

REPORT ON FIELD EXPOSURE-CUM-EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GOA

(Date: 25th–27th September)

A three-day Field Exposure-cum-Educational Tour to Goa was organized from 25th to 27th September for 16 students of ICAR–Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Mumbai, under the supervision of **Dr. Prem Kumar**. The tour aimed to provide practical exposure to fisheries resources, coastal ecosystems, aquaculture practices, and fisheries development in Goa.

During the visit, students explored the fisheries and coastal resources of Goa and visited the **Mandovi River** to understand the significance of riverine and estuarine ecosystems in supporting aquatic biodiversity and fisheries.

The students also visited the **ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CCARI), Goa**, where they gained practical exposure to hatchery operations, integrated fish farming systems, aquarium facilities, and various aquatic species. An informative session was conducted by **Dr. G. B. Sreekanth, Sr. Scientist** on invasive species, their ecological impacts, and the challenges they pose to native biodiversity. Students also received valuable information about Goa's fisheries sector and sustainable aquaculture practices.

Overall, the tour was an enriching academic experience that helped students connect theoretical knowledge with practical field observations. It enhanced their understanding of fisheries resources, aquaculture technologies, aquatic biodiversity, and coastal ecosystem management.

