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# ICAR-CIFE's XIII CONVOCATION

## Dazzling Gowns, Ignited Minds and Hopes of Bright Future...

It is that time of the year when college graduates put on those uneasy gowns and head off to commencement, where they sit in rows of uniform, waiting to grab their degrees and meet up with their families and friends while half-listening to distinguished speakers dispense timeless wisdom and advice. So on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai conducted its 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation in its stunning campus. The programme started with a procession by the dignitaries. The Chief Guest of the occasion was **Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra**, Secretary (DARE) and DG ICAR while **Shri Gajanan Kirtikar**, Member of Parliament, Mumbai North West Constituency presided over the function. **Dr. J.K. Jena**, DDG (Fisheries), ICAR and **Dr. Bharti Lavekar**, MLA, Versova were the Guests of Honor. The program started with the Convocation procession arriving at the venue and on to the stage. The Chief Guest and other dignitaries lit the ceremonial lamp and formally inaugurated the program. Dr. Paromita Banerjee sang the invocation song. **Dr. Gopal Krishna**, Director & Vice-Chancellor, CIFE welcomed all and presented the Convocation report highlighting the historical milestones, human resource development and present activities. **Dr. Bharti Lavekar**, congratulating the graduating class, reminisced about her college days. She emphasized the need to start UG program at CIFE so that fishing community in the region can benefit. **Shri Gajanan Kirtikar** highlighted the importance of training for skill development of fisher folks, researchers as well as students. He also talked about providing enhanced allowances for fishers during the closed season. **Dr. J.K. Jena** took to stage by congratulating awardees and quoting that it is through their hard work and dedication that they are here today. He also highlighted the importance of fisheries sector for ensuring nutritional security to all. He also mentioned the challenges that are to be faced by this sector and how to achieve the agenda of sustainable fisheries. He urged the young minds to 'dream big that we cannot achieve (it may seem so now, but will become possible tomorrow)'.

The eager and young graduates rose to attention in their seats as **Dr. N. P. Sahu**, Dean (Academics) and **Dr. P.P. Srivastava**, Controller of Examinations called their names, excited to receive their hard earned Degrees. With all smiles and cheers they lined up to the stage and received their precious degrees and awards from Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Chief Guest and other dignitaries. In total, 151 Masters and 54 Ph.D. students were awarded their diplomas. Dr. Hiralal Chaudhari Gold Medals for toppers in each discipline was awarded to 11 students from 2013-15 and 2014-16 batches, while Dr. C. V Kulkarni Gold medal was awarded to overall toppers **Ms. Sampa Pal** from 2013-15 batch and to **Mr. Shyam K. U** from the 2014-16 batch. Shri B.N Sharma Gold medal for toppers in Fisheries Extension was awarded to **Mr. Balkam R**



**Sangma** (2013-15) and to **Mr. Suman Dey** (2014-16) while Shri M. A Upare Gold Medal for toppers in Fisheries Economics awarded to **Ms. Jamuna Debbarma** (2013-15) and to **Mr. Ubair Nisar** (2014-16). Prof. Ravindranath Krothapalli Gold medal was awarded to **Mr. Shyam K. U** (2014-16).

After the awards, the Chief Guest talked in length about fisheries development and CIFE's role in the Prime Minister's call for Blue Revolution. Highlighted the achievements of ICAR in the field of fisheries, he underscored that 'these achievements have been successful not only because of our part but also because of the involvement of the central and state governments'. He said, programmes like *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* have covered more than 10,300 villages across the country in 2016. He also emphasized on student entrepreneurship, which will be a big step for the country's agenda of Stand-Up India and Start-Up India. An important message he gave to the students was that students should be job givers and not merely job seekers. In the end **Dr. Aparna Chaudhari** gave the vote of thanks.

As the ceremony came to the end, students, families, well-wishers all hurried out to take pictures. The mid-day heat of Mumbai did not dampen their spirits one bit as the new graduates looking dashing posed for pictures for one of the most significant days of their lives.

*"The fireworks begin today. Each degree is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse."*

Goodluck, graduates!

- Ms. Kukhrunelu Keyho & Ms Siddhika V Meher



## Inauguration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Students Convention

### Young Minds from Across India Gather to Brainstorm



The Second Students' Convention on Innovative Approaches for Academic Excellence in Higher Fisheries Education was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 afternoon in a novel way by releasing fishes into tanks by the dignitaries. **Dr. J. K. Jena**, DDG, Fisheries declared CIFE Wave - 2017 open. A slew of events during 3-6 March 2017 include brainstorming sessions on Blue Revolution: Way Forward, Innovations for Excellence in Fisheries Education, Industrial Meet and Alumni meet. **Dr. Gopal Krishna**, Director, ICAR- CIFE, Mumbai welcomed the gathering of eminent scientists, Directors of various ICAR sister Institutes, CIFE staff and students from all over India. He mentioned in his welcome address that the CIFE Wave is aimed to bring a tsunami like growth in Fisheries sector by harnessing students ideas and achieve blue revolution as per the dream of our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The entrepreneurship plays a key role in every sector and the gap between researcher and entrepreneurship the fisheries need the students to STEP UP.

