

## CMFRI to strengthen research networks in Marine Biodiversity, allied areas



**Dear Readers,**

The February 2019 issue of *Aqua International* is in your hands.

In my Editorial comment in January 2019 issue. I happened to say that Indian

aquaculture sector had a setback in 2018 due to poor quality of Shrimp seed, and Hatcheries need to be honest enough to produce and supply quality seed at all times. On this, a few hatchery owners happened to talk to me that some hatcheries like them are producing and supplying quality Shrimp seed. I agree with them that there are some hatcheries who are putting sincere efforts and supplying quality seed. Due to some bad quality seed producers, the good people are also getting bad name which we can identify. I appreciate all those hatcheries who are honest enough and producing good quality shrimp seed.

*Aqua International* organised its annual event in Surat, Gujarat titled 'Aquaculture Expo 2019' on January 10 & 11 which was a grand success and was appreciated by the Exhibitors and farmer delegates. *Aqua International* will strive to continue holding quality events which will be beneficial to the industry.

In the News section, you may find news about – In a move to strengthen research networks in marine biodiversity and allied areas, the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has inked a pact with Maharaja's College to carry out collaborative research programmes and to popularise scientific technologies among the public. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by CMFRI Director Dr A Gopalakrishnan and Maharaja's College Principal Dr K N Krishnakumar. The linkage is aimed at boosting research works related to marine fisheries, marine biotechnology, marine biodiversity and mariculture along with various awareness programmes.

Tamil Nadu state government recently indicated that it would be bringing out a brackish water aquaculture policy and is

in the process of identifying the potential areas, where aquaculture can be promoted in a big way. The task of area mapping has been entrusted to the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture. K Gopal, principal secretary to the department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, told on the sidelines of a farmers' conclave organised as part of the World Brackishwater Aquaculture Conference, that rough estimates suggest that there are about 50,000 hectares in the State where aquaculture can be taken up.

Mr Tarun Shridhar, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries (DAHD&F) under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India visited CIFT, Cochin along with Mr K.S. Srinivas, IAS, Chairman, MPEDA, Cochin lauded the research accomplishments of CIFT for its outstanding research in harvest and post harvest sectors in fisheries and suggested for pluralistic convergence of different agencies working in the same line to bring more visibility in the fisheries sector and to check unnecessary wastage of resources due to duplication of work.

In the Article Section, article titled "**Popularization of fresh fish cutting style for value addition in processing industry**" by Subal Kumar Ghosh, Sandeep B. Gore, Ajay T. Tandale and Pritam Tripathy discussed about fish come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and there are a number of common cuts of fish are available.

Readers are invited to send their views and comments on the news, special feature and articles published in the magazine which would be published under "Readers Column". Time to time, we shall try to update you on various aspects of Aquaculture sector. Keep reading the magazine regularly and update yourself. Wish you all fruitful results in your efforts.

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