

## **International Women's Day Celebrated at ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow**

ICAR - National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow celebrated International Women's Day 2021 on March 8, 2021. The programme was organized in allegiance to ICAR theme "Women Leadership in Agriculture: Entrepreneurship, Equity and Empowerment" via Virtual Mode. Dr. B. Meenakumari, Former Chairperson NBA and Former DDG, ICAR was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Manisha Narayan, Deputy Director, Food Safety and Standards Association of India, Northern Region and Dr. Devika Pillai, Professor and Head, Aquatic Animal Health Management Department, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi also graced the occasion. Dr. Vindhya Mohindra, Chairman Women's Cell, spoke on the necessity and importance of Women's day celebrations and activities initiated by ICAR-NBFGR towards women entrepreneurship in ornamental culture. Dr. Manisha Narayan gave a brief talk on the Eat Right India Movement which focused mainly on eating safe, healthy and sustainable. Dr. Devika Pillai spoke on "Women Empowerment in Fisheries: The present status and the way forward" focusing mainly on the efforts made by Kerala state in empowering women through mussel culture, Biofloc and other SHGs such as Kudumbasree and Theeramaithri. Dr. B. Meenakumari Madam spoke about the "Role of Women in Fisheries in India" highlighting the challenges women face in all spheres of Fisheries sector. Vote of Thanks to all for contributing towards the organisation of the event was delivered by Dr. Rejani Chandran, Member Secretary, NBFGR Women's Cell.





A Rangoli Competition on the topic “Women in Fisheries” was also organised on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 in which staff and students of ICAR-NBFGR actively participated.