

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**  
on  
**Advances in Aquarium Management Techniques**  
**7 – 11 January, 2019**

Division of Aquaculture, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai has conceptualized and conducted a Skill Development Training Programme (SDP) on “Advances in Aquarium Management Techniques” from 7 – 11 January, 2019. Ornamental fish culture has come a long way from the state of a domestic activity to that of an industrial enterprise in our country owing to their tremendous export potential. Along with the above, stakeholders need to be made aware about ancillary industries related to ornamental fish keeping since globalization and urbanization has spearheaded demands for such value additions. Keeping this in mind, the course was structured in a readily understandable and user-friendly manner, with emphasis on practicals along with relevant lectures, including a fruitful field trip. A total of 8 participants including entrepreneurs, faculty and students participated in the programme and practical hands on training was imparted on rearing techniques of ornamental fishes, fabrication, setting up and water quality management of aquariums, the art of aquascaping, role of various gadgets in management of the aquarium, live and formulated feed preparation, feeding and health management of ornamental fishes, economics of setting up small, medium and large scale enterprises and avenues of microfinance for budding entrepreneurs. Insights were also given into the tricks of the trade from an established and successful entrepreneur during the field trip to the first state of the art multi pet hub of Mumbai. Pre and post evaluation details revealed a gain in knowledge of the participants by 80%. They also reported fruitfulness of the venture with 85-90% positive feedback. Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director and Vice Chancellor, distributed the certificates and congratulated the participants on acquiring skill based knowledge during this programme.



Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director & Vice Chancellor distributing certificates to the participants



A hands on practical session on aquarium fabrication and setting in progress



A practical session on water quality management in aquariums in progress



Group photo