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**Condolence Message on the demise of former Secretary (DARE) & DG
(ICAR), Padma Shri. Dr. Subbanna Ayyappan**

On behalf of the entire ICAR-CIWA family, I express my profound grief and sorrow on the untimely demise of Padma Shri Dr. Subbanna Ayyappan former Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR.

Born in Alakere, Karnataka, India on 10 December 1955, Dr. Ayyappan started his career as Scientist in 1978 in ICAR-CIFRI, Barackpore. He was a distinguished scientist, visionary leader, and dedicated administrator whose pioneering contributions—particularly in the domains of fisheries and aquaculture—played a transformative role in shaping Indian agriculture. He was Instrumental in spearheading the Blue Revolution in India through policy, research, and implementation and led initiatives to enhance inland and coastal fisheries productivity and sustainability. He had served as Director, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar from 1996-2000, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai from 2000-2002, Deputy Director General (Fisheries) from 2002-09 and as Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR from 2010 to 2016.

His unwavering commitment to science-led growth and his humble, farmer-centric approach have left a profound and lasting impact on the ICAR system and the farming community nationwide. His legacy continues to inspire generations of scientists and agricultural professionals across the country. For his immense contributions, he was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022.

His passing is an irreparable loss to the Indian agri-scientific community and to ICAR in particular. We at ICAR-CIWA remember him with deep respect and gratitude for his guidance and encouragement to gender-sensitive agricultural research and development.

We convey our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and offer our sincere prayers for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace.

(Dr. Mridula Devi)

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