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**Interface Meeting with the Secretary, Dairy, Fisheries and Animal Resources  
Department Government of Bihar at RRC-Rahara, ICAR-CIFA**

Shri Shirsat Kapil Ashok, IAS, the Secretary, Department of Dairy, Fisheries and Animal Resources, accompanied by other Senior Officials, Shri Kumar Rabindra, Joint Secretary; Shri Dileep Kumar Singh, Joint Director Fisheries (SPU), Shri Pawan Kumar Paswan, Joint Director Fisheries (HQ), Govt. of Bihar and Shri Ajay Kumar, Team Lead, BAIP, Govt. of Bihar visited the Regional Research Centre (RRC), Rahara of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture on 13 May 2026.

The Officials were warmly welcomed by the scientists and staff members of RRC-Rahara. Dr. R. N. Mandal, Principal Scientist and SIC, RRC-Rahara delivered the welcome address and presented the significant contributions of ICAR-CIFA towards freshwater aquaculture research, seed production technologies, nutritional interventions, fish health management, and farmer-centric innovations for sustainable aquaculture development, apart from training and livelihood development program. An interactive session with the scientists of RRC-Rahara was held, with a detailed discussion on the major achievements and ongoing research activities of ICAR-CIFA. The discussions focused on scientific aquaculture practices, breeding and seed rearing, feeding, and disease surveillance.

During the field visit, the dignitaries were showcased the harvest and culture performance of Indian Major Carps (IMC), exotic carps, and commercially important catfish species including pabda, tangra, and singhi at the experimental ponds of RRC-Rahara. The visiting officials appreciated the advanced culture practices, seed production technologies, health management strategies, and farmer-oriented research activities undertaken by ICAR-CIFA for promoting diversified and sustainable freshwater aquaculture.

The officials expressed keen interest in collaborative programmes with RRC-Rahara for capacity building and skill development of fisheries officers and fish farmers from different districts and blocks of Bihar. Discussions were held regarding the organization of specialized training programmes, exposure visits, and technology dissemination initiatives focusing on scientific fish farming, catfish culture, broodstock management, fish health management, and sustainable aquaculture practices for enhancing fish production and livelihood opportunities in Bihar.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Adhikari, Principal Scientist. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. A. Das and Dr. F. Hoque, Scientists of RRC-Rahara, ICAR-CIFA.

