

# **DEPARTMENT OF AQUACULTURE**

## **A REPORT ON 'INSPIRATIO' – ALUMNI INTERACTION PROGRAMME HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON 26/9/2023.**

### **Date and Time:**

26th September 2023, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### **Venue:**

College Seminar Hall, ME S Asmabi College

### **Attendees:**

65 students of B.Sc. Aquaculture

## **Programme Overview**

The programme commenced at 10 AM with an inspiring session that saw the participation of esteemed speakers and enthusiastic students. The following events were part of the programme:

### **1. Welcome Address:**

- Delivered by Dr. K Kesavan, Head of the Department, who warmly greeted the attendees and set the tone for the event.

### **2. Presidential Speech:**

- Given by Dr. K P Sumedhan, President of the Alumni Association, who spoke about the significance of alumni contributions and the role of the association in supporting current students.

### **3. Keynote Speaker:**

- Dr. Akhिलamole, M.D. of Ponoos Aqua Clinic Hatchery, Training Center, and Navaratna Malsya Sevana Kendram, shared her inspiring journey as an aquaculture entrepreneur.

## **Highlights of Dr. Akhिलamole's Speech:**

### **• Challenges:**

- Dr. Akhिलamole began her entrepreneurial journey with limited resources and faced significant financial constraints. She highlighted the difficulties of securing initial funding and the skepticism she encountered from potential investors.
- Navigating regulatory hurdles and compliance issues in the aquaculture industry posed additional challenges. She had to ensure all operations met stringent environmental and health standards.
- Balancing innovation with sustainability was another challenge. She had to develop methods that boosted production while maintaining ecological balance.

### **• Achievements:**

- Despite the obstacles, Dr. Akhिलamole successfully established Ponoos Aqua Clinic Hatchery, which has become a leading name in the aquaculture sector.

- She pioneered several sustainable aquaculture practices, which have been widely adopted in the industry. Her innovations include eco-friendly hatchery techniques and effective disease management protocols.
- Dr. Akhिलamole's ventures have received multiple awards for excellence in entrepreneurship and contributions to sustainable aquaculture. Her achievements have been recognized at national and international forums.
- **Insights:**
  - She emphasized the importance of continuous learning and adaptation in the ever-evolving field of aquaculture. Staying updated with the latest research and technological advancements is crucial.
  - Networking and building strong relationships with stakeholders, including customers, suppliers, and regulatory bodies, were highlighted as essential for business growth.
  - Dr. Akhिलamole also discussed the significance of mentorship and support systems. She credited her success to the guidance she received from industry veterans and encouraged students to seek mentors who can provide valuable advice and support.
- 4. **Felicitation:**
  - Sri. Jayasassendran, Alumni Executive Member, delivered a heartfelt felicitation, recognizing the contributions of the speakers and the organizing team.
- 5. **Vote of Thanks:**
  - Offered by Kumari Lenitha Binu, a II Year B.Sc. Aquaculture student, who expressed gratitude to all the speakers, attendees, and organizers for making the event a success.

## **Conclusion**

The programme concluded at 1 PM, leaving the students motivated and enlightened by the experiences shared and the knowledge imparted. The event was a significant opportunity for the students to connect with professionals and alumni, fostering a spirit of learning and networking in the field of aquaculture.



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