

## Minister's Visit to NBFGR Highlights the Role of Technology and Schemes in Boosting the Fisheries Sector in Uttar Pradesh

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Dr. Sanjay Kumar Nishad, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Government of Uttar Pradesh, visited the ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources on May 22, 2025, reaffirming the government's commitment to advancing the fisheries sector in the State through technological integration and proactive policy implementation. Dr. Kajal Chakraborty, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, welcomed and apprised the Hon'ble Minister about institute's work in fish genetic resource conservation, development, and sustainable utilization. Highlighting the necessity of integrating advanced technologies to further accelerate fisheries growth, Dr. Nishad stressed the importance of milt cryopreservation technology as a game-changer. He advocated for its commercialization and large-scale dissemination among fish farmers, which can ensure year-round seed availability and improved breeding outcomes. The Minister's visit concluded with an interactive session, where he acknowledged the critical role of ICAR-NBFGR in supporting the state's fisheries sector and assured continued support for scientific interventions that benefit stakeholders on the ground. The event marked a significant step towards enhancing collaboration between research institutions and government policy implementation frameworks to drive sustainable and inclusive development in the fisheries sector. Hon'ble Minister stated that Fisheries is a sector with enormous potential for livelihood generation and economic empowerment, especially for rural and marginal communities. During a media interaction, Hon'ble Minister Dr. Nishad also urged the fishers & fish farmers community, aquapreneurs, and stakeholders across Uttar Pradesh to fully leverage the benefits offered under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and institutional support.

