

## **Report of visit to ICAR-CIFE by Shri Sushil Kumar, Secretary ICAR**

Shri Sushil Kumar IAS, additional secretary DARE & secretary ICAR visited ICAR-CIFE on April 30, 2019 and conducted a meeting with all scientific, technical and administrative staff of ICAR-CIFE. He was accompanied by Dr. J.P Mishra, A.D.G (ICT), ICAR. Dr. P.G Patil, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai was also present in the meeting. In addition to this, scientists and technical officers from ICAR-CMFRI and ICAR-CIFT, Mumbai centres also attended the meeting. Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director ICAR-CIFE welcomed Shri Sushil Kumar and Dr. J.P. Misra and presented a detailed overview of the academic, extension and research activities of ICAR-CIFE.

Secretary, ICAR, while addressing the faculty and staff, expressed his desire to orient research and education in line with the requirements of the society and industry as well. Judicious use of e-resources, digitalization of precious publications, connecting with other library resources across the world, e-networking with renowned institutions in India and abroad, establishing alumni network for promoting entrepreneurship and facilitating Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) centres for promoting start-ups in the sector should be given priority. Benchmark may be set to assess the scientific achievements in terms of quantifiable outputs. Emphasis should be given for promoting path-breaking research that can transform the real obstacle in the field into an opportunity and solve a real problem. Bankable templates can be made which may help the new comers to find funding from various banks like NABARD, RRBs etc. It is high time now to take Indian aquaculture to the next level for which HRD contribution to Blue economy has to be monetised and quantified on priority. Public policy papers should be prepared and sent to Government of India and NITI Ayog. Dr. J.P. Mishra, A.D.G (ICT), ICAR emphasized the digitalization process, rigorous use of ERP, quality publication in ICAR institutions. Public policy papers of objective, definitive and concrete nature on various issues of the sector should be prepared. The program ended with a formal vote thanks by Dr. N.P. Sahu, Dean ICAR-CIFE.

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