scientists of ICAR-CIFA, attended the programme as Guests of Honour and highlighted the importance of empowering women through aquaculture. Emphasizing

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the concept of “Give to Gain,” they stated that greater participation of women in aquaculture entrepreneurship can significantly enhance their livelihoods while also contributing to their social empowerment and responsibilities. Ms. Kanta Mohanty, GB Member of

SARA, Bhubaneswar, and External Member of the IC at ICAR-CIFA, also addressed the gathering on this occasion. She emphasized the importance of gender equality and highlighted the need for knowledge sharing in line with this year’s theme, “Give to Gain.” Earlier, Dr. Rakhi Kumari, Senior Scientist and Chairperson of the IC, ICAR-CIFA, welcomed the guests and highlighted the significance of celebrating International Women’s Day 2026, emphasizing the importance of recognizing women’s contributions and promoting gender equality. Chief Guest and Guests of Honour distributed prizes to the winners of the various competitions arranged in connection with the IWD 2026. Shri Sujan Show, AO and Member Secretary, IC, ICAR-CIFA proposed the vote of thanks.



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