

Press Release
Department of Fisheries, Govt of India
National Fish Farmers Day Celebrations 2019
10th July, 2019

Every year 10th July is celebrated as National Fish Farmers day in India. On the same day in 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 with record production of 13.70 MMT in 2018-19. The Govt. of India in 2001 declared 10th July as National Fish Farmers Day as a mark respect to the eminent scientist Dr. K.H. Alikunhi who in 1957 introduced breeding of fish in India. Every year the 10th July is celebrated by Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India in association with National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad. In addition, Central and State Fisheries Departments and Fisheries Institutes also celebrate this day by facilitating the successful fish farmers. In the past years, Government of India has celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day at Hyderabad (2017) and Visakhapatnam (2018).

This year, Department of Fisheries is celebrating National Fish Farmers Day on 10th July, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Seminar and essay competition will be the part of the one-day celebration.
