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AquaBiz 2.0 aims to explore the latest technologies developed by fisheries research institutes under ICAR, thereby revolutionizing the fisheries and aquaculture industries

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Bijay Kumar Behera, Chief Executive of NFDB speaking at AquaBiz 2.0 in Kochi

With a focus on innovation, sustainability, and business development, the entrepreneurship meet AquaBiz 2.0 has paved the way for new opportunities and partnerships in the fisheries sector, strengthening India's position as a leader in global aquaculture and fisheries technology.

The event was organised by the Zonal Technology Management-Agribusiness Incubation Centre (ZTM-ABI) of ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology jointly with AgrInnovate India and in association with the IP&TM Unit of ICAR, and the National Fisheries Development Board.

Bijay Kumar Behera, Chief Executive of NFDB has emphasized the Board's funding structures for entrepreneurship, highlighting the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and its various funding patterns. He detailed on how NFDB supports entrepreneurship through initiatives such as intensive aquaculture in ponds and tanks, culture-based capture fisheries in reservoirs, coastal aquaculture, mariculture, and seaweed cultivation.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a sub-scheme of PMMSY aimed at empowering fish farmers, and the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) is playing a crucial role in enhancing infrastructure in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, he added.

Tarun Shridhar, former Secretary, MoFAHD underscored the country's strength in fisheries research and development, emphasizing that value addition in fish products depends heavily on maintaining freshness.

Alex Ninan, Vice President, Seafood Exporters Association of India highlighted key challenges facing the seafood industry, including overfishing and climate change, and stressed the importance of technological innovations in overcoming these issues.

AquaBiz 2.0 aims to explore the latest technologies developed by fisheries research institutes under ICAR, thereby revolutionizing the fisheries and aquaculture industries. The event provided a unique platform for entrepreneurs, researchers, and policymakers to connect with scientists, innovators, and government agencies dedicated to fisheries development.

George Ninan, Director of ICAR-CIFT, presided over the function.

The event witnessed the participation of over 200 entrepreneurs, researchers, policymakers, and funding agencies, all sharing a collective vision to foster entrepreneurship and technological advancement in the fisheries industry.