

## **ICAR-NRC for Grapes, Pune celebrated National Fish Farmers Day on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

ICAR-NRC for Grapes, Pune celebrated National Fish Farmers Day on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 as part of the National Campaign on 'Emerging Aquaculture Systems and Practices' under the banner of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Every year on 10<sup>th</sup> July, National Fish Farmers' Day is observed to honor and commemorate Professor Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and his colleague - Dr. Alikunhi for their contributions in achieving the successful induced breeding of major carps.

On the occasion of National Fish Farmers Day, ICAR-NRCG organized a physical event where Dr Vivek Rohidas Vartak, Associate Professor, Kharland Research Station, Panvel, Maharashtra was the chief guest. The program was chaired by Dr. R G Somkuwar, The Director, ICAR-NRCG, coordinated by Dr. Ahammed Shabeer TP, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NRCG and attended by more than 50 staffs from ICAR-NRCG. Dr. R. G Somkuwar welcomed the chief guest and in his introductory remark he emphasized the importance of fresh water aquaculture in rural agriculture and importance of fish in nutritional security of rural India. The chief guest Dr. Vartak delivered his presentation on the topic "Emerging Aquaculture Systems and Practices in India". In his presentation he gave a brief statistics on Marine Aquaculture and Fresh water Aquaculture across the globe and India in particular. He raised his concern over the depletion of marine population of fish across the coastal region of India. However, he also expressed his satisfaction on change in govt policies on fresh water aquaculture and increase in fresh water aquaculture area in India. He explained various fish species cultivated in India and their nutritional importance especially to rural India. He also explained different types of fish culture practices followed in India and the govt supports for such aquaculture practices.

Followed by physical event, a field visit was undertaken to witness the Cage aquaculture system implemented at ICAR-NRCG in collaboration with Kharland Research Station, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli. Dr. Ajay Kumar Upadhyay, The Project I/C at ICAR-NRCG explained about the experiment going on in NRCG. Followed by field visit, the program ended with the vote of thanks by the Coordinator Dr. Ahammed Shabeer TP.



