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NFDB Award Ceremony 2018



National Fish Farmers Day

10th July 2018

National Fisheries Development Board

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Pillar No: 235, PVNR Expressway, SVPNPA Post, Hyderabad-500 052



NFDB Award



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On 10th July 1957, the first success in induced breeding of fish in India was achieved by Dr. Hiralal Chaudhuri with the support from Dr. K.H. Alikunhi. This pioneering work on induced breeding technology over the years led to aqua-explosion in the country principally through quality major carp seed production and supply to fish farmers from hundreds of fish hatcheries across the country. As a result, today India ranks second in global fish production. In order to commemorate this day, Govt. of India in 2001 declared 10th July as the “**National Fish Farmers Day**”. This also happens to be the Foundation Day of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). NFDB has institutionalized awards in nine categories to felicitate the outstanding fish farmers on this day every year in recognition to their accomplishments in innovation, development and adoption of improved technologies and practices in fish farming. Under each category, there are two awards (1st & 2nd position). The awardees will be felicitated with a trophy, shawl, certificate, citation and a cash prize of Rs. 51,000 for 1st position and Rs. 21,000 for the 2nd position.



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Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
Inland States
First Position**



Shri Sukdeb Mandal

M. M. Fish seed cultivation Pvt. Ltd.
Mana camp, Raipur,
Chattishgarh, Pin-492015
Contact no. 9755347874

Citation

SHRI SUKDEB MANDAL, an innovative farmer cum entrepreneur from Chhattisgarh has given fish farming a new dimension by adopting modern technologies in the areas like seed production, grow out culture, cage farming and marketing. He is very receptive to innovative and emerging technologies. He is a pioneer in setting up modern hatcheries for pangasius and mono-sex tilapia in the state. He is able to achieve high production and productivity in aquaculture through use of best management practices like water exchange, use of probiotics, floating feed, aerator and bio-safety measures. In cage culture, he has standardized culture method for achieving high production by using separate cages for different growth phases and thereby maximizing the stocking density and ensuring continuous production. His sheer dedication towards fisheries has brought many laurels and has emerged as a role model for other fellow farmers.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
Inland States
Second Position**



Shri Swapan Kr. Kaibarta

Birra, P.C Patamda,
East Singhbhum,
Jharkhand, Pin:832105
Contact no. 9955126502

Citation

SHRI SWAPAN KR. KAIBARTA is a progressive fish farmer from East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand. He is trained in aquaculture and hatchery operation. He owns a hatchery and produces 20-25 million spawn per annum. He is also a seed grower and supplies seed to Jamshedpur market and other neighbouring states. His main activities include carp culture in 20 acres area, seed production, raising and distribution of carp fingerlings. He works as a Matsya Mitra for the State of Jharkhand.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery-
Inland States
First Position**



Shri Chethi Sri Ramulu

House No. 1-67, Hasnabad,
Chelgal Post, Jagityal Dist.
Telangana, Pin-505455
Contact no. 9440066769

Citation

SHRI CHETHI SRI RAMULU is a successful hatchery owner and seed grower in Telangana State. In the year 1996, he established a fish seed hatchery comprising of two breeding pools and three incubation chambers. Each incubation chamber has a production capacity of 1.5 crore spawn/day with a success rate of about 90%. Today, he produced around 250-300 crore spawn annually contributing significantly to the fish seed requirement of the State. He is also a seed grower supplying quality fish fingerlings as stocking material for larger water bodies.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery-
Inland States
Second Position**



Shri Prahlad Chaudhary

Master Mohalla Jori,
Jorikala P.O
Jharkhand, Pin:825403
Contact no. 7654826462

Citation

SHRI PRAHLAD CHAUDHARY is an innovative hatchery owner and seed grower from Jharkhand. He is engaged in various aquaculture activities for many years. He is involved in fish culture in small reservoirs and Govt. tanks of around 200 ha with an average production of 400 tonnes per annum. He regularly exports fish to neighbouring state of Bihar. He owns a hatchery from which he produces 10 million spawn annually. He is engaged in raising the fish fingerlings and distributing it to the farmers. He also owns a pick-up vehicle supported by NFDB for transporting fish seed. Presently, he is the Secretary of the local fishermen co-operative society and acts as Matsya Mitra for the State of Jharkhand.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
Coastal States
First Position**



Shri U.K. Viswanadha Raju

2-5-1, Penmastsavari street,
33rd Ward, Sivaraopet.
Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh
Contact no.9849123122

