

**Report on Celebration of Events on Bharat ki Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav: 75th  
years of Celebration of Independence**

**National Campaign Fisheries Sector: Theme (1): Ecosystem Management for Sustainable  
Fisheries**

**(July 10, 2021)**

**Report on webinar Secondary Raw Material: A new Avenue in Fisheries Business”  
conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Veraval RC of ICAR-CIFT**

As a part of a National Campaign on “Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Fisheries” Under **Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav an ambitious programme to commemorate the 75 years of India’s Independence**, Veraval RC of ICAR-CIFT in association with KVK Kodinarhas organised a webinar on “**Secondary Raw Material: A new Avenue in Fisheries Business**” on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Nearly 100 participants from different states participated in the programme.

Sri. Rajeshbhai Chudasama, Honorable Member of Parliament, Junagadh was the chief guest of the programme. He has inaugurated the programme by lightening the lamp virtually. In his inaugural address he has highlighted the problems faced by the fisher folk, fish entrepreneurs and other associated sector. He told that due to COVID 19 there was a set back in overall fisheries export as well as domestic business. He affirmed that PMMSY will give the boost to improve the health of the sector. He has also emphasized that this is the need of the hour to diversify the fish business. Using fish waste as secondary raw material for production of high value products is one way which can improve the profit of fishers many folds. Honorable Member of Parliament has accoladed the efforts taken by ICAR-CIFT for creating awareness popularizing technology pertaining to utilization of Rest Raw Material. He has also congratulated Director ICAR-CIFT for his dedicated efforts in the field.

Dr. C.N Ravishankar, Director ICAR-CIFT in his presidential address outlined the different products out of Secondary Raw Material, he has assured the honorable MP and all the participants of the programme about the commitment of ICAR-CIFT for bringing the Rest Raw Material in main stream fisheries Business. He told that ICAR-CIFT is always available to the stake holders for technological support in utilization of Rest Raw Material. He conveyed to the participants about the products like Chitin, chitosan, collagen, gelatin, chito-oligosaccharides etc are the wonder molecules isolated from Rest Raw Material. These products are in very high demand in international market and Fishers from India can tap the utilized potential in the field. He also thanked the MP for his gracious presence and invited him to the institute for showcasing the technology available in the sector.

There was a technical talk delivered by guest of Honor Shri. Piyush bhai Fofandi, president, Seafood Exporters Association of India (Gujarat) on the topic “Need of diversification and value addition in seafoods”. Sri Piyushbhai also told that there is a huge untapped potential in the field of Rest Raw Material utilization and we should work cohesively in this area. He has congratulated Veraval Research Centre of ICAR-CIFT for conducting the webinar at right time.

Dr. Ashish Kumar Jha, SIC, VRC of ICAR-CIFT has briefly presented about the few products out of Rest Raw Material. He has mentioned that when we talk about seafood, we should not

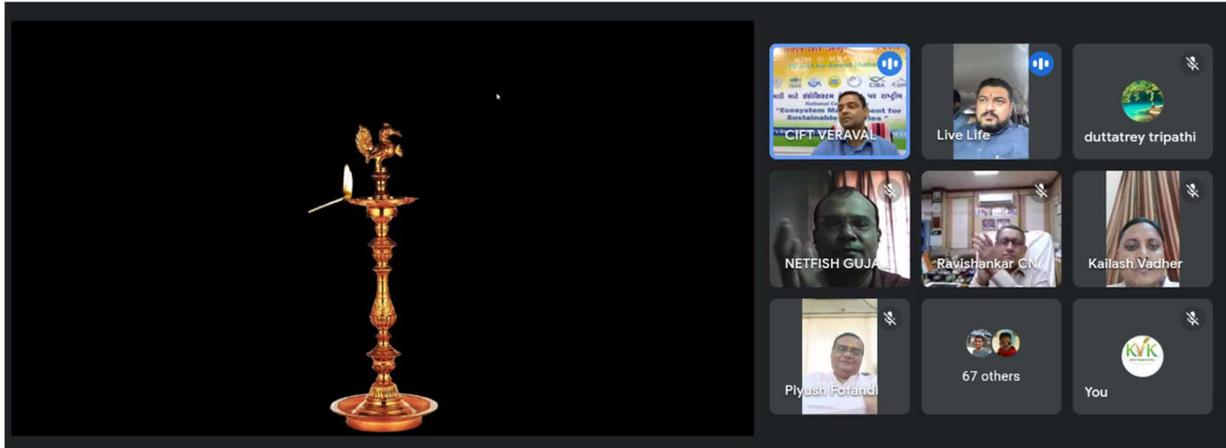
restrict ourselves only to fish, crustacean and molluscs, we should also look towards the Seaweeds. He has highlighted few seaweed products developed by ICAR.

