

### **NBFGR celebrated Farm Innovators & Foundation Day**

ICAR-NBFGR celebrated Farm Innovators & Foundation Day during December 11-12, 2019. Ms. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS, Chief Executive (CE) of Hyderabad based National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was the chief guest during the celebration. The NFDB CE congratulated the awardees and said that the foundation day is important for remembering the long history of the organization, its infrastructure and contribution of staff. CE further added that the foundation day mark the achievement of the institute as well as the challenges to face in the coming days and to retrospect ourselves that where we are and where to go. She enumerated the role and responsibilities of the NFDB towards fish production and productivity. She appreciated the achievements of collaborative programs of NBFGR with NFDB such as National Aquatic Animal Disease Surveillance Programme, Carp Sperm Cryobanking for Broodstock Improvement etc. Director of the Institute Dr. Kuldeep K Lal said that this celebration-honouring initiative for school students, innovative farmers and staff will address some Sustainable Development Goals of FAO committed to transforming world through capacity development program.

The ten students from 05 reputed schools who participated among 48 students from 08 schools in completions on the occasion of agriculture Education day on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. The completions was held for Drawing & Painting: Junior category (class up 6): Plastics and Environmental Health, Senior category (class 7-12): Empowered Women for Empowered Society) and Essay writing competition (class 8-12): Water is life line of Civilisation during Agriculture Education Day on December 03, were awarded with First, Second and Third position certificates with cash prizes. The fifteen (15) progressive farmers from all over the country were also honoured by the Institute for their participation in NBFGR's Research and Extension programs. On this occasion, Institute also honoured staff for the performance in research, administration and management and upgradation of Institute Research works at National as well as International levels. It is expected that the celebration would generate capacity and prepare students, famers and staff to act as awareness campaigner in the society.



Address of Chief Guest Ms. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS, Chief Executive, NFDB, Hyderabad to Progressive Farmers, Winner Students and NBFGR Staff Lucknow, PMFGR Staff Kochi & Staff from Lakshdewip via Skype.



Honouring School Student



Honouring Progressive Farmer



Honour to Dr. Kuldeep K. Lal, Director & his team with Institute Team award for program on Germplasm Resource Centre of Marine Invertebrates at Lakshdweep



Honour to Dr. Neeraj Sood & his Team with Institute Team award for program on National Surveillance for Aquatic Animal Disease.



Honour to Dr. Vindhya Mohindra & her Team with Institute Team award for program on Hilsa Genomics.



Honour to Dr. Ajey Kr. Pathak & his Team with Institute Team award for Aquatic Genetic Resource Information System



Progressive Farmers, Winner Students and NBFGR Staff with Chief Guest Ms. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS, Chief Executive, NFDB, Hyderabad.

