

# INDUSTRY-INSTITUTION SUMMIT (IIS-2024)

The Industry Institution Summit was held on 27-28 September, 2024 at Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University's constituent unit- IFPGS, Vaniyanchavadi, OMR, Chennai.

Tmt. R. Gajalakshmi IAS, the Director of Fisheries, Government of Tamil Nadu was the chief guest of the event and Dr. N. Felix, Vice Chancellor of TNJFU, welcomed the gathering and outlined the university's expectations from the industry. The faculties Dr.B.Ahilan, Dr. A.Uma, and Dr.Mohammed Tanveer presented the research activities and facilities of TNJFU and exhibits on technology and products were displayed.

Mr. Ramakanth Akula, CEO of The Waterbase Ltd, Dr. Rajalakshmi, R&D Head from Kemin AquaService, and Dr. Arul Victor Suresh, Technical Director of Growel Feeds delivered keynote address on Industry perspectives on institutions. The session was moderated by Mr.S.Chandrasekar, Head Aquaculture Utilisation, South Asia, USSEC.

There was a panel discussion moderated by Dr.Arul Victor Suresh, Technical Director of Growel Feeds in which 8 panellists participated. Two MoUs were signed with Shenglong and Aker Biomarine on that day. Dr.S.A.Shanmugam organising Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

The event featured participation from 36 industry professionals, including CEOs, Directors, Managers, R&D Heads, and Nutritionists from across the country.

## **Recommendations of IIS 2024**

### ***What University can do for Industry?***

University can support industry needs, including R&D facilities, industry quota in U.G admission, job ready graduates, customised training and joint certification programmes for employees of industry with flexible mode of learning.

University will conduct a shrimp market survey and raise awareness in collaboration with the fisheries Department on the importance of fish consumption.

NABL accreditation for the feed laboratory and animal health laboratories would be completed.

### ***What Industry can do for University?***

Contribution of funds through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for scholarships, students' internships and research, and establishment/strengthening of laboratory and industry-sponsored academic programs.

### ***Proposals for Fostering University-Industry Relations***

- To have a consortium approach for university industry collaboration
- Awareness to be created to increase domestic consumption.
- To undertake fundamental research, molecular level research, and validation studies.
- Creating an environment similar to commercial operations in the university
- University assistance in validating products, providing access to laboratories, and fostering innovation.
- Establishing Centres of Excellence in Feed Technology/Aquatic Animal Health.

### **Immediate outcome of the IIS 2024**

Mr. Ravikumar Yellanki, Managing Director, Vaisakhi Bio-Marine Pvt. Ltd., announced his commitment to providing scholarships for students.

Sheng Long Bio-tech India Pvt. Ltd. and The Waterbase Ltd. have arranged campus recruitment at FC&RI, Thoothukudi, on 7<sup>th</sup> October and TNJFU-DIVA, Muttukadu, Chennai, and on 21<sup>st</sup> October, respectively.

