

## **AQUA AQUARIA INDIA-2017: Mangalore**

The 'Make in India' theme pavilion of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA) focused on "Diversification in sustainable aquaculture" was the major talking point at the Aqua Aquaria India 2017 Show held at Mangalore, the chief port city of Karnataka, from May 14-16, 2017.

The fourth edition of Aqua Aquaria India (AAI), a biennial and one of the biggest showpiece events in Asia on the aquaculture and ornamental fishery sectors, was organized at Nehru Maidan by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). The important event is a unique platform to showcase the latest developments in sustainable aquaculture and ornamental fish breeding and rearing technology to encourage aquaculture species diversification and magnification in a sustainable manner.

RGCA set up an Individual (30m X 30m) Hangar, depicting the diverse activities of the centre which showcased live finfish such as Seabass, Grouper, Cobia & GIFT Tilapia in large tank enclosures and YY Tilapia, Scampi, Tiger shrimp and Pacific white shrimp. miniature ponds. A working Recirculation Aquaculture System (RAS) that supported all these tanks were also on display. RGCA invited special attention on Mangrove Crab Aquaculture by setting up a model of mangrove crab sanctuary with Mangrove plants and creating a natural environment for the crabs. Culture of Mangrove crabs in pen was also displayed in the crab sanctuary. 12 aquarium

tanks were placed for showcasing live Shrimp seed, juveniles, Artemia biomass and finfish fingerlings and juveniles of cobia, snappers, pompano etc were also displayed for the benefit of farmers, delegates, entrepreneurs, who visited the stall. Sea cages used for offshore Sea cage farming were also displayed.

Over 15000 visitors including delegates comprising mostly farmers, aqua culturists, technicians, consultant, retired scientists and entrepreneurs from various parts of India thronged the RGCA Pavilion.



*Shri. Pramod Madhwaraj, Hon' Minister For Fisheries, Sports and Empowerment, Govt. of Karnataka offering feed to cobia fish*



*Dignitaries at a model unit of Aquatic Quarantine Facility displayed at Aqua Aquaria 2017*



*Chairman MPEDA/President RGCA Dr.A.Jayathilak, I.A.S, at the Red Tilapia Fish pond exhibit*



*A RAS model displayed at RGCA Pavilion*



*Crowd thronging in RGCA Pavilion*



*View of the live model of Mangrove  
Mudcrab Sanctuary*