

BRIEF REPORT

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

"BOYS' HOSTEL, COLLEGE OF FISHERIES, JAU, VERAVAL"

Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) laid Foundation Stone of Boys' Hostel at JAU, Veraval

The foundation stone for the new Boys' Hostel, College of Fisheries, Junagadh Agricultural University, Veraval was laid by Dr. S. Ayyappan, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE (GOI) and Director General (ICAR), New Delhi at the new campus site in the solemn presence of Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh on 13th April 2013. The ceremony was attended by several dignitaries from national institutes and the state government, including Dr. Madan Mohan, ADG (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. G. Syda Rao, Director, CMFRI, Kochi; Dr. T.K. Srinivas Gopal, Director, CIFT, Kochi; Shri. P.L. Darbar, IAS, Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of Gujarat; Dr. J.B. Mishra, Director, DGR, Junagadh; Dr. C.J. Dangaria, Director of Research & Dean P.G. Studies, JAU, Junagadh; Dr. A.M. Parakhia, Director of Extension Education, JAU, Junagadh; Dr. P.V. Patel, Director of Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh and Dr. A.Y. Desai, Principal & Dean, College of Fisheries, JAU, Veraval.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in his welcome address expressed his gratitude to the state government for rendering very good support and transferring about 9 ha of land for establishing a new campus for the College of Fisheries at Veraval. He was optimistic that a full-fledged college with smart class rooms, laboratories and administrative wings shall be developed in future. He requested Dr. S. Ayyappan for providing grant from the ICAR for an international hostel at Veraval as several students from abroad are pursuing their fishery education in this college.

While addressing the staff, Dr. S. Ayyappan appreciated the Vice-chancellor and the Dean of the college for their efforts in developing the Faculty of Fisheries. He commended that the foreign students who come to India for their education in fisheries mostly opt for the College of Fisheries, Veraval. He suggested to have all

the possible collaborations by the college with the national fisheries institutes, especially located at Veraval. He also highlighted the various upcoming schemes proposed by the ICAR for making the agricultural education, research and extension more effective and relevant to the needs of the nation during XII Five Year Plan.

All the Faculty Members, staff and students of the College of Fisheries, Veraval, and the leading fishery entrepreneurs from Veraval participated in this ceremony. The whole function was well organized under the able leadership of Dr. A.Y. Desai.