

An inspiring story of award winning "Best Proprietary Firm" MIK Fish Company, Chhattisgarh

## **Inception:**

Shri. Imran Khan was born to a fish farmer in Dhamtari district in Chhattisgarh who picked up fish farming at a very early age from his father. As he grew up, fish farming became his occupation and started rearing activities in the ponds set up in his own farmland. He followed conventional farming practices which earned him minimal profits. Also, there were limitations in terms of productivity and quality of the fish produced. He felt the urge to bring in the changes in farming techniques to achieve greater benefits.



States like Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal were acing aquaculture with technological advancements which prompted Shri. Imran Khan to visit the states to get awareness on the latest farming practices. He attended various training programs conducted by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) to gain better understanding and knowledge on existing technologies and practices. These trainings and visits became instrumental in improving and expanding his business that covers an area of 101.17 Ha out of which 60.70 Ha is on lease. MIK Fish Company was thus registered in 1998 by setting up multiple hatcheries, cage culture units, rearing units, etc.

## **Expansion**:

Today, MIK Company has taken three reservoirs on lease in Chhattisgarh for rearing activities to annually produce Tilapia 245 kg/hectare. An agricultural land of 8 Ha was converted into pond for rearing Indian Major Carp(IMC) with a stocking density of12,500 spawn/ha. In addition, Pangasius is also being reared. The infrastructure established includes 300 Cage culture units for rearing Tilapia and Pangasius seed.8 Ha of land was utilized for Pen culture



set up, 26.30 Ha of land was used for IMC rearing units and 20 Biofloc units.

Reservoirs in Dudhava region were utilized for stocking spawn and 5 crore spawn were produced in one season which were then reared in the backside pond developed by MIK Company. The stock was supplied to the local customers in Chhattisgarh. A hi-tech packing centre with ice plant was built for

packaging of the freshly cut fish with storage facility. Packed fish is being supplied interstate and intra state with an objective to serve fresh fish to customers.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Introduced high yielding species like Jayanti Rohu and Amur Carp at farm

In the span of last 3 years since 2017, quantity of 28,020 Kg fish was sold

Training programmes were conducted during 2017-2020

Integrated fish culture by the Company has benefitted 750 beneficiaries in 2017-20

Launched a website to deliver fish to customers in Guwahati



## **Future plan:**

MIK Fish Company envisages adoption of new technologies and fishing practices to reach higher volumes in fish production in the country. Its mission is to embark on an academic journey by establishing a college on Fisheries Development, teaching best practices in fish farming and unveiling the potential in fisheries sector. Shri.Imran Khan covets to make Chhattisgarh as a leading state in the country for fish culture activities and avenues, there by stand as a role model and an enterprising businessman.