

# AquaEx-India 2018: Hyderabad to host International Trade & Technology Fair on Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture

The event is being organized by **Society for Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture (SIFA)**, in association with **Department of Fisheries - Govt. of Telangana, AquaApp** and **Hitex Exhibition Center**. Titled as **AquaEx India 2018** the 3 day global scale event will be held from **15-17 March 2018**.

Hyderabad, October 10, 2017: Hyderabad will host the first ever global scale International Trade and Technology event on Indian Fisheries and Aqua culture event from March 15 - 17 in Hitex Exhibition Center. The three-day event is expected to attract more than 500 exhibitors from Fishery and Aquaculture countries and regions across the world.

Announcing the objective behind AquaEx India 2018 Organizers of the event said *“Our idea is to create a global platform for Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture by bringing the latest technologies, services, equipment & machinery across the globe for the benefit of Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture sector. We also want the world to see and have insights about our nation’s fisheries trade potential and open the doors to thousands of seafood professionals from countries around the world seeking to grow their businesses in the global market.”*

Explaining the significance of this event and the purpose of this global event V Ramachandra Raju, President, SIFA said *“Though the Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture is growing steadily over the years, industry needs support in terms of new technologies, new species, quality inputs, efficient equipment and machinery, better services, quality manpower and efficient marketing to further*

*increase the fish production and productivity to result in profitability and sustainability. Through this platform we hope to address and to a large extent help solve these issues”.*

Fisheries sector provides employment, income and livelihood for about 14.5 million people in the country. The fish production has increased from 0.75 MMT in 1950-51 to about 10.79 MMT during 2016-17 and the production over the years has shifted from capture fisheries to aquaculture during the period. During the last four decades aquaculture has emerged as the major source for increasing fish production as capture fisheries has declined and stagnated by the turn of the century.

Today India ranks second next to China in both total fish production and Aquaculture production. The annual export of fish and fishery products from India has crossed Rs. 30,000 Crores and the sector has shown uniform growth rate of 5 to 6 % over the years. India exports seafood to 101 countries. The majority of the exports are made up of frozen shrimp, frozen fish, cuttlefish, dried items and squid. The fisheries sector provides affordable protein supplement to our population and helps in nutritional security of the nation.

Of late Hyderabad has emerged as the meetings, incentives, conferencing and exhibitions (MICE) destination of India hosting major events. This trade fair at Hitex will have participants from different country associations in relevant industries and several leading companies from the trade to boost trade, business and knowhow networking opportunities.

About Society for Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture (SIFA): SIFA is formed to address the issues of the fisheries and aquaculture industry to achieve increased production, productivity and profitability for sustainability. SIFA will serve as a common platform to address the needs of all stakeholders of the industry to achieve Blue Revolution in the country.