

**Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
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Breeding Hatchery and Nursery Complex’ at ICAR-CIFA**

Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated the newly created ‘CIFA-GI Scampi Selective Breeding Hatchery and Nursery Complex’ at ICAR-CIFA on 26 December 2022 in presence of Dr. P. K. Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA, Dr. Bindu R. Pillai, Principal Scientist & Head, Aquaculture Production and Environment Division, other Heads of Divisions, Scientists and staff of ICAR-CIFA.



Fig 1 Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries inaugurating the selective breeding hatchery and nursey complex of ‘CIFA-GI Scampi’

The new facilities were created under Prime Minister Matsya Sampata Yojana, Central Sector Scheme (PMMSY-CS) titled ‘Scaling up of Genetic Improvement Program of Freshwater Prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (Scampi)’ sanctioned to ICAR-CIFA in 2021. The above mentioned facilities were created to scale up the infrastructure facilities of the selective breeding program of Scampi for the production of new generations of ‘CIFA-GI Scampi’- the genetically improved fast-growing strain of Scampi developed by ICAR-CIFA. The selective breeding hatchery was constructed at a cost of Rs.22.50 lakhs and it houses 72 numbers of 300 litre FRP tanks for family-wise rearing of new generations of ‘CIFA GI Scampi’.

The nursery complex was constructed at a cost of Rs.48.60 lakhs and it houses 100 numbers of brick and cement tanks (1.5 x1.0 x 1.0 m) for the family-wise nursery rearing of the new generations of ‘CIFA GI Scampi’. With the new additional facilities, ICAR-CIFA will be able to produce around 100 families of new generations of ‘CIFA GI Scampi’ per generation which in turn will improve the efficiency of the selective breeding programme of scampi.

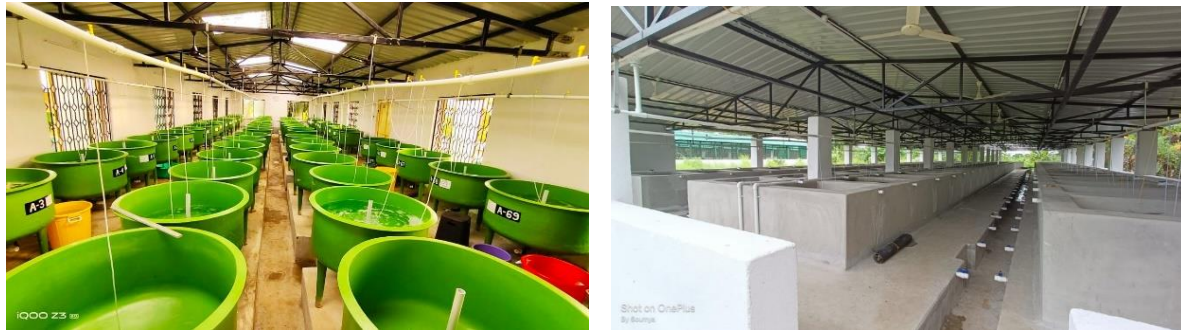


Fig 2 Inner view of the newly constructed selective breeding hatchery and nursery complex of CIFA-GI Scampi



Fig 3 Secretary, DoF, GoI interacting with the Director ICAR-CIFA and CIFA-GI Scampi team

The secretary appreciated the facilities created at ICAR-CIFA and advised the scientists to give emphasis on the cost reduction of farming for the benefit of scampi farmers. He further stressed the need to have more focus on the creation of infrastructure for frozen storage of scampi and create awareness among the consumers on the superior quality of frozen products.