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On his recent visit to the Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries Tariq Anwar, showed keen interest in visiting different laboratories and infrastructure.

The minister also addressed the gathering of scientists and farmers and appreciated the scientific progress made by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the field of crops, vegetables, animal and fisheries. The role of scientific organizations working in these areas under the ICAR system have done commendable work in bringing India's food production at record high level. Role of agriculture in alleviating poverty and creating opportunity for employment were also emphasized by the Minister.

Mr Anwar also felicitated progressive farmers from Uttarakhand state and congratulated them for doing commendable work. He also released the ISO 9001:2008 certificate conferred to the DCFR and inaugurated the website of the institute. Directors of various ICAR institutes of the region were also present on the occasion.

During the visit, he also distributed fish seeds to the progressive farmers from Uttarakhand. Dr A Barat, Director, DCFR welcomed and briefed him on the ongoing activities and research programme of the institute.