

## **RRC of CIFA, Anand formally inaugurated**



Dr S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR formally inaugurated the Regional Research Centre of Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) at Anand, Gujarat on 02.06.2012 in the presence of Dr A. M. Shekh, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University and Dr P. Jayasankar, Director, CIFA. Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR emphasized on applied research and extension programmes in freshwater aquaculture for the benefit of the people of this region. He urged the scientists (Dr. Chandra Kanta Misra and Dr. Subhas Sarkar) of the centre to work for and with the fish farmers of the region.

The RRC of CIFA, Anand is the fourth regional research centre of CIFA and is presently functioning in the ATIC building of Anand Agricultural University, Anand. The objectives of the centre are (i) Development of location specific technologies for freshwater fish farming, (ii) Standardisation of breeding and culture techniques of regionally important fish species, (iii) Capacity building of line department officials and (iv) imparting need based training for fish farmers. The centre has been opened at Anand by establishing a Memorandum of Understanding between AAU and CIFA on 02.08.2011.

Dr. Ayyappan expressed thanks to the Vice-Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University for providing the space for the establishment of RRC of CIFA at Anand. Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University also expressed his best wishes for the successful programmes of the research centre of CIFA in Gujarat. Dr Satyabrata Maiti, Director, Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research Institute, Heads and In-Charges of different ICAR research organisations located in Gujarat also participated in this inauguration programme of the centre.

