

**BHUMIPUJAN CEREMONEY OF INDIA'S FIRST
'DIPLOMA IN FISHERIES ENGINEERING' PROGRAM
BY HON'BLE UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER
SHRI. SHARADCHANDRAJI PAWAR ON 14th MAY 2011**

Bhumipujan ceremony of India's first 'Diploma in Fisheries Engineering' for the generation of high quality, practically knowledgeable human resource in the field of Fisheries Engineering and Technology was accomplished on 14th May, 2011 by the hands of Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri. Sharadchandraji Pawar and in the presence of Hon'ble Shri. Sunilji Tatkare, Water Resources Minister, Government of Maharashtra; Hon'ble Shri. Bhaskar Jadhav, Fisheries Minister, Government of Maharashtra; Hon'ble Shri. Vijayrao Kolte, Vice-President, Maharashtra Council of Agriculture & Research, Pune; Hon'ble Dr. Vijay Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli and Dr. Shekhar Kovale, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries, Ratnagiri. A Fisheries Exhibition and Fishermen Melava was organized by College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri on the occasion.

Infrastructure for 'Diploma in Fisheries Engineering' program, a first of its kind in India is spread over 5.65 acres of land at the Fisheries Campus, (Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth) Shirgaon, Ratnagiri. Government of Maharashtra has sanctioned the project having a total outlay of Rs. 42.87 Cr.

The three years 'Diploma in Fisheries Engineering' program for Xth Standard passed students is a specialized training program designed to generate technically qualified personnel in the four major specializations of the fisheries engineering sector namely 1. Fishing Boat Construction & Marine engines 2. Fishing Technology 3. Fish Processing & Refrigeration Machinery 4. Aquaculture Engineering. The admission procedure for the Diploma course will be governed by Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education & Research (MCAER), Pune. The course is scheduled to start from the current academic year 2011-2012 and additional information can be obtained from : The Associate Dean, College of Fisheries, (Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli) Shirgaon, Ratnagiri – 415 629, Maharashtra State and on Phone no. 02352-232987 & 02352-232678.

Bhumipujan of India's first Diploma of Fisheries Engineering Program, at College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by the hand's of Hon' Union Agriculture Minister Sharadchandraji Pawar

