

New CIFA Technologies Released at New Delhi

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Three new technologies developed by the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) Bhubaneswar namely CIFABROOD™, “Shining Barb” and Quality Seed of striped catfish were released in a function at NASC Complex, New Delhi here today.

On this occasion, MoUs were signed between Director, CIFA and the entrepreneurs Mr Avijan Ghosh, M/s Aishrya Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd., Naihati, West Bengal and Dr. Atul Kumar Jain, Director, M/s Tropical Aquaculture and Farming Systems (India), Udaipur, Rajasthan for transfer of CIFABROOD™ and “Shining barb” technologies, respectively. Mr. S. Suparna, M/s Sairam Hatchery Pvt. Ltd. West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh received seeds of pangas.



Dr. Raja Sekhar Vundru, Joint Secretary (Fisheries), DADF was the Chief Guest of the function, while Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR chaired the session. Dr. Ayyappan and Dr. Vundru handed over the technologies to the respective progressive farmers on the occasion. The dignitaries also praised the efforts taken by CIFA for developing farmer friendly technologies. During the meeting brochures and videos of the technologies were also released by the dignitaries.

The function followed by a brief introductory address on the technologies by Dr. P. Jayasankar, Director, CIFA. He informed the gathering that CIFABROOD™ is a brood stock feed for Indian Major Carps for an early maturation, improved breeding performances as well as quality seed production. “Shining barb”, a new variety of Rosy barb (Pethia Conchonius) has been developed over a period of eight years of selective breeding. Dr. Jayasankar said that success of seed production and breeding technology will increase the availability of seed in the region as well reduce the seed cost.

Dr. S.K. Swain, inventor scientist of “Shining barb”, Dr. S. Nandi, inventor scientist of CIFABROOD™ and Dr. B.S. Giri, inventor scientist of quality pangas seeds were also present on the occasion.

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