In his address, **Dr. J. K. Jena** mentioned the importance of this students' convention as a platform to share the budding Fisheries students' ideas. The great scientific

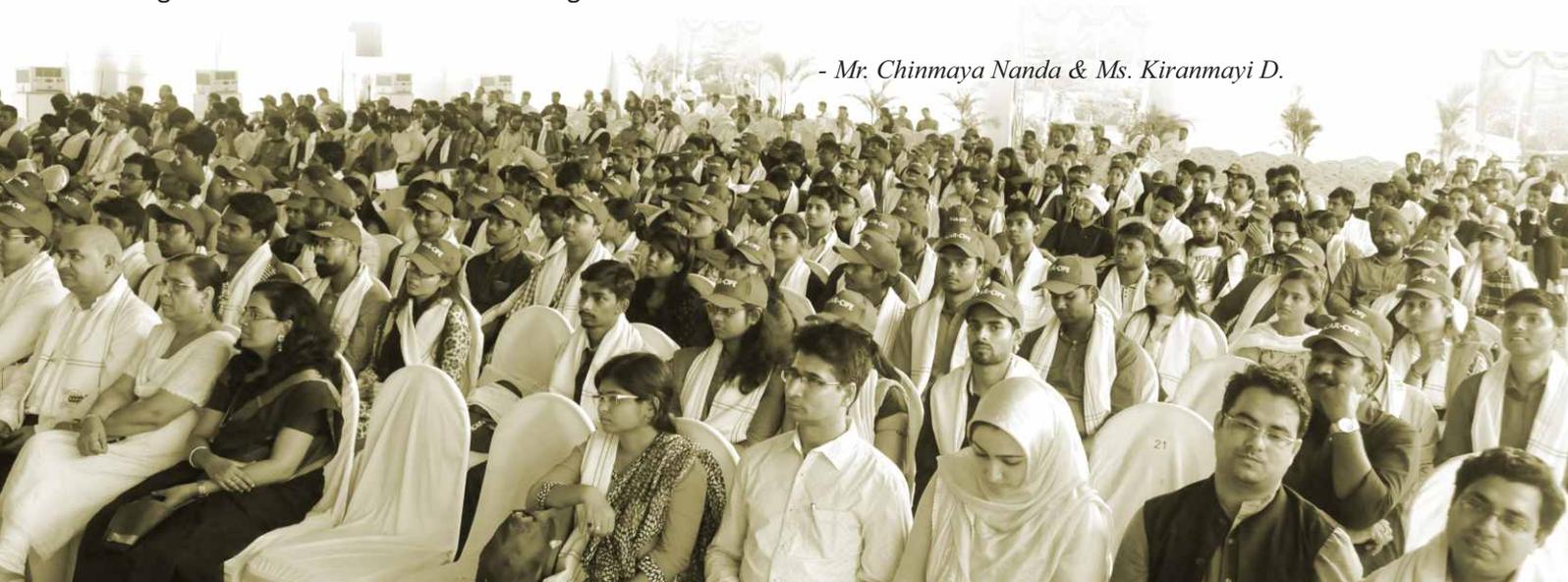
minds inspire enough confidence and hope that many young minds would take cues from them and take forward fisheries development. He emphasized on the health benefit of fish as food and the need to create niche for various fishes among the consumers. He also congratulated CMFRI's app on PFZ getting mentioned in Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech. He encouraged the gathering to achieve their targets by analyzing the challenges ahead of them. He congratulated team ICAR-CIFE in organizing this 2<sup>nd</sup> Students Convention after the first Convention held in 2014.

Souvenir on Convention and many new books namely Social entrepreneurship in aquaculture, Abstracts of Students research, Grassroots Innovation in Fisheries, Students Magazine (Jal Manjari), Technical Bulletins on various Technologies were released by Dignitaries. Along with this a CD on fish chromosome analysis by FGB division was also published.

**Shri Mahadev Jagannath Jankar**, Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Development, Govt. of Maharashtra in his Chief Guest address emphasized the importance of academicians and scientists to give suggestions in law making. The transfer of knowledge from lab to land is very crucial without which there is no use of the knowledge gained. He pledged to make Maharashtra fisheries department a world class one. He welcomed collaboration between fisheries research institutes especially ICAR-CIFE and the Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Maharashtra in this endeavor.

**Dr. K. Pani Prasad**, Organising Secretary conveyed his vote of thanks to all the participants and organizing team for making the Convention a great success. **Dr. Arpita Sharma**, Organising Secretary coordinated the overall event.

- Mr. Chinmaya Nanda & Ms. Kiranmayi D.



