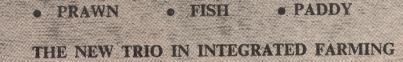
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# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## IMPRESSIVE YIELD FROM SEWAGE-FERTILISED PADDY PLOTS

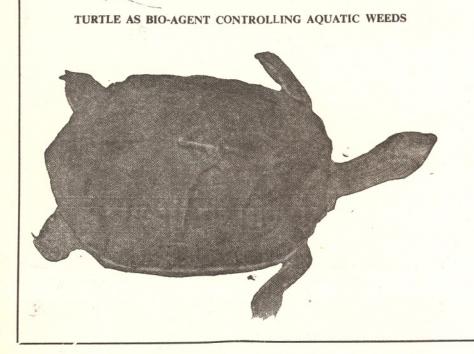
Giant freshwater prawn, Macrobrachium rosenbergii did remarkably well when reared along with paddy utilising sewage as fertiliser. After 12 months of rearing 264 kg/ha of prawn was harvested. Paddy planted along the periphery of the plot provided shelter to prawns and yielded 1,700 kg/ha. And there was a bonus crop, 163 kg/ha of silver carp, stocked for controlling the algal bloom.

The new combination was tried in a 0.4 ha plot at the farm of the Rahara Research Centre of CIFRI. Deep water paddy-Jaladhi was planted all along the periphery of the pond (0.02 ha) to provide shelter to the growing prawns especially during the period of high temperature. The pond was initially fertilised with domestic sewage and diluted with freshwater having normal oxygen concentration in the ratio 1:3. Juvenile prawns of the size 70-92 mm. (2.6 g) were stocked at the rate of 10,000/ha. After 12 months of rearing, a prawn yield of 264.0 kg/ ha was obtained with a retrieval rate of 65.23%. Apart from the use of sewage effluent to increase pond fertility the prawns were fed with boiled tilapia @ 1% body weight.

Silver carp was stocked @ 150/ ha along with prawns as additional stocking component to control algal blooms consequent to fertilisation. They yielded 163 kg/ ha.

Total harvest of paddy was @ 1,700 kg/ha.

This successful experiment adds a new facet to the integrated farming system, blending it with the concept of recycling the wastes. The results obtained are highly encouraging and they may open bright possibilities for large-scale adoption of the technique.



The turtle Kechuga tectum was found to be a potential bio-agent to control a variety of obnoxious weeds. The results of preliminary experiments were highly encouraging. The turtle could clear Lemna trisulcata (100%). Ipomea aquatica (90%), Hydrilla verticillata (77%-100%), Eichhornia crassipes (52-85%) and Ceratophyllum demersum (90-100%) in one to two days. It is significant that the food spectrum of Kechuga tectum ranges from soft weeds like Hydrilla to those having hard cuticle such as Eichhornia. The per day consumption for a 816g turtle

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for different aquatic weeds was 166.6 g of Lemna, 150 g of Ipomea, 146 g of Hydrilla, 104 g of Eichhornia and 70 g of Ceratophyllum. Average consumption by the turtle worked out to be 127 g/day/specimen. A total of 19 turtles were used and the trials were conducted in cement cisterns. Six turtles of av. 816 g cleared weeds upto 20.4% of their body weight in a day while smaller

## MAJOR CARPS BRED AT HIGH ALTITUDE

Induced breeding of Indian major carps, mrigal and rohu was successfully done at Sattal Lake at an altitude of 4000 ft. above MSL.

Sattal Lake lies in the Kumaon Himalayas 11 km west to Bhimtal in Uttar Pradesh. In a recent experiment conducted by the Central Inland Fisheries in collaboration with the State Dept. of Fisheries, Uttar Pradesh, *Cirrhinus mrigala* and *Labeo rohita* were bred in the lake. The Indian major carps normally breed at much lower altitudes.

In four sets of experiments

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

SAIL OR SINK WITH NATURE

CIFRI fraternity on the eve of 'World Environment Day', resolved to serve the cause of a healthy environment. Talking to an elite gathering on the occasion, Dr. A. V. Natarajan, Director expreturtles of 161 g consumed upto 35.8% of their body weight.

