



RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada and Department of Fisheries, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh Jointly Celebrated "National Fish Farmers Day" 10 July 2023

The Regional Research Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Vijayawada and Regional office of Department of Fisheries, Government of Andhra Pradesh jointly observed National Fish Farmers' day on 10th July, 2023 at Fish Seed Farm, Kuchipudi, Bapatla Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

The programme was initiated with the welcome speech by Dr. Ramesh Rathod, Sr. Scientist, RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada who extended his warm welcome on behalf of the institute to dignitaries, farmers, entrepreneurs, line department officials and briefed about the programme. Further, he briefed the importance of the day as a land mark achievement of induced breeding technology in the history of Fisheries sector to achieve revolution in fish seed production and increase in fish production.

In the inauguration, Shri. Y. Sureshbabu, PACS Mandal President, Amarthaluru and Chief Guest of the programme emphasized on importance of fish seed production and culture. Shri. Dr. P. Suresh, District Fisheries Officer, Bapatla, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh highlighted the vast freshwater resources of Andhra Pradesh state, scope for the fish seed production and diversification in the fish farming. Dr P. V. Rangacharyulu, Rtd. Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA briefed about the history of induced breeding initiated by Dr Hiralal Chaudhari. Dr. B.S. Giri, Principal Scientist and Scientist In-Charge, RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada emphasized on background, process and success of induced breeding in aquaculture. Shri B. Krishna Kishore, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chirala, Mrs. J. Mahija, Fisheries Development Officer, Fish Seed Farm, Kuchhipudi, Shri P. Sai Sandeep, Fisheries Development Officer, Nizampatnam and Village Fisheries Assistants were also present on the occasion. On this occasion, five fish farmers from Bapatla districts of Andhra Pradesh were felicitated. The awardee farmers shared their experience and stories with the researchers, officials and other farmers. A total of 60 participants attended the programme.

Inaugural function was followed by a Scientist-farmer interaction on this occasion which was moderated by Dr. Ramesh Rathod, Sr. Scientist, RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Ajit Keshav Chaudhari, Scientist, RRC of ICAR-CIFA, Vijayawada.



