

Report on the celebration of 19th Foundation Day of College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Tripura

The College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Lembucherra, Tripura celebrated its 19th Foundation Day on 3rd October, 2017 with great enthusiasm and fervor. The celebrations started with lamp lighting ceremony by the Chief Guest, Dr. Milind Ramteke, IAS, D.M. & Collector, West Tripura district in the presence of the Dean, College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey and Guest of Honor, Dr. B.K. Kandpal, Joint Director, ICAR RC NEH Region, Tripura Centre, amidst the presence of other dignitaries, guest, faculty, staff, scholars and students of the college. The students of the college presented the opening song to give a warm welcome to the gathering. Prof. R.K. Saha, coordinator of the programme, delivered the welcome address which follows a speech by Miss Mukta Singh, Ph.D. student.

In his speech, Dr. Pandey gave a brief report on the achievements of the college, highlighting some of the extraordinary milestone achieved by the college at the national arena such as the ICAR Junior Research Fellowship and ARS examinations. He further acknowledged the effort from every corner, making the institute one of the best fisheries colleges in the country. He also appraised the house of the very established facilities and infrastructure of the college in largely contributing to the students' career. He also pointed that the college has already initiated many farmer oriented research to develop farmer based technologies besides imparting extension service to the poor farmers of the NE region. He especially mentioned that role of the scientist of the college in developing package of practice for some of the indigenous species such as *Osteobrama belangeri* (Pengba) and *Ompok bimaculatus* (Pabda).

Dr. Kandpal, speaking on the occasion, congratulated the college functionaries and students for their untiring work, bringing glory to the college which is located at a far remote corner of the country. He urged the students for creating skill in their profession to enable them to progress ahead in their career. He also mentioned the enormous potential that the fisheries sector has in solving the global food crisis in a long run.

To commemorate the occasion, various academic excellence award, and best performer awards during "Swachhata Hi Seva" and "International Day of Yoga" celebration were also presented to the winners.

Dr. Ramteke, Chief Guest of the function mentioned that foundation day is the day of introspection, where we must remember our humble beginning and review our vision. He

congratulated the college authority for making it a centre of academic excellence. He further thanked the scientist of the institute for contributing to the overall fisheries development of the region. He urged the scientist to resolve the gap in demand-supply that the state is facing by ways of extension training of the farmers in collaboration with the other line department. He expressed the potential in the sector with the gifted resources and appraised the house to take full advantage of it.

Dr. M.K. Datta, Associate Prof. proposed the vote of thanks. The programme ended with singing of national anthem. To celebrate the auspicious occasion, the students of the college presented with a series of cultural programme which won the heart of the gathering through their colorful and breathtaking performance.