The intensity of feeding was observed to be more during night than day, indicating their preference for nocturnal feeding. Fishes and turtles when kept together in cisterns were found to be highly compatible. In *Kechuga tectum* lies a potential bioagent to control the aquatic weeds in fishery waters.

2,80,000 eggs of mrigal and 80 000 eggs of rohu were produced. Preliminary hormone was injected @4 mg/kg body weight and 8 mg/kg body weight in first and second doses respectively. Breeding occurred 9 hours after the II injection, in the first set while in case of second set it took 11 hrs.

Percentage of fertilisation was 40% to 60% in mrigal and 20% in rohu. Hatching took place 17.30 hrs. after breeding. Water temperature was 26.0°C to 28.0°C, turbidity nil, pH 8.1-8.2 and dissolved oxygen was 8.12 to 8.44 ppm when breeding occurred.

ssed the need for an environmental conscience of a higher order. He cited some commonest and clearly visible instances where human infringement into the environment in the name of development, threw the builtin balances of nature out of gear. Indiscriminate destruction of green belt, the resultant erosion in catchment areas, adverse effects of industrial and domestic effluents and a host of other factors infused largescale environmental degradations.

Most of our riverine and estuarine systems were already subjected to the onslaughts of industrial and sewage effluents. Dr Natarajan righlty pointed out the vulnerability of aquatic environment and called for concerted efforts to conserve our diverse and rich aquatic resources. However, he expressed satisfaction that adequate importance was now being given to environment management in our planning. He sought for mass participation in conservation programmes.

Dr. B. I. Sundararaj the noted Zoologist, cautioned against any apathy towards environment. The very survival of life on this planet depends on a balanced environment. The damage inflicted on environment is often irreversible He cited the precautions taken in the West to protect their flora and fauna.

Dr. Sundararaj and Dr. Natarajan urged the members of CIFRI family to cultivate a high sense of awareness about the environment and to make positive contributions to its improvement. After all, we have to 'sail or sink' with the nature.

# EXTENSION

# Lab to Land Programme

Hundred farm families from 10 villages at Chanditala and Kamarpukur areas, Hooghly Dt. were benefitted by the Lab to Land Programme. A demonstration on composit fish culture was arranged at Kalyanbati on 15. 7. 83. About 5.3 lakhs spawn of Indian major carps and 4.0 lakhs spawn of Chinese carps was produced under the programme. A group discussion on 'Induced Breeding and Nursery Pond Management' was held at Alipore, Chanditala II Block in which 27 fish farmers of the locality took active part.

# Training

A five day training programme was arranged for Dr. O.H. Ayinla Vice principal, Federal Fisheries School, Lagos, Nigeria under an FAO sponsored scheme. Dr. Ayinla visited the Rahara and Kakdwip Research Centres of the Institute. He also observed the work under Lab to Land Programme at Chanditala. Dr. Ayinla was at CIFRI from 5.5.83 to 9.5.83.

A one day training was organised for 5 Fisheries Extension Officers under FFDA, U. P. on different aspects of inland aquaculture on 25.6.83.

Four fish farmers from Arunachal Pradesh were trained in modern methods of aquaculture from 19, 7, 83 to 22, 7, 83.

Students from 8 educational and training institutions visited the

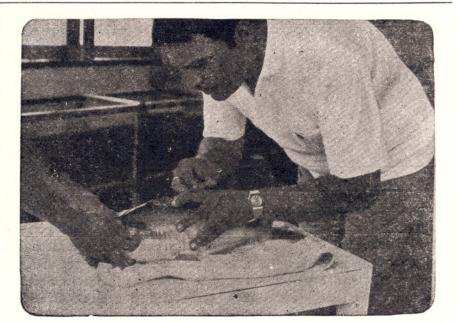
Institute from May to August 1983. A total of about 200 such students were taken round the laboratories and field to apprise them of the latest methods adopted in scientific aquaculture.

Shri P. K. Pandit, Scientist visited six ponds at the Burdwan University campus on 26.6.83 and offered suggestions for better utilisation of the ponds. He suggested ways for preparation of nursery, rearing and stock ponds for obtaining better production.

S/sri R. N. Pal, P. R. Sen and U, Bhowmick, Scientists attended a seminar on rural reconstruction organised by Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore on 13. 6. 83.

# MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

**Dr. N. K. Thakur** Scientist and Training Organiser KVK/TTC, Kausalyagang visited Thailand on an FAO/UNDP fellowship programme from 19.5.83 to 20.6.83. Dr. Thakur got acquainted himself with the latest techniques of culture and propagation of *Pangasius* sufchi at the Thai Department of Fisheries. He has also updated his knowledge on *Clarias batra*chus.



# MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT .



Dr. A. K. Mondal. Scientist had been to the Rice University, Houston, Texas as an FAO/ UNDP Fellow from 4 April to 3 June, 1983. At Houston, Dr. Mondal worked with Dr. Stephen Subtelny, Professor of Biology on various aspects of frog embryology and genetics. He learned in detail the identification and staging of embryos from the onset of cleavage to the tadpole stage. Other areas covered during the programme were enucleation of fertilised frog eggs by removal of the egg nucleus prior to second polar body formation and production of androgenic haploids. Methods of producing gynogenetic haploids by inactivation of the sperm nucleus using ultraviolet radiation and nuclear transplantation tech-He also niques were studied. carried out a series of studies on primordial germ cell migration.



Sri A. V. P. Rao, Scientist of Madras Research Centre has undergone a 5 months training in hatchery management in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. Sri Rao visited Port Dickson, Glugor Malacca, Puchong Jakarta, Jepara Prigi and Bangkok where he has undregone training in hatchery design feeding parasite control etc. He left India on 4th February 1983 on a FAO/UNDP Fellowship and returned on 20th July 1983.

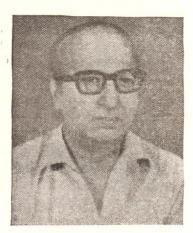
## PH. D. AWARDED

Mr. M. J. Bhagat, Scientist at Barrackpore was awarded Ph. D. degree by the Ranchi University. Dr. Bhagat's thesis deals with the fishery and biological aspects of two commercially important fishes Schizothoraichthys esocinus and Schizothorax niger collected from Dal lake. The biological aspects covered the food and feeding habits, maturity and breeding, age and growth etc.

Sri Kuldip Kumar, Scientist has undergone a 20 days' intensive training at the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal on the latest techniques of Cryopreservation of fish spermatozoa. The training included composition and ratios of different extenders, cryoprotectants, filling and sealing of straws and handling of cryogenic containers. Sri Kuldip is presently working on a problem entitled 'Cryopreservation of fish spermatozoa' in collaboration with the Department of Zoology, University of Delhi. The project aims to develop suitable extenders and cryoprotectants for long-term storage of fish spermatozoa using cryogenic techniques. 

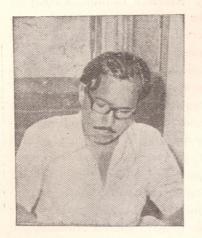
Dr. H. C. Joshi attended a U. G. C. Seminar on 'Effect of Pesticides on Aquatic Fauna' at MHOW, M. P. from 18-22 June. 1983. He presented a paper 'Dynamics And Impact of Pesticides In Aquatic Environments'.

# STAFF NEWS



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Ph. D.....



#### DR. R. K. BANERJEE

Mr. R. K. Banerjee, Scientist now posted at the Rahara Centre, West Bengal of CIFRI obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Patna University. His thesis was based on 'Ecological studies of effluents from certain industrial and municipal sources and of agricultural waste materials'. In his studies, Mr. Banerjee dealt extensively with the efficacy of penicillin mycelium distillary effluents, cotton seed waste, poultry droppings, city refuse and sewage sludge as either fish feed or pond manure. His study revealed that organic matter with high BOD<sub>5</sub> is preferable as pond manure, provided it attains mesosaprobic condition rapidly. Banerjee's study is very pertinent in the context of recent efforts to 'utilise the waste' rather than simply to 'dispose' them off.

# NEW PROJECT COORDINATORS



#### MR, B. V. GOVIND

Dr. M. Y. Kamal and Shri B.V. Govind were appointed as Project Coordinators for the All India Coordinated Projects on Air-breathing Fish Culture, and Ecology and Fisheries of Freshwater Reservoirs respectively. Dr. Kamal took over the charge of his project on 25. 7. 83 at Barrackpore. Shri B. V. Govind joined at Nagarjunasagar as Project Coordinator on 7. 5. 83.



