

ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal Organised National Seminar during 22-24 September, 2017

ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research in collaboration with Zoological Society of India and Coldwater Fisheries Society of India has organized a national seminar on 'Strategies, Innovations and Sustainable Management for Enhancing Coldwater Fisheries and Aquaculture' from 22nd to 24th September 2017 at Bhimtal, Uttarakhand. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session was Padma Shri Prof. R.C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Dr. Dilip Kumar, Former Director of CIFE and FAO consultant; Dr. George John, Former Vice Chancellor, Birsa Agricultural University; Dr. S.D. Tripathi, Former Director, CIFE and CIFA; Dr. B.N. Pandey, President, ZSI; Dr. C.N. Ravishankar, Director, CIFT; Dr. K.K. Vaas, Former Director, CIFRI and DCFR; Dr. S. Raizada, Assistant Director General (Inland Fisheries), ICAR; Dr. S.K. Das, Director, Assam state fisheries department; Dr. J.R. Dhanze, Former Dean, College of Fisheries, Tripura; Shri Prakash Chandra, Chief Development Officer, Nainital and several other eminent scientists and academicians. Following the traditional lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and the dignitaries, Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, ICAR- DCFR welcomed the Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour and gathering of around 150 scientists, state fisheries department officials, farmers, entrepreneurs and research scholars from different parts of the country, and briefed the background of the National Seminar. Later in the Chief Guest address, Prof. Sobti mentioned the rich heritage of science in India and emphasized the need to observe, learn and simulate nature for sustainable use of aquatic resources. He also stressed on the importance of scientific developments reaching the common man. The other dignitaries also presented their remarks on the Status, Challenges and Opportunities in coldwater fisheries and aquaculture. On the occasion, the Chief Guest Prof. Sobti and the other dignitaries released the Souvenir and Abstract Book of the seminar, as well as the Coldwater Fisheries Society of India (CFSI) newsletter and a book "Aquatic resources and fish diversity of Himalaya" authored by Dr. A.K. Singh and Dr. D. Sarma. Besides, several awards of the Coldwater Fisheries Society of India and Zoological Society of India were conferred during the inaugural session. After the felicitation of the Guests of honour, Dr. D. Sarma, the organising secretary of the National Seminar delivered the vote of thanks. Subsequently, the scientific sessions of the seminar were initiated with lead talks by known subject experts and also oral/poster presentations by the participants. Exhibition stalls displaying research and development activities of ICAR fisheries institutes on this occasion were also inaugurated. The various deliberations in the

seminar are expected to culminate in a roadmap to augment coldwater fisheries and aquaculture production in India



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Release of Book



Dignitaries and Participants during the National Seminar