

## **Fisheries Research of BAU got Momentum through KGF Collaboration**

Fisheries research of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) is gaining momentum through Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) funding recently. A total of three research projects have been awarded to BAU Fisheries Faculty from KGF during the current fiscal year and there are number of research proposals on emerging issues are in conceptual stage has merit to get KGF funding. The contemporary research issues and problems related to fisheries and aquaculture were discussed in a daylong Inception Workshop of three projects organized by Faculty of Fisheries, Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh on 23 April 2018.

Held at Sayed Nazrul Islam Auditorium, BAU Campus, the workshop was presided over by Prof. Dr. M.A.M. Yahia Khandoker, Director, BAU Research System (BAURES) while Prof. Dr. Md. Jasimuddin Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Director, Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) were present as chief guest and guest of honor respectively.

The workshop was started with presentations made by the research leaders of three research projects as follow:

- 'Effects of dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids and beta-glucan on brood fish immunity and fry quality', Dr. Zakir Hossain, Principal Investigator (PI), Professor, Department of Fisheries Biology and Genetics
- 'Development of health management strategy against bacterial diseases in the aquafarms of Bangladesh', Dr. Tanvir Rahman, Co-PI, Associate Professor, Department of Aquaculture
- 'Post-harvest loss reduction and value-addition of freshwater fish', Dr. A.K.M. Nowsad Alam, PI, Professor, Department of Fisheries Technology presented highlights on his research project titled.

The discussants and senior scientists from the Fisheries and relevant areas attended the workshop opined that all of the three awarded projects are very timely and worth investigation and hoped to contribute the fisheries and aquaculture sub-sector through reinforcing the current trend of fisheries productivity and sustainability. It was emphasized that the third project has got partnership with other actors including NGOs in its two remote sites which require adequate coordination and special monitoring to harness the research outcomes.

Since fisheries and aquaculture contribute significantly in employment generation, food and nutrition security, and earning foreign exchange through export, it is urgent to mitigate the current challenges faced by the aquaculture farmers to sustain the economic growth and profitability coming from this promising sector.

Among others the discussion session was participated by Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Director, Department of Fisheries, Mymensingh Division, Dr. M Nurullah, Director, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Prof. Dr. Md. Mosharraf Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology and Prof. Dr. Gias Uddin Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries.



Attending Inception Workshop of KGF-Funded Fisheries Projects.