

SUSTAINABLE BLESSING FROM NATURE

An Awareness Workshop on “Spirulina Algae”

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Foundations For Aquaculture Innovations and Technology Transfer (FAITT) conducted a highly knowledge-oriented awareness workshop on the theme : “Sustainable blessing from nature”, on September 3rd and 4th, 2022. The event was held at Falcon Nest at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with Cresco Algae.



Dr. D.Manikandavelu, Adjunct Professor, Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College and Research Institute, established in 2012 in Nagapattinam district under Tamil Nadu Fisheries University Act, 2012 at Ponneri, Tamilnadu, and affiliated to J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (TNJFU), was the Honorable Chief Guest on this occasion.

Specialized in the field of aquatic environment management, Dr. Manikandavelu has conducted many successful projects



including Training programs with focus on aquaculture for self-help groups, coastal fisherwoman, etc., on various aspects like value added fishery byproducts, tilapia production as feed for mud crab farming, fisheries biodiversity conservation, Advanced ornamental fish culture, etc.

He is a recipient of “Young scientist fellowship” by Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) and has received “Lifetime achievement Award” by Aquatic Microbiology Forum, Chennai at SRM Institute of Medical Sciences. He has also designed and fabricated cheap and simple devices for use by aquaculture farmers and technicians such as water sampler, sediment sampler, aggregating screen for prawn, etc.



Dr. Manikandavelu shared his valuable insights and experiences on spirulina algae cultivation and value addition for aquaculture operations and development. About 25 aquaculture professionals, primarily aquaculture technicians, benefitted from this awareness program.