

## **Report of interactive Seminar on Efficient value chain in Fisheries and Aquaculture-Driving growth in India held on 15.06.2019 at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai**

ICAR-CIFE under the aegis of NAHEP-CAAST organised one interactive Seminar on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 in collaboration with SMART AGRI POST, New Delhi on “Efficient Value Chain in Fisheries and Aquaculture”. The main focus of the conference was on sustainability and economic transformation of primary producers, processors, exporters and other stakeholders. The event was graced by amalgamation of experienced stakeholders including Mr. Rajendra Jadhav, Jt. Commissioner of Fisheries (Marine), Govt. of Maharashtra, Shri B.K. Mishra, Managing Director, National Federation of Fishers Cooperatives Ltd. (FISHCOPFED), Dr. Pravin Puthra, ADG, ICAR, Dr. S. D Tripathi, Former Director ICAR-CIFE, Dr. Dilip Kumar, Fisheries sector planning, policy and development advisor and former Director of ICAR-CIFE, Dr. Manoj Sharma, MD, Mayank Aquaculture, Pvt Ltd., and many representatives from fishermen cooperatives, NFDB, NABARD, MPEDA, EIA, feed and aquaculture industry. Around 60 Masters and Ph.D. students and faculty from ICAR-CIFE participated in the conference. In the inaugural session, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, ICAR-CIFE welcomed all the dignitaries and invited guests and urged on the need to have targeted technology transfer and to develop competent and skilled manpower to identify the constraints in the sector and cope up with the changing scenarios. The real issues of the stakeholder involved in the value chain in fisheries and aquaculture were discussed bare. The conference had three sessions on “Strengthening value chain and supply chain in fisheries and aquaculture, Affordable technologies and feed issue and trade & export”. All key speakers shared their views on different issues pertaining to fisheries sector and how to remove the constraints through focussed concerted efforts and constant follow-ups for developing entrepreneurs to take fisheries sector on higher pedestal. Shri Pravesh Pradhan, Chief Editor of the SMART AGRI POST coordinated the programme and ended with thanking all the delegates.

