

### ICAR-CIFA celebrated World Blood Donor Day

The World Blood Donor Day was celebrated at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Kausalyaganga, Bhubneswar, Odisha, a premier research Institute on freshwater aquaculture in the country on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a part of “Raktdaan Amrit Mahostav” approved under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav” and to mark the birthday of Karl Landsteiner (1868-1943), an Austrian Biologist and physician, the founder of modern blood transfusion, who also discovered the ABO blood groups. On this auspicious occasion, ICAR-CIFA organised a blood donation camp at Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar where twelve donors from the Institute donated their blood to save the life of ailing patients. This camp was organised by Dr. Ashis Saha, Principal Scientist & In-charge, CIFA Dispensary in collaboration with Dr. Debashis Mishra, In-Charge, Department of Blood Bank, Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. Further, a health camp was organised at Village Sangalai Sasan, Gudiapokhari, Puri District to raise awareness about the importance of blood grouping (blood type) among the rural people and encourage them to become blood donors. In this health camp, blood groups, blood sugar levels, blood pressure and general health of 35 people of that locality were examined. Dr. P K Sahoo, Director ICAR-CIFA appreciated the blood donors for this noble activity and motivated other people to become new donors.



Blood donation camp at Capital Hospital Bhubaneswar



Health camp at Village Sangalai Sasan, Gudiapokhari, Odisha