

## **Himani Aquarium at ICAR-DCFR , Bhimtal is now open for public**

Elegantly beautiful, Himani aquarium of ICAR-Directorate of coldwater fisheries research, Bhimtal as of now is unveiled to public with all its aesthetic excellence. Today this magnificently aquascaped aquarium was gracefully inaugurated by the Padmashree Dr. Yasodhar Mathpal. The Director, ICAR-DCFR, Dr. Debajit Sarma expressed his contentment over dedicating the aquarium display to public for generating interest for aquarium keeping and also for conservation of coldwater aquatic resources. It is expected that the children will be benefited by the dissemination of knowledge on understanding aquatic life and their environment. The aquarium will serve as an information centre on various ornamental fishes and their biology to the public. The aquarium displays more than 30 beautiful and fascinating indigenous cold water ornamental fishes as well as several variants of exotic fishes. The indigenous coldwater mahseer, snow trout and Indian hill trout are one of the foremost attractions of visitors. Visitors are warmly welcomed to enjoy the aesthetic beauty of this aquarium from Monday to Saturday (closed on public holiday) from 10:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M. with an entry fee of ₹ 10/-. Further, the people are also welcome to purchase the ornamental seeds from the Directorate farm.

