

## INAUGURATION OF LINAC FISHERIES BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTRE (LIFIC)



**From Left to right:** Shri. Uday Joshi, National General Secretary, Sahakar Bharati, Dr. Suvarna C, Chief Executive, NFDB, Ms. Blossom Kochar, Chair, Blossom Kochar Group, Shri. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC, Shri. Ramesh Vaidya, President, Sahakar Bharati, Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI, Dr. L. Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI, Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of AHD and Fisheries, GoI, Mr. Tomio Shichiri, FAO, at the inauguration dais.

LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) - country's first-of-its kind, dedicated business incubator was inaugurated by Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in presence of Dr. L. Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, on 16.11.2021. LIFIC has been set up under the Government of India flagship scheme of PMMSY in the Laxmanrao Inamdar Academy of Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC)-the training and consultancy wing of NCDC, located in Gurugram. LIFIC will work towards preparing fisher entrepreneurs in cooperatives by extending relevant incubation support. Through the business incubator centre nurtured by NCDC, cooperative business incubates will be able to access market across geographies and formats in addition to leveraging new technologies and tools.

2. The inauguration programme was attended by important dignitaries such as Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, former Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of AHD and Fisheries, Government of India, Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of

Fisheries, Ministry of AHD and Fisheries, Government of India, Ms. Blossom Kochar, Chairperson, Blossom Kochhar Group of Companies, Dr. C. Suvarna, Chief Executive, NFDB, Dr. K.R. Salin, Asst. Professor, Asian Institute of Technology(AIT), Bangkok and Director, NEDAC, Bangkok and Shri. Ramesh Vaidya, President, Sahakar Bharati.

3. Department of Fisheries, MFAHD, GoI had approved the establishment of a Fisheries Incubation Centre vide communication of DoF No. J-13001/3/2020-Fy dated 12.02.2021. Within a record period of nine months the LINAC has operationalized LIFIC in Gurugram campus alongwith its field support units (FSU) at all 18 regional offices of NCDC. LIFIC will assist young entrepreneurs in materializing their business ideas into business plan with necessary technical as well as business mentoring, access to finance and other business services.



Inauguration of LIFIC by Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in LINAC, Gurugram.