Citation

SHRI U.K. VISWANADHA RAJU is a Social Entrepreneur and a leading industrialist in the field of Fisheries, Aquaculture and other allied agribusiness activities with an annual group turnover of about Rs. 1000 crores. He is a leading exporter of processed fishery products to the USA, Canada, European Union, Japan, Middle East, etc. from his three modern Processing Plants approved by EU & USFDA. He has revolutionized the concept of “fish packaging” from bamboo baskets to plastic crates/boxes to Styrofoam boxes for transport of fresh & chilled fish. He also created a new brand of ready-to-eat fishery products, the “Nutrifish” which is now catching momentum and available in almost all major cities. He constructed the first Govt. approved shrimp farm in India in 1986 at Losari, Bhimavaram, which paved the way for the development of shrimp farming in the State. He is instrumental for the development of freshwater prawn culture in India and established the first commercial freshwater prawn hatchery at Bhimavaram in 1990 with a capacity of 40 million seed/annum. He established India’s first and only Organic E.U Certified & BAP (Best Aquaculture Practice) approved Black Tiger shrimp hatchery at Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
Coastal States
Second Position**



Shri V. Ramachandra Raju

Door no. 11-176/01,
Sriramnagar, 7th Road, Eluru,
Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 534001
Contact no. 9849984878

Citation

SHRI V. RAMACHANDRA RAJU, an innovator, farmer and entrepreneur working in the Aquaculture industry for past 30 years. He has fish farms in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha wherein he produced 10 metric tonnes/ha of ponds by following BMP (Best Management Practices) for monitoring quality of water and supplementary feeding. He is also the Director of M/s Swapna Sudha Aqua Farmers (P) Ltd., Odisha and M/s Helapuri Proteins and Foods (P) Ltd., Andhra Pradesh. He is actively involved in technology and fisheries development programs and is a consultant to various Fisheries Associations, Govt. Departments and Private Institutions. Currently, Shri Raju is the President for the Society for Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture (SIFA) as well as for Delta Fish Farmers Welfare Association, Andhra Pradesh.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery- Coastal States
First Position**



Shri Manoranjan Sahu

Kailash Fisheries
Astapur, Mahulpatna,
Baisinga, Mayurbhanj
Odisha, Pin-757228
Contact no. 8895199712

Citation

SHRI MANORANJAN SAHU is a progressive fish farmer and entrepreneur from Baisinga, district Mayurbhanj, Odisha. He owns multi-species hatchery in 1.3 acre area and a farm of 100 acres. His hatchery is the largest fish hatchery complex in Odisha and is recognised as a Farm school under Ministry of Skill Development, Govt. of India. It has facilities like training hall, audio-visual room and accommodation buildings for trainees. The hatchery carried out breeding of 25 varieties of fish including many indigenous species and scampi. He produced around 250 lakh spawn, 100 lakh fry and 60 tonnes of fingerlings annually from that hatchery. His Centre “Kailash Fisheries” maintains a close link with Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Odisha and act as facilitator for learning and innovation of fish farmers in the localities.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery- Coastal States
Second Position**



Shri S. Vaitheeswaran

Svara Biotechnovations,
10, Pioneer Avenue,
New Natham Road, Madurai,
Tamil Nadu, Pin-625014
Contact no. 9791742398

Citation

SHRI S. VAITHEESWARAN, a fishery professional, established Svara Biotechnovations in the year 2011 with Shri S. Alagu Ravi. He has more than three decades of experience in establishing and running large industrial scale Tilapia production facilities in India and abroad. In the same year, he established intensive pond culture unit for mono-sex tilapia at Therku Pethampatti village in Madurai and Tilapia Hatchery at Natham Village, Dindigul with financial support from NFDB. The hatchery produces Chitralada and GIFT strains of Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) and Red Tilapia (*Oreochromis sp.*). Svara Biotechnovations is the only facility in the country having three high value genetic resource of Tilapia. The HDPE geomembrane lined intensive nursery and grow-out ponds with RAS facilities produce about 25 tonnes of tilapia per acre water spread area per annum. The produced fish is marketed live year-round, to provide the customers' best quality protein while the farm realizes maximum value for its product.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
North-Eastern
States
First Position**



