

REPORT ON MARINE EXHIBITION-2017 HELD DURING 2nd- 3rd FEBRUARY 2017

Visakhapatnam base of Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam has organized **Marine Exhibition** in association with Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET), Visakhapatnam and National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT), Visakhapatnam during 2nd -3rd February 2017 at the office premises. The main objective of the programme was to disseminate the organizational activities to the fisher folks, fishing industries and academia.

Shri K. Govindaraj, Senior Fisheries Scientist delivered the welcome address. In his address he briefed about the cause of organizing the **"Marine Exhibition-2017"**.



The exhibition was started with an inaugural ceremony where in Shri Mahesh Kumar Farejya, Director General (I/C), Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai was the Chief Guest. During his inaugural address, he briefed the mandate of FSI and said that FSI has been contributing tremendously since its inception in the year 1946 by locating fishing grounds, popularising the fishing techniques in 1970s such as bottom trawling and purse seining, resulting in large scale mechanisation of fishing boats by fishermen thereby increasing the marine fish catch of our country.



While interacting with the media, he said that fish is having more nutritional value by means of providing Omega-3 fatty acid and fisheries departments play a major role in creating awareness among the consumers about the benefit of consuming Omega-3 fatty acid rich marine fish and by highlighting the nutritional values of fishes. He opined that extension activities such as workshops, open houses will benefit the fishermen and fishing industries with up-to-date information on the fish stocks availability in the coastal and deeper waters within the Indian EEZ.



Shri. Jayanta Mukhopadhyaya, Surveyor-in-Charge-cum-DDG (Tech.), Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Visakhapatnam was the Guest of Honour. In his address he thanked FSI for inviting him to this beautiful event and expressed his pleasure for being a part of such event. He stressed on the registration of fishing vessels. He also emphasized on the offshore pollution in the Indian EEZ and protection of the marine environment. He assured full support of MMD to the fishing industries to prevent the marine biodiversity in all aspects.



Dr. G. Rajeswari, Scientist-in-Charge, CIFT Regional Center, Visakhapatnam in her address thanked the FSI for conducting such a kind of programme and urged the public to get benefit out of the information being displayed in the form of exhibits. Further, while expressing her concern about the fishers, she said remote sensing for locating PFZ areas will be very useful to the fishers in reducing their fishing effort and the semi pelagic fishing grounds located by FSI should be disseminated to the fishers so as to popularize eco-friendly fishing methods and as a result their livelihood can be enhanced and also the marine environment will be protected.



Dr. Subhadeep Ghosh, Scientist-in-Charge, CMFRI, Visakhapatnam in his address appreciated the effort of FSI for organizing such event and expressed his pleasure for association of CMFRI with FSI during preparation of draft Marine Fisheries Policies of Andhra Pradesh. He also emphasized on implementation of MFRA 1995 by the State Govt. so as to have sustainable fisheries. He stressed on over exploitation, fishing effort regulation, size and power of craft, diversification of fishing methods, mesh size regulation, by-catch reduction, minimum legal size of fin fish etc. to minimize the fishing pressure.



Shri. S.P Rangari, officer-in-charge, CIFNET, Visakhapatnam expressed his pleasure for joint participation of CIFNET with FSI in organizing the Marine Exhibition and requested FSI to create awareness among fishers by organizing awareness programme like this and skill development through the technologies adopted by FSI to have sustainable fisheries.



Shri. K. Kamalaraj, officer-in-charge, NIFPHATT, Visakhapatnam expressed his pleasure for joint participation of NIFPHATT with FSI in organizing the Marine Exhibition and briefed the activities/role of NIFPHATT in processing of value added product developed from the low cost fishes.



Shri. C. Dhananjaya Rao, Mechanical Marine Engineer, Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam delivered the vote of thanks.



The exhibition stalls were inaugurated by cutting ribbon by the esteemed guests.

The FSI stall was inaugurated by Shri. Mahesh Kumar Farejiya, Director General (i/c), Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai.



The NIFPHATT stall was inaugurated by Dr. G. Rajeswari, Scientist-in-Charge, CIFT, Visakhapatnam.



The CIFNET stall was inaugurated by Dr. Subhadeep Ghosh, Scientist-in-Charge, CMFRI, Visakhapatnam and the Workshop displaying all navigational & electronic equipments, LSA/FFA appliances including demonstration of Inflatable Life Raft (ILR) was inaugurated by Shri. Jayanta Mukhopadhaya, Surveyor-in-Charge-cum- DDG (Tech.), MMD, Visakhapatnam.



The Exhibition was opened for a period of two days from 2nd – 3rd February 2017 and during the course of exhibition in the stall of FSI, preserved museum specimens, fishery charts, laminated photographs of different fishes, various operational photographs of vessels, models of fishery survey vessels, different craft & gear models, fish blow ups, navigational equipments, charts of operational methodologies & different fishing activities, Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries & Safety at Sea placards, different life saving equipments, various slogans pertaining to Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) in regional language "Telugu" etc. were displayed and explained to the visitors. There was documentary film show in the exhibition venue on "Cometh The Season, Navigating A Sea Change, By Catch To Big Catch, Tunas In Sea Major etc." and films related to marine environment and fish and fisheries from 1000hrs to 2000hrs. At the exhibition, departmental publications and charts were kept in the display.





Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET), Visakhapatnam and National Institute of Fisheries Post-Harvest Technology & Training (NIFPHATT), Visakhapatnam also participated in the exhibition and put up their exhibition stalls for dissemination of organizational activities.

The CIFNET stall consisted of life saving equipments, vessel model, diving equipments, two stroke engine demo model, posters showing their activities etc. were exhibited for the visitor.



The NIFPHATT stall consisted of various activities posters and the processed & packed sea food items. The processed sea food items such as fish pickle, fish cutlets in raw form, weighed raw fish and cooked sea foods such as fish cutlets, fish fry etc. were kept in the counter for sale purpose.



Scientists & officials from various research institutes such as CIFT, CMFRI, NIO, MPEDA and GSI had visited the Exhibition. From academic sector, students and group of faculties from Andhra University i.e. Dept. of Zoology, Dept. of Marine Living Resources and other P.G. colleges of Visakhapatnam including medical college students of Visakhapatnam visited the exhibition. Students from Sriprakash Vidyaniketan, Pollocks School, St. Johns School, Pydah college, Sri Krishna college, Prism Degree & P.G college, Govt. Jr college Srikakulam, P.G college, Warangal etc. visited the exhibition. The visitors appreciated the activities of the three departments. A large number of local fishermen and representatives from the fishing industry also visited the stalls. Many tourists from different states also visited the exhibition. About 2500 visitors from all walks of life visited the event.

The print and electronic media covered the mega event. The local news papers have published the programme in their respective papers. Various media group viz. Deccan Chronicle, Eenadu, The Hindu, Vaartha(Telugu), Andhra Jyoti, Andhra Prabha , Andhra Bhoomi, Sakshi, etc. visited the stall for taking detail news material.

