



## ICAR-CIFA motivates school students to pursue science as a career

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ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, a premier institute for research in freshwater aquaculture observed National Science Day today. The Institute observed an open day where young school children from Arjunaswardev Nodal High School, Kairi Pipili and Radhamohandev Ucha Bidyapitha, Gangapurpatna Delanga came and explored fishery science.



Scientists of the institute took the student on a guided tour to farm facilities Diversified species, Murrel Unit, Air breathing fish, Feed Mill, Pearl culture unit and Aquarium. Around 120 students participated in this event.



Dr. S. S. Giri, Head, Fish Nutrition Physiology Division, ICAR-CIFA graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inspired the students to follow the path of science for betterment of society. He elaborated on this year's theme for National Science Day 2024 'Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat', which matches with innovation and accomplishments of Indian scientists to address challenges through home-grown

technologies for overall well-being. He cited the example of Indian scientific breakthroughs that reached from the lab to moon, with the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on South pole of moon, etc. Dr. Giri also informed about the use of indigenous technologies in freshwater Aquaculture. Earlier Dr. P.K. Meher, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA welcomed guests and the students. Dr. Chandrakant Mishra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA gave a brief outline on the significance of this day. Sri Anil Paikray, TGT, Arjunaswardev Nodal High School, Kairi Pipili said that this exposure visit to such a large institute and its facilities will have a persisting impression on the young minds. He thanked the officials of CIFA for having invited students and for providing such a nice exposure to CIFA and its activities.

Dr Snatashree Mohanty, Scientist, Sri. Durga Prasad Rath, ACTO, Sri Sisir Kumar Mohanty, ACTO, ICAR-CIFA coordinated the programme. Dr E. M. Chhandaprajnadarshini, Scientist ICAR-CIFA proposed the vote of thanks.



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