Shri Biswajit Datta

West Bhuban Ban, Agartala
Tripura West, Pin:799002
Contact no. 9436555257

Citation

SHRI BISWAJIT DATTA is a young innovative fish farmer cum entrepreneur from Tripura. He has given fish farming a new dimension by adopting Pabda fish (*Ompok sp.*) breeding and seed production. He owns a small scale Pabda hatchery and produce an appreciable quantity of Pabda seed. With his own interest and with the help of the Tripura Fisheries Dept., he designed his own farm pond which is highly bio-secured. Shri Datta is also a pioneer in culture of GIFT strain of tilapia in the State with assistance from the State Fishery Dept. and RGCA. He is also trained in various fisheries and aquaculture programmes. He also started Duck-cum-Fish culture which serves as a training site for the students of College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Farmer-
North-Eastern States
Second Position**



Shri Tongbram Raghu Singh
Sagram Awang Leikai Thanga,
Moirang, Bishnupur,
Manipur, Pin: 795133
Contact no. 9856503761

Citation

SHRI TONGBRAM RAGHU SINGH of Bishnupur District, Manipur is one of the progressive fish farmers of the state. He started fish farming in year 1980 in a farm area of 3 ha, producing 1000 to 1500 kg fish/ha. He is also trained in various fish farming techniques and inculcated scientific fish farming practices like use of supplementary feeding, vermi-composting for pond manuring, integrating fish farming with livestock etc. He has increased his farm area to 6 ha and an enhancement in the production to 6000 kg/ha. He has been recognized in the State for achieving highest productivity in IMC culture. He also extends guidance and handholding supports to neighboring fish farmers in the State.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery-
North-Eastern States
First Position**



Shri Naorem Lashmon Singh

Kodompokpi Mamang Leikai,
Kodompokpi Road, Imphal West,
Manipur, Pin: 795009
Contact no. 9077328129

Citation

SHRI NAOREM LASHMON SINGH of Imphal West District, Manipur, started artificial breeding and seed production of an indigenous and high valued catfish - Meitei Ngakra (*Clarias magur*) in 2005. He started in a small scale breeding system with limited facilities. In 2009, he standardized the breeding of Magur using FRP Hatchery with a production of 2 lakh seeds annually. He undertakes integrated fish culture with water mimosa (*Neptunia prostrate*) and livestock in his 2 ha. fish farm which has increased his yield and income. His farm is run by his family members. His keen interest, determination and tireless efforts in popularization of breeding and culture of Magur has bagged him many awards.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Fish Hatchery-
North-Eastern States
Second Position**



Shri Amulya Kumar Das
M/s Amulya Kumar Das Fish Seed Farm, Khilpara village, Gombi District Tripura, Pin: 799116, Contact no. 9436131237

Citation

SHRI AMULYA KUMAR DAS is a fish farmer of distinction from Tripura State. Virtually as a novice but with devotion, he stepped into fish culture over two decades back. Subsequently, he secured a firm foothold in the culture fishery sector of Tripura. His debut into the fish seed production sector was through import of major carp spawn into Tripura from Bangladesh, for supply to farmers and stocking his own ponds. From this stage, he progressed to the point of raising healthy major carp fry, and utilized the same not only for stocking his own ponds of 2 ha but also for supplying to a set of farmers who emulated him. He undertook extensive trips to West Bengal to learn about induced breeding of Major Carps in order to get rid of the problem of spawn shortage. He set up his own eco-hatchery and expanded his farm with integrated approach. He is the first private fish breeder and seed supplier in the state.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best
Brackishwater
Shrimp/Fish
Farmer-
Coastal States
First Position**



Shri Manojbhai M. Sharma

Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd.
F-17,18 Rajgreen Heights, near
Saroli Bridge, Jahangirpur, Surat
Gujarat, Pin-395005
Contact no. 9825412857

Citation

SHRI MANOJBHAI M. SHARMA started his career as a technician in a small aqua farm near Surat, Gujarat. After having worked for three years, he convinced the local farmers and officials of the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Gujarat by demonstrating the success in shrimp farming. Realising the potential and opportunity, the Govt. of Gujarat allotted 5000 ha of brackishwater land to the farmers. He introduced the concept of satellite shrimp farming in Gujarat. He is a strong believer of low stocking module for the Pacific white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) and his concept of "Farming vannamei the tiger way" is gaining popularity, not only in India but also in other countries. He has motivated many shrimp farmers to take up sustainable model of shrimp farming. Presently, he is also the Director of Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best
Brackishwater
Shrimp/Fish
Farmer-
Coastal States
Second Position**



Shri Anjan Kr. Dandapat

Sahada, Singala
P.O. Basta, Dist: Balasor
Odisha, Pin-625014
Contact no. 9776493493

