

## National workshop on “Conservation of Indigenous Fishes in Changing Climate Scenario” inaugurated at Faculty of Fisheries, SKUAST-K

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A two-day National Workshop on “Conservation of Indigenous fishes of Jammu & Kashmir in Changing climate Scenario” scheduled during November 18-19, 2024 was inaugurated at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir. This workshop is organised jointly by ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow and Faculty of Fisheries, SKUAST-Kashmir, and is aimed at addressing the challenges posed by climate change to the aquatic genetic resources of hilly regions of India especially Jammu and Kashmir. Inaugurating the workshop, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K stressed the significance of fish production in the region and urged young researchers to be ready to accept the new challenges in the changing climatic conditions. Welcoming the audience, the convenor, Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR highlighted various strategies for ensuring sustainable fisheries development in coldwater regions. Dr. Farooz A Bhat, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries, SKUAST-K and convenor (SKUAST-K) emphasized the significance of coldwater fisheries and the efforts taken by the Fisheries College in developing collaboration as well as technologies for conserving and achieving enhanced fish production in the area. The workshop comprises of 6 technical themes, with 12 lead, 56 oral and 20 poster presentations on various aspects of climate change, indigenous germplasm, sustainable fisheries management & biodiversity conservation. During the inauguration, several books authored by the Faculty of Fisheries and a poster on hillstream loaches prepared by ICAR-NBFGR were released. On this occasion, an MoU was signed between ICAR-NBFGR and the Faculty of Fisheries, SKUAST, Kashmir, to promote research and academic collaboration for the growth of hill stream fisheries. The program was attended by over 200 researchers/faculty members as well as eminent researchers, including Dr. B.B. Jana, Founder Director, ICEE, Kalyani; Mrs Santana Jana, and Dr. Haroon Rashid Naik, Director of Research, SKUAST-K. The organising secretary, Dr Rajeev K. Singh, proposed a formal vote of thanks.