# Exhibiting Innovative Ideas for Sustainable Fisheries Future

The grand student exhibition, being held alongside 2<sup>nd</sup> Students Convention was inaugurated by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR at 5.00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 in presence of DDG, Fisheries, Director, CIFE and other dignitaries. In this unique event, about 300 students from 20 fisheries colleges from across the country participated enthusiastically with their posters. The selected 154 posters were exhibited on the occasion. Besides, CIMFRI, CIFRI, CIBA, CIFA, NBFGR, DCFR, CIFT, CIRCOT, CSIR-NIO and few industries also participated focusing on their innovative ideas. It provided an interesting platform for sharing ideas and getting inspired. A screen was put up where CIFE displayed videos developed by CIFE.



## Q&A

**Mr. Rounak Ara Siddiqui**, College of Fisheries, Kawardha, Chhattisgarh on his idea Preservative and Transportation of fish by using Kachnar leaf container.

**Q : Please explain in brief about your topic?**

**A:** Kachnar leaf is used as it has medicinal & water resistant capacities. The container is made with this leaf and can be used to transport as well as preserve fish. It is low cost. It doesn't need any technical knowledge.

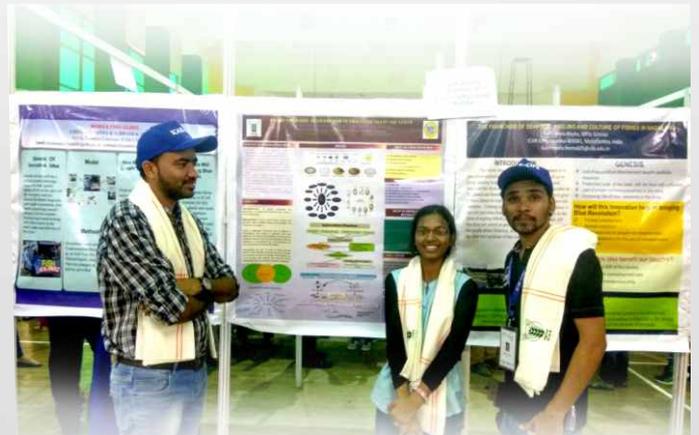
**Q: What do you think about this convention and CIFE?**

**A:** It is a good platform for exhibiting ideas and competing with other colleges. Also, CIFE is one of the dreams of fisheries graduates.

**Mr. Dharmaraj Patro**, CIFE, Mumbai on his Smart nano-size delivery for neutraceuticals in aquafeed.

**Q: Please explain to us about your topic in brief.**

**A:** We developed this technique to produce nano-size feed



to protect fishes from diseases and make them healthy, this will in turn increase the growth of the fish and reduce mortality.

- Mr. Subhash K. Banjare & Mr. Rajeshwaran



**Director's Message:**



*Dr. Gopal Krishna*

Its heartening to note that the students of social sciences especially fisheries extension are bringing out this newsletter to disseminate the happenings related to fish, fishers and fisheries to the people at large.

The use of social media in this endeavour is quite apt as it's reach is far and wide while being instantaneous. I wish this initiative continues to cater to the felt needs of all the stakeholders in a captivating manner.

## Cultural program: Young singers and dancers delight the colorful crowd



As the temperature cooled down and the day came to a close after an amazing and busy day, the excitement was yet palpable with the cultural event about to take place. The participants too, nervous but eager to perform, as they were to display their talents on stage. The auditorium seats rapidly filled as the programme started. The day belonged to CIFEians as both students and faculty enthralled the audience through 16 performances.

The evening kicked off with a Malayalam group dance bringing the South Indian classical dance moves to the

Mumbai stage. The Koli folk dance told us a story about the fisher folk of Maharashtra, the magical Bihu dance from Assam had every audience glued to the stage. Most audience would agree that Dr. Paromita Banerjee stole the show displaying her cinematic vocals on stage. The night ended with an electric and awesome dance performance by the boys of CIFE. All performances of the night were equally stunning and the audience enjoyed every bit of it.

-- Ms. Kukhrunelu Keyho & Mr. Velumani



***Dream Big. Imagine..***

..Think Aloud. Plan Sound. And then Just Do It.

This is how most good things happen. The idea of having SocialFish, a student run magazine, is as old as 2008/2009 when the first batch of Fisheries Extension students registered for FEX 507 Development Journalism course. But sometimes, ideas do take its own time to mature.

SocialFish is an effort by first year MFSc Fisheries Extension students as part of their course FEX 507 Development Journalism. The effort is supported and mentored by passionate seniors and teachers. SocialFish is dreaming big and hopes to break new grounds in terms of pedagogy, fisheries journalism and professional students networking by harnessing internet and social media. It promises to be a fortnightly magazine anchored at Fisheries Economics, Extension and Statistics Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. Expect more from us in the coming days.

