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CMFRI signs MoU with MS University

Kochi: The Kochi-based Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), Tirunelveli to carry out collaborative research programmes and to develop adequate manpower for exploring the prospects of the marine biodiversity in the Gulf of Mannar region. CMFRI Director Dr. A Gopalakrishnan and MSU Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Bhaskar signed the MoU, which is expected to pave a way for the fine blend of academic learning and hands-on experience in research for the research aspirants of both the organisations in the area of marine biodiversity with special reference to the richness of Gulf of Mannar. Tuticorin Research Centre of the CMFRI will play the lead role in the collaborative research programmes. The Gulf of Mannar is known to harbour rich marine biodiversity of global significance and is one of the richest regions from the marine biodiversity perspective in the world. The region comprises of 560 square kilometre core area of coral islands, shallow marine habitat and 21 uninhabited islands.