

Report on the signing of MoU between CMFRI and MS University, Tirunelveli on 18.8.16

On 18th August 2016, The Tuticorin Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli has added a feather to their caps by signing a **Memorandum of Understanding** at 1200 hrs at the Syndicate Meeting Hall of the University.

The MoU signing in function was chaired by the Shri. K. Baskar, Vice Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, accompanied by the Heads of Departments of various disciplines, Syndicate/Senate Members of the University and distinguished personalities both from teaching and administration. On the other hand Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Director CMFRI, Kochi, PME Cell incharge, Dr. Bobby Ignatius, Principal Scientist and Dr. P. P. Manojkumar, Scientist in charge, Tuticorin Research Centre of CMFRI, Dr. I. Jagadis, Principal Scientist and Dr. C.P. Suja, Senior Scientist were present.

The MoU is considered to be one of the important events of both the organization. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University is catering the Educational and manpower development need of the southernmost three districts Viz. Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Kanyakumari. Tuticorin Research Centre of CMFRI, a constituent unit of CMFRI, Kochi under the Administrative control of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare is functioning for the past five decades for the development of Marine Fisheries in this region.

The MoU between the University and a National Research Centre would be paving a way for the fine blend of Academic learning and Hands on experience in Research for the student communities of both the organization. Tuticorin Research Centre of CMFRI is a well known research centre of CMFRI in National and International forum. It has been the pioneering centre for the basic and applied research on Marine Molluscs and has come out with various breeding and farming technologies and a few to mention are Pearl oyster, Edible oyster

and Marine gastropods. Apart from this the centre also pays attention on research on Marine Bio Diversity, Marine Environment, Tissue culture and Monitoring of the Marine fisheries Resources of this region. The Manonmaniam Sundaranar University is also focusing on the Marine Fisheries Research at its regional station. The University is having expertise in teaching and research on related field such as Marine Geo Technology and Marine Science etc.

Thus this MoU is foreseen as a link between these two organizations for the further strengthening in accomplishing the task of Teaching, Research in these fields for the benefit of the student communities in the field of Marine Sciences. These organizations would also involve in developing collaborative research project, organizing seminars and conferences for the development of marine sciences. By way of this MoU, students and faculties of the respective department can have access to interact, make use of the facilities and expertise of the Scientists of CMFRI which would definitely be a boon to the student community of the University.



Welcome Address by Dr. John Britto, Registrar, MS University, Tirunelveli



Address by Dr. A Gopalakrishnan, Director, CMFRI, Cochin



Address by Prof (Dr.) K. Bhaskar Vice Chancellor, MS University, Tirunelveli



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