

Hon'ble Secretary, DARE, & DG, ICAR visits ICAR-CIFA

Dr Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi visited ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture today. The DG inaugurated the new facility "Business Development Center" constructed with the support of RKVY. The new facility will provide hand holding support to



the aquapreneurs and Start-ups. Dr P. K. Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA & National Professor and Senior Officers of the Institute briefed him about the significance research achievement and other activities of the Institute. He also visited Kristi Vigyan Kendra located in the Institute campus. An exhibition of farm produces and value added products developed by Women Self Help Groups was also organized in the KVK campus. Dr Pathak was impressed with the Farmers Producers Organisations, promoted by KVK and laid emphasis on sound business plan for its growth.



Later he had an interaction with all the staffs of ICAR-CIFA and heads of other ICAR institutes located in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. He stressed on 'One ICAR' wherein the disciplinary boundaries of the institutes will merge and the institutes will serve the farming community in a better way. We need science to generate technologies, products; we also need science

of delivery. Reaching out the farmers and enabling them practice in a profitable way is the focus of the whole agricultural research and extension system said Dr Pathak. He called a transformation in the way we do and deliver research.

