***A REPORT OF FIELD VISIT BY III YR. B.Sc. AQUACULTURE***

***(2019 ADMISSION) STUDENTS***

**FILED VISIT TO REGIONAL SHRIMP HATCHERY (DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, GOVT. OF KERALA)**

Field visits and submission of reports is a part of learning and evaluation for B.Sc. Aquaculture programme. The curriculum prescribes it as a compulsory component with the marks distributed in both internal and external evaluation. A minimum of four field visits is required during the six semesters of study.

Regional shrimp hatchery Azhikode is the first shrimp hatchery in Kerala under Government sector.

**III yr Aquaculture students took an Industrial Visit to Regional Shrimp Hatchery, Azhikode on 10/3/2022**. They were accompanied by Sri. Shibu A Nair and Dr. Kesavan K. Training on the seed production *of Macrobrachium, Penaeus monodon, and Etroplus suratensis*, and *Trachinotes* (Pompano), Bio-floc and RAS farming was given. Sri. Aneesh P (AD of Fisheries) and Sri. Jabbar, Fisheries Officer led the training.

All students were taken to the hatchery in College bus on the day of visit. They and the accompanying faculties reported in the Hatchery at 10.00 AM. A two hour lecture on activities in the hatchery and the available facilities were given by Mr. Abdul Jabbar, Fisheries Officer. The lecture was arranged at the training hall in the hatchery complex.

After the tea break the Mr. Jabbar guided the students to different sections of the Hacthery *viz*. pearl spot seed production, shrimp seed packing, scampi seed production, algal culture, Recirculatory Aquaculture System (for Pompano fish) and Bio-floc (for tiger shrimp culture). Students were required to ask questions based on the practices and they were then directed to answer the questions asked by hatchery technicians. They also participated in some of the hatchery activites like larval acclimation and seed packing.

All of the students have taken photographs of the facilities and processes and took enough notes to prepare reports.

Reports submitted by the students were checked for corrections and were directed to submit the final report by 20/03/2022.

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**Dr. Kesavan K (Tutor & HoD)**

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