DR. M. Y. KAMAL

# SELECTED TO S-3 GRADE



MR. K. K. SUKUMARAN

Dr. K. L. Sehgal and Shri K.K. Sukumaran were recruited as S-3 scientists on the basis of direct selection by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board. Dr. Sehgal joined his duties as S-3 at Barrackpore on 11. 7. 83 and Shri Sukumaran at FARTC, Dhauli on 13. 7. 83.



DR. K L. SEHGAL

# PROMOTIONS

The following scientists were promoted to the next higher grade on the basis of five yearly assessment by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board.

Name	From To	w.e.f.
Dr. M. L. Bhowmick	S-1 S-2	July 1980
Shri A. K. Ghosh	-do-	-do-
" S. B. Saha	-do-	-do-
, K. K. Bhanot	-do-	-do-
, K. L. Shah	-do-	-do-
., G. R. M. Rao	-do-	-do-
,, D. Kapoor	S S-1	-do-
" N. P. Srivastava	-do-	-do-
" B. K. Singh	-do-	-do-
,, V. K. Sharma	-do-	-do-
	Dr. M. L. Bhowmick Shri A. K. Ghosh ,, S. B. Saha ,, K. K. Bhanot ,, K. L. Shah ,, G. R. M. Rao ,, D. Kapoor ,, N. P. Srivastava ,, B. K. Singh	Dr. M. L. BhowmickS-1S-2Shri A. K. Ghosh-do-,, S. B. Saha-do-,, K. K. Bhanot-do-,, K. L. Shah-do-,, G. R. M. Rao-do-,, D. KapoorSS-1,,, N. P. Srivastava-do-,, B. K. Singh-do-

Advance increments were granted to the following scientists :--

Name	No. of increments	w. e. f.	
Sri S. K. Wishard	one	July 1980	
,, V. Kolekar	Three	-do-	

The following technical personnel were promoted to the higher grades on the recommendations of selection committee for technical personnel :

	From To	w. e. f
Shri Kuldip Kumar	T-4 T-5	1.7.83
Shri B. R. Dutta	-do-	1.1.83
Shri Radheshyam	-do-	-do-
Shri G, C. Sahoo	T-2 T-I-3	1.7.83
Shri S. C. Bhowmick	-do-	-do-
Shri S. C. Mondal	T-1 T-2	1.1.83

# TRANSFERS

The following transfers were made during May to August 1983 :--

			From	To
1.	Shri K. K. Ghosh	S-2	Barrackpore	Dhauli
2.	Shri S. N. Dutta	S-1	Dhauli	Cuttack
3.	Shri N. K. Tripathi	Liaison Officer	39	99
4.	Shri S. Patnaik	S-2	Cuttack	 Dhauli
5.	Shri V. Kolekar	S	Gauhati	Rihand
6.	Shri F. A Zaidi	Assistant	Cuttack	Rihand

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			From	То
7.	Sk. Abdul Halim	Sr. Clerk	Cuttack	Dhauli
8.	Shri R. Tarai	Driver	-do-	-do-
9.	Shri D. Tarai	Driver	-do-	-do-
10.	Shri D. Sahoo	SS-IV	-do-	-do-
11.	Shri D. N. B. Singh	-do-	-do-	-do-
12.	Shri U. Bhuyan	-do-	-do-	-do-
13.	Shri Bhikari Naik	SS III	-do-	-do-
14.	Shri P. Mishra	- d-	-do.	-do-
15.	Shri K. C. Behera	-do-	-do-	-do-
16.	Shri P. C. Sethi	-do-	-do-	-do-
17.	Shri S. R. Patnaik	-do-	-do-	-do-
18.	Shri D. Nayak	-do-	-do-	-do-
19.	Shri Bhaskar Pradhai	n SS II	-do-	-do-
20.	Shri L. Sahoo	-do-	-do-	-do-
21.	Shri R. N. Swain	-do-	-do-	-do-
22.	Shri Golekha Parıda	SS I	-do-	-do-
23.	Shri S. Das	-do-	-do-	-do-
24.	Shri G. C Nayak	-do-	-do-	-do-

