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National Fish Farmers Day

10th July, 2020



National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated on 10th of July every year in commemoration to the successful work done in induced breeding of carps by Dr. Hiralal Chaudhuri and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi. NFDB as a national organization in fisheries development of the country, is celebrating the National Fish Farmers Day every year.

This year, due to COVID-19 pandemic condition, it has been decided to organize the National Fish Farmers Day celebrations virtually. On this day, the NFDB has organized a “Webinar on National Fish Farmers Day” from 02:30 pm to 04:30 pm with the participation of more than 100 members from the fisheries sector.

Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying; Shri. Prathap Chandra Sarangi, Hon’ble Minister of State for Fisheries, MoFAH&D graced the occasion as chief guests and the Secretary of Fisheries, the Chief Executive of NFDB, Officials from DoF, NFDB staff, Scientists from Central Institutes & KVKs, Entrepreneurs and Fish farmers participated in the event.

Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Chief Executive of NFDB welcomed all the participants to the webinar by commemorating the historic achievement of Dr. Hiralal Choudhary and Dr.K.H.Alikunhi in the field of induced breeding of Indian Major Carps (IMC).

Dr.Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary (Fisheries) in his message on the eve of the occasion has specified the importance of introduction of Blue Revolution schemes followed by the recent introduction of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) for the development of fisheries sector in the country.

Shri. Pratap Chandra Sarangi, the Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises addressed the participants. He appreciated fisheries institutes for their contribution in fisheries research and urged for development of more farmer friendly and affordable technologies in fisheries. Minister suggested that research should primarily focus on farmer’s welfare and should be validated based upon its impacts on fish farming community.

Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India congratulated all the fish farmers, fishers, scientists, govt officials and other stake holders on the

occasion of National Fish Farmers Day. The Hon'ble Minister was shared his views with the participants about the new scheme "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" launched for development of fisheries sector for the next 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25) with a total outlay of Rs. 20,050 crores.). In his address Hon'ble Minister stressed upon significance of quality seed production for enhancing aquaculture productivity; establishment of cryobank and its popularisation in fisheries sector; promotion of cage culture in sea, lakes and reservoirs; promotion of shrimp culture in inland saline area of western UP, Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana and popularisation of new aquaculture technologies like biofloc culture, RAS among fish farmers.

Successful discussion was held with the scientists about the scope and importance of new technologies in fisheries sector such as milt cryo bank, Cage culture and Bio floc culture etc. The NFDB project beneficiaries and farmers were also shared their success stories and also explained about problems faced due to COVID-19.



Chief guests and participants from the webinar on National Fish Farmers Day celebrations conducted on 10th July, 2020 from 02:30 pm to 04:30 pm