Citation

SHRI ANJAN KR. DANDAPAT is a progressive fish farmer from Odisha. For last 20 years, he has been practising sustainable and environmental friendly fish farming. He was a part of NFDB assisted ICAR-CIBA initiative on culture demonstration of indigenous Indian white shrimp (*Fenneropenaeus indicus*) in different farming systems and geographical locations. He is an innovative farmer and is engaged in farming of diversified species like Pearlspot (*Etroplus suratensis*) and Bhetki (*Lates calcarifer*). He possesses leadership quality of mobilizing aqua- farmers of the state. He was instrumental in organizing “Harvest mela cum Farmer-Scientist interaction meet” at his farm site in 2017.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best
Brackishwater
Shrimp/Fish
Hatchery-
Coastal States
First Position**



Shri V. Narendravarma Raju

Gayathri Hatchery,
Adivi village, Bapatla, Guntur
Andhra Pradesh, Pin-522101
Contact no. 9849815566

Citation

SHRI V. NARENDRAVARMA RAJU is a successful aquaculture entrepreneur and a passionate fish farmer from Bapatla, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh. He started his career by practicing prawn culture and later on established his own hatchery named "Gayathri Hatchery". He provides employment to 3000 workers and contributed to economic development of his region through vertical integration of shrimp hatcheries, shrimp farms and processing plant. He has a fully bio-secured hatchery for Pacific white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*), the most widely cultured shrimp species. Shri Raju has established other fishery enterprises, namely Gaayathri Bio marine, Mahadeva fisheries and R.K. shrimp farms.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best
Brackishwater
Shrimp/Fish
Hatchery-
Coastal States
Second Position**



Shri S. Suryanarayana Reddy

Sapthagiri Hatcheries,
Srirampuram, Kothapalli Mandal,
East Godavari District
Andhra Pradesh, Pin-533449
Contact no. 9948613599

Citation

SHRI S. SURYANARAYANA REDDY is a progressive fishery entrepreneur and started his career by establishing a Shrimp Hatchery named "Sapthagiri Hatcheries" in 2001 at Srirampuram, Kakinada coast, Andhra Pradesh. He is now running 9 units of Pacific white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) hatcheries with total production capacity of about 3500 millions/annum. From these units, the SPF *L. vannamei* seed is supplied to 8 states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra, Haryana and Punjab. The quality of the seed is monitored at different stages of growth with latest quality control equipment. As a part of corporate social responsibility, he is extending humanitarian service for the people of neighboring villages.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Performing
cooperatives/
SHG
First Position**



**President, Bhakra fisheries
Industrial Cooperative
Society**
Tehsil, Shri Naina Devi Ji,
Dist- Bilaspur
Himachal Pradesh, Pin-174201,
Contact no. 9736817180

Citation

BHAKRA FISHERIES INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVE SOCIETY is registered under cooperative societies Act 1968 on 20th December, 1979. The society is operating in Gobind Sagar reservoir and is managed by the Department of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh. The society runs fish landing Centre in Bilaspur district and has become highest fish catching society with as high as 98.82 MT fish catch during 2014-15. Presently, the society has a total membership of 360, out of which 118 are active fishermen holding regular fishing license. Governing body of the society comprises of a President, Vice President, Cashier and 4 members, who with active participation of fishermen look after the business of the society. The landing centers are provided with basic amenities like adequate and permanent drinking water supply and well-furnished toilets.



Award 2018

Award Category

**Best Performing
cooperatives/
SHG
Second Position**



**Kerala State Cooperative
Federation for Fisheries
Development Ltd. (MATSYAFED)**
Manacud P.O.,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, Pin-695009
Contact no. 0471-2457172

Citation

KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT LTD (MATSYAFED) is an apex Federation of primary level Fisheries Cooperative Societies established in 1984. The Mission of the Federation is to improve the socio-economic conditions of fisher folk of the State. The main objective of MATSYAFED is to assist its members in culture and capture fisheries, marketing, infrastructure development and other self-employment businesses. The federation ensures sustained income and upliftment of the socio-economic conditions of its members. MATSYAFED is generating profit in all their activities. During the year 2015-16, the net profit of the Federation was Rs. 204.23 lakhs. Presently, there are 651 Marine Fish cooperative society (FCS) and 369 Fisherwoman cooperative society (FWCS) with 15,069 Self-help groups (SHGs) under MATSYAFED.