

## Union Minister Hon'ble Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel Reviews Progress at ICAR-NBFGR

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Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, and Panchayati Raj, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, visited ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow on 24.02.2026. Hon'ble Minister chaired a progress review meeting and held interactions with the institute's scientists and officers. The deliberations focused on critical areas, including the conservation of fish genetic resources, cutting-edge research initiatives, the integration of modern technologies, and strategies for the sustainable development of the fisheries sector. Prof. Baghel appreciated the scientists for their dedicated work and emphasised that sustained research and innovation are essential to strengthen the fisheries sector, enhance the income of fish farmers and associated communities, and contribute meaningfully to the vision of self-reliant India. Dr. Kajal Chakraborty, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, delivered a presentation outlining the institute's major activities, achievements, and future roadmap. The meeting also included an in-depth discussion on the emerging challenge of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and its likely long-term impact on the fisheries sector. Prof. Baghel also interacted online with women trainees from Jharkhand, ongoing at College of Fisheries Science, Gumla, under SCSP component of ICAR-NBFGR. Prof. Baghel described scientific progress in fisheries as a key pillar for revitalising the rural economy and generating substantial new employment opportunities.

