

## International Women's Day Observed

8<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Bhubaneswar

Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar today observed International Women's Day by hosting a programme. Former Director of Health Services, Govt. of Odisha Dr Seba Mohapatra graced the occasion as chief guest. Smt. Puspa Dash, President, AIDWA and Dr. Reeta Jayasankar, Principal Scientist & Head, CMFRI Centre, Puri have also attended the programme as guest of honors. Dr P. Jayasankar, Director CIFA welcomed the guests and said that CIFA is providing excellent working environment for both men and women in their pursuit of research. Mainstreaming gender in aquaculture has been an important area of research and in several sponsored projects women belonging to weaker section are being educated and guided for adoption of aquaculture technologies. About 60 women working at various levels at the Institute actively participated in the programme.



The theme of the International Day 2013 is to end the violence against women and not to simply observe as it's the time to act. This can happen with the active participation of the male counterparts. The programme was started with inauguration of women cell along with visit to the facilities provided for women employees. **The new building facility would be open also to the women folks of the CIFA staff residing in the colony.** The dignitaries planted few saplings on the premises to mark the occasion. A Wall Magazine was also inaugurated. An account of activities taken up by the women cell was given by Dr Saroj

Toppo and vote of thanks was proposed by Sri K.C. Das.

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