

## International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education (ISAFE3),

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education (ISAFE3), was organized by the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, India in collaboration with the Indian Fisheries Association (IFA) and Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch (AFSIB) at CIFE, Mumbai, India during 16-18 May, 2018. The theme of the Symposium was "Fisheries Education for Sustainable Blue Economy".

The Symposium was inaugurated by Shri Mahadev Jankar, the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Gov't of Maharashtra, India as the Chief Guest on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, in the presence of other luminaries like Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Former Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board; Dr. J.K. Jena, President of the AFS and DDG (Fisheries Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Dr. C. Virapat, Director General, Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia Pacific (NACA), Thailand; Prof. S.J. Kaushik, European Research Area (ERA) Chair Professor, and Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, ICAR-CIFE and Convenor of the ISAFE3.

The 3-days event was attended by 260 participants, including 15 delegates from countries such as Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Ethiopia, France, Nigeria, Bhutan, South Korea, Nepal and Spain.



The Symposium had six major Technical Sessions on various themes, viz., Education for a sustainable fisheries and aquaculture; Attracting and retaining youth in the sector; Climate change and

environmental concerns through fisheries education; Skill development through training and informal education; Entrepreneurship development and a Special Session on Course Curricula in Asia-Pacific region for better job opportunities.

One of the highlights of the Symposium was the Special Session for Students. Young minds presented exciting ideas/concepts and research outcomes. An eminent panel of seven experts evaluated all the student presentations and encouraged them with inspiring remarks and the best presentations were given awards at the concluding function of the symposium.



Besides oral presentations and invited talks by the lead speakers, the Symposium also had a Poster Session in which as many as 72 posters were presented, of which 29 were related to fisheries education and the remaining related to fisheries research. The content of posters ranged from curriculum development, skill development, professionalism, employment opportunities, attracting youth, digital education, fish eco-tourism, entrepreneurship development to climate change, sustainability and eco-friendly education.

The Plenary and Valedictory function was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, in which Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was the Chief Guest. The other dignitaries present were Dr. J. K. Jena, President, AFS and Chairman, AFSIB; Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Former Director, ICAR-CIFE and Dr. C. Virapat, DG, NACA and Dr Gopal Krishna, Convener of ISAFE3.

An exhibition was also organized on this occasion, in which several research institutes and industry partners participated.