Other dignitaries such as Shri. Manash Choudhary, joint advisor, Nitiaayog, Shri. Velji Bhai, Masani, Chairman, Gujarat Fisheries Central Co-operative Association, Dr. Sajid Yusuf Jai Principal and Dean, College of Fisheries Veraval and other participants from Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Gauhar Vilal Vani and Dr. Sabbirdhal also attended the same.

The programme was interactive and the Director, ICAR-CIFT and other participants were very responsive.

The programme wrapped up around 11.00am. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Anupama T.K, Scientist, VRC of ICAR-CIFT.

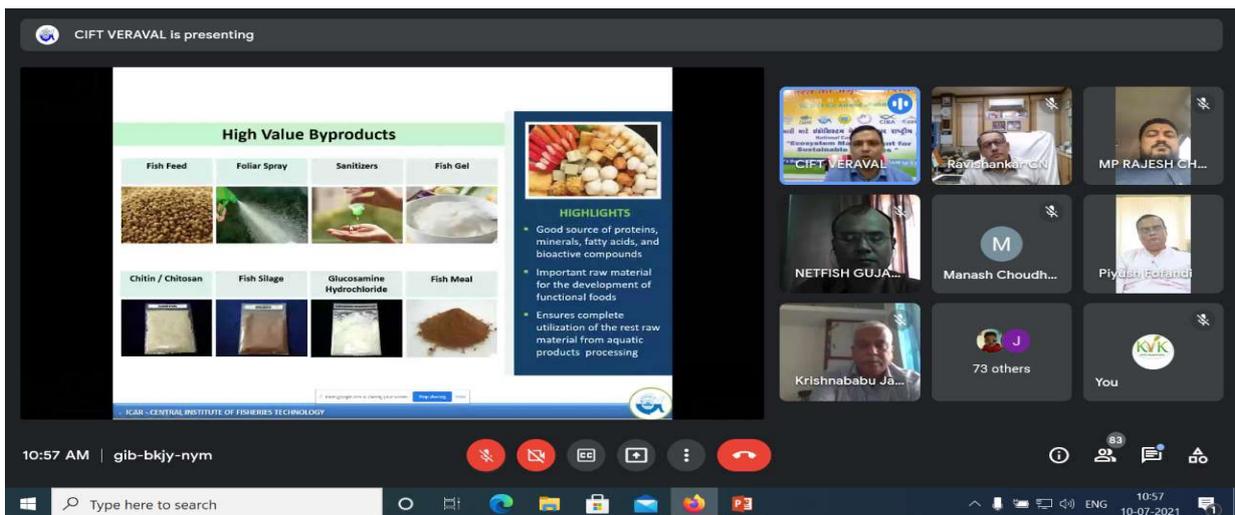
Later on, Dr. Ashish Kumar Jha Scientist-In-Charge of the Veraval Research Center of ICAR-CIFT visited the office of honorable member of parliament and presented a floral bouquet as a mark of respect.



**Inauguration by honorable Member of Parliament Sri Rajeshbhai Chudasama**



**Webinar under progress**



**Technical session**