

## **ONE DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON "MARINE FISHERY RESOURCES OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH COAST" ORGANISED BY VISAKHAPATNAM BASE OF FISHERY SURVEY OF INDIA**

The Visakhapatnam Zonal Base of Fishery Survey of India organized one day regional workshop on "Marine Fishery Resources of the Andhra Pradesh coast" on 06.12.2016 at the community Hall, Kalingapatnam, Srikakulam Dist. Andhra Pradesh. The main aim of the workshop was to disseminate the findings of the exploratory surveys conducted by the organization on the resources availability, diversified /eco-friendly fishing methods for the exploitation of deep sea fishery resources, sea safety and Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) to the local fishermen, representative of fishermen cooperative societies from Kalingapatnam, Bandaruvanipeta, Matsyalesam, Srikurmam and also the staff of the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh stationed at Srikakulam and public.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri G. Apparao, along with other dignitaries by lighting the lamp.

Shri K. Govindaraj, Sr. Fisheries Scientist, Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam delivered the keynote address and briefed about the activities of FSI Visakhapatnam and the importance of conducting such workshop in the three costal states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.

The Guest of Honour Shri Guntu Laxmayya, M. P. T. C. and Ex Sarpanch on his address said that the present survey findings of FSI is helping the fishermen in catching the fish and shrimps without wasting fuel and time.

Shri Naka Nagalaxmayya , MPTC, Guest of Honour said that the operation of ring net is to be stopped. He emphasized the need for imparting training on tuna long lining to the fishermen as the abundance of the tuna resources is more in the Indian waters and the exploitation level is less.

Dr. V. V. Krishnamurthy, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in his presidential address appreciated the effort made by FSI in surveying the resources of the EEZ and also conducting such programme. He urged all to make use of the workshop.

The inaugural function came to an end with vote of thanks by Shri M.Diwakar Rao, Fishery Development Officer, Kalingapatnam.

During the workshop an exhibition was also organized in the workshop venue wherein, charts on fishery resources, blow-up photographs of fishes etc. and eco friendly fishing gears were displayed. About 105 participants including local fishermen as well as the officials of the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh attended the workshop and expressed their happiness for organizing such a kind of programme which was highly informative for them.



