

Dr. Kajal Chakraborty Honoured with "Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar 2025" for Innovation in Agricultural and Allied Sciences

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Dr. Kajal Chakraborty, presently serving as the Director of ICAR–National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR–NBFGR), Lucknow, has been conferred with the prestigious “Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar 2025” in the category of Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Allied Sciences. The award, one of the highest recognitions in Indian agricultural science, was presented by Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji, during the 97th Foundation Day Celebration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) held on 16th July 2025 at New Delhi. Dr. Chakraborty received this national honour in recognition of his outstanding research contributions made during his tenure at ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi. His pioneering work in the field of marine natural products, functional nutraceuticals, and bioactive compounds from marine organisms has significantly advanced the frontier of marine biotechnology and value-added fisheries research in India. Dr. Chakraborty's innovations in developing eco-friendly bioactives, antimicrobial agents, and nutraceutical formulations have not only contributed to enhancing the sustainability and profitability of marine fisheries but have also opened new avenues for translational research and commercial applications. His research has received national and international acclaim for its scientific rigour, originality, and societal impact. Currently leading ICAR–NBFGR, Dr. Chakraborty continues to provide visionary leadership in the conservation, characterization, and sustainable utilization of India’s aquatic genetic resources. His recognition through this national award is a testament to his scientific excellence, commitment to innovation, and sustained contributions to the agricultural research ecosystem. The entire ICAR fraternity, along with stakeholders in the fisheries and allied sectors, extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Kajal Chakraborty on this remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in his pursuit of scientific leadership and national service.

