

## **ICAR National Professor Dr P.K. Sahoo Joins as Director of ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar**



Eminent Veterinary Pathologist and internationally fame fisheries scientist **Dr P.K. Sahoo** joined as Director of the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar on 10th November 2022. Earlier, he was selected and joined as ICAR National Professor on 1st April 2022. He has vast expertise in the area of 'Aquatic Animal Disease Diagnosis and Control' over 30 years and served in different capacities of a scientist including ten years as an ICAR National Fellow. He did his post-graduation in Veterinary Pathology from Division of Pathology, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, UP and PhD from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, and post-doctoral research at the Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, United Kingdom for a period of one year on the development of molecular diagnostics for viral diseases of aquatic animals. He has published more than 150 research papers in various high impact international and national journals, one patent and four commercialized products including disease-resistant rohu fish to his credit. He has guided more than 16 MSc and 11 PhD students. In his career, he received many awards and appreciation from plethora of scientific bodies and communities for exemplary Research and Development work carried out in the field of Freshwater Aquaculture viz., Fellowship of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Fellowship of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists, ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Best PhD thesis (2001), Department of Biotechnology Overseas Award (2001-02) to work at Institute for Animal Health, UK, Young Scientist Award, 2001 by Prof. Hiralal Chaudhuri Fisheries Foundation, Mumbai for outstanding contribution to Fish Pathology and disease diagnosis, Young Scientist Award of Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Branch, 1999, Best Young Scientist of the year 1999 of ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, IAVP-Varsha Award, 2004 for significant contribution to Veterinary Pathology; Orissa Vigyan Academy-Samanta Chandra Sekhar Award, 2007. He has been working as a member, of the Editorial Board of a few international journals and published five books as co-author. He is also a Life Member of 4 National and International Societies. Dr Sahoo is also serving as Member, Academic Council of ICAR-CIFE (Deemed University) and Member, of various task forces of DBT, Govt. of India. He has reported a

few new viral diseases in fish from India along with one scuticocilliate in prawn. With the establishment of the National Referral Laboratory for fish diseases, he has developed a few molecular diagnostics for viral pathogens. Besides, he has explored the innate immune system of Indian carps in great detail for its modulation to protect from common diseases. **IAVP congratulates Dr Sahoo for selection as Director of the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar and wishes him for all success in new coveted assignment and endeavour.**