



ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY, CMFRI SHOWCASES MARINE WORLD

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THE Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is celebrating its 70th foundation day. As a central Institute, the CMFRI has its centres across the coast of India and on this special occasion, it opened its premises for the people, especially school children to see, touch and experience the work carried out by the scientists of the Institute. The one-day 'Open House' organised by the Mangaluru centre has been appreciated by visitors. The research facility including the most interior parts of the institute were opened to the visitors and the staff of the Centre explained in detail the exhibits depicting the activities of the Research Centre, instruments used for collection and analysis of samples and the special biogas unit installed in the Research Centre for hygienic and useful disposal of fish waste. "The idea was to enthuse and inform the young minds and the general visitors about the institute, the rich marine life and fish diversity. Children from 12 schools and hundred other visitors were explained about the working of CMFRI and marine fisheries," said Dr Pratibha Rohit, who is a senior scientist of the CMFRI Mangaluru centre. An exhibition was organised on this occasion, featuring museum exhibits depicting interesting and rare marine specimens, fresh fish specimens of commonly available fishery resources, charts and posters featuring the oceans and its marine wealth, models depicting the major fishing practices, degradation of the marine environment with focus on plastic wastes and its impact on the marine system and fishes, models of estuarine cages, rafts used for mussel and oyster culture, Niskin water sampler, grab, CTD, Refractometer, GPS, Secchi disc, pH and conductivity kits, phyto and zooplankton nets.

Children were also given an opportunity to look at the tiny phytoplankters and zooplankters through microscope and were also shown short documentary films on the secrets of marine life and deep seas. Short films showing the activities of CMFRI were screened to draw the attention of visitors to the important roles performed by CMFRI in marine fisheries management, marine resource conservation and increasing fish production.



The CMFRI showcased marine life and fish diversity of Western Coast at the 'open house' to schoolchildren on Friday, in city | **Rajesh Shetty Ballalbagh**