Club Corner

The Annual General Body Meeting of CIF Recreation Club was held on 30th March, 1983 at CIFRI Auditorium. Shri K. C. Roy, Joint Secretary, presented the audited accounts and report for the preceding year. After reviewing the performance during last year the meeting has elected new office bearers for the Club as follows:

President Vice-President Jt. Secretaries

Cultural Secretary ,, Sub-Committee

Sports Secretary "Sub-Committee

Library Secretary ,, Sub-Committee

Treasurer Auditors

Dr. A. V. Natarajan Shri L. M. Nandi Shri Amitabha Ghosh & Smt. Bani Roy Shri T. Chatterjee Shri B. C. Dutta Shri D. C. Bose Shri S. Dasgupta Smt. S. Das Shri S. Bahadur Shri K. K. Bhanot Dr. V. K. Unnithan Shri P. K. Ghosh Shri J. Banerjee Shri H. K. Sen Dr. M. J. Bhagat Dr. V. Pathak Smt. Sikha Mazumdar Shri K. P. Nath Shri S. B. Roy Shri A. N. Mukherjee & Shri K. C. Roy

Dr. Natarajan in Advisory Body to Govt. of U. P.

Dr. A. V. Natarajan, Director of CIFRI, has been nominated by the Government of Uttar Pradesh as a member of the 'Advisory Committee for Agriculture and Allied Sector'. He is already a member of the Council of Science and Technology Government of U. P.

#### Sushanto back at CIFRI

Shri Sushanto Kumar Saha, S-1 joined at Rahara Research Centre of CIFRI on 9th June, 1983. He was serving as Analyst in Central Water Laboratory, New Delhi.

#### They called it a day

Shri S. R. Ghosh, Scientist-1 retired voluntarily from the services of ICAR on 12 June, 1983.

Dr. D. S. Murthy, Technical Officer (T-6) chose to retire from the services voluntarily. He was relieved on 11.5.83.

Shri D. Singh, Supporting staff grade III at Barrackpore retired on 31st May, 1983 on attaining the age of superannuation.

# VISITORS

#### Scientists from Laos

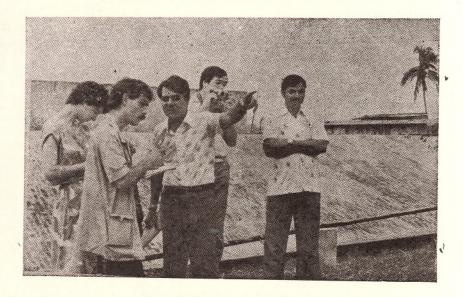
A team of 5 Scientists from Laos, Vientine under the leadership of Mr. Srubanti visited the Institute on 9. 5. 83. The other members were Mr. Thongphoot, Mr. Sopha, Mr. Somsak and Mr. Bounmy. Four Nigerian visitors called on the Institute on 11.5.83 were Mr. A. D. D. Apunpa, Lagos Mr, Tola Oto, Alkura, Mr. E. O. Opulah, Port Harcourt and Mrs. T. I. Agbalatobe, Lagos.

## French scientists visits the Institute

Three scientists, i. e., Mr. Patric Lavarde, Mr. Jean-Marc Piloquet and Miss Francois Guinard of National Institute of Rural Engineering and Water and Forestry, Paris, France (Ecole Nationale, du Genie Rural des Eaux et Forets. Ministere de Lagriculture) had been to Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, on 7 July 1983, to acquaint themselves with the research programmes of the Institute in inland fisheries and also methods adopted in the transfer of technolgies to practising farmers. Dr. A. V. Director, Natarajan CIFRI, explained to them in detail the various technologies developed by the Institute relating to coldwater fish culture, warmwater fish culture, brackishwater fish culture, sewage fed fish culture integrated fish farming, etc. and



Mr. Lavarde, Mr. Piloquet and Miss Francois were briefed by the Director at his chamber (above). Later they were taken around the laboratories and the recirculatory filtering system of ponds (below).



explained to the visitors the roles of KVK/TTC, Lab to Land Programme and demonstration programmes in the transfer of technologies. He also pointed out the

roles of FFDA and IRD in rural development

The visitors also met farmers who had been benefitted from Lab to Land Programme.

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