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### **Exposure visit of ICAR-NBFGR contractual Staff for Floral Inspiration at Jan Bhawan**

In a unique initiative aimed at skill upgradation and exposure for Scheduled Caste (SC) community workers under SCSP sub plan project, a team from the ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources Lucknow, today visited the Raj Bhavan (Jan Bhawan), the Governor's residence for the ongoing 57th Regional Fruit, Vegetable & Flower Show (February 6-8), an annual event that throws open the historic premises and its beautifully manicured gardens to visitors, showcasing vibrant floral displays, creative arrangements, and innovative gardening techniques. The ICAR-NBFGR team, comprising six women and 14 men from the horticulture staff, explored the elaborate flower decorations and gained fresh ideas for creative flower and pot arrangements. They were particularly impressed by innovative uses of natural materials, such as crafting eye catching fish motifs from dry leaves. Standout attractions included large floral sculptures depicting clown fish, starfish, and dolphin crafted entirely from flowers, offering hands on visual learning through observation and inspiration. The participants were inspired seeing the artistic creations that will help them design and create self-made flower arrangements.

The exposure visit aligns with the institute's efforts to enhance worker skills, foster creativity, and promote sustainable practices. As part of the programme, Dr Kajal Chakraborty, Director ICAR-NBFGR presented each participant with eco-friendly kits, including sustainable jute bags, steel bottles, and caps, for personal use to encourage environmentally conscious habits. Dr Poonam Jayant Singh, Nodal SCSP and Sh Ravi Kumar coordinated the programme.

This exposure visits not only provided rare access to Jan Bhawan but also bridged horticultural artistry with practical applications, inspiring the team to bring innovative floral ideas back to their workplace at ICAR NBFGR.

