FIRST RELEASE OF POSTAGE STAMP ON FISH CULTURE
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a profile of GIFRI'S pioneering role in the development of production technologies in AQUACULTURE

RURAL PROSPERITY thru RURAL AQUACULTURE
FOREWORD

The P & T Department, Government of India, is releasing a special postage stamp of 5 paise denomination today, 26 November 1979 on the theme of 'Fish Culture'. In the fitness of things and deserving recognition of the pioneering work of Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute in the field of Inland Aquaculture for well over three decades, the stamp is scheduled for release by the Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation and Waterways, West Bengal, Shri Provash Chandra Ray, in a special function at the Institute at Barrackpore.

In the face of ever-enlarging pressures on food front from a combination of factors there is a compelling need to utilise all available bio-production options and one such readily available option is aquaculture. The Institute over the years has developed a good number of fish production technologies for diverse inland water habitats. It is gratifying to note that many of these technologies, with very favourable cost-benefit ratio, are being increasingly adopted by fish farmers in the States of West Bengal and Orissa and a new class of neo-fish farmers is springing up in these States. The Institute is striving to project these technologies on the national scene under the ICAR Golden Jubilee ‘Lab to Land’ programme this year. The highlights of some of these technologies are presented in this bulletin specially brought out for the present occasion. The release of a postage stamp on the theme of fish culture is a symbolic recognition of the role of fish culture as an important source of animal food and its relevance in nutrition, health and rural employment. It is hoped that the message would evoke right response from fish farmers, entrepreneurs, credit institutions and extension workers.

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