

# Fight climate change, scientists told

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With the impact of climate change adversely affecting the fisheries sector in various forms, the scientific community should come forward with innovative proposals to address the situation. "Scientists should study the topic in detail and develop climate change resilient methods to help the fish workers and fishermen," Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat said.

Speaking at the joint meeting of fish workers and fish farmers organised by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute here on Friday, the minister said that the marine cage fish farming model developed by the CMFRI would help in increasing fish produc-



Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat visiting the laboratory at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Kochi on Friday.

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tion. "Fish seed production technology has to be developed further to popularize cage fish farming. The Union government will give more stress for the development of the fisheries sector and the

fish workers would soon feel its positive impact," added the minister.

While interacting with the representatives of fish workers organisations, he urged them to make use of the geographic informa-

tion system (GIS) which would help in reducing expenses. GIS can identify areas with presence of fish in abundance which would be of great help to fishermen, he said.

During the function, the minister also released newly developed fish products named Collagen Peptide Biscuits and Seaweed nutri drink and a handbook for fishermen.

CMFRI director Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan and Dr. G. Maheswarudu also spoke.

Earlier, the Union minister honoured fishermen couple K.V Karthikeyan and K.C Rekha from Thrissur who have been doing fishing in the sea for several years.

Rekha is the first woman in the country who has been going to the sea to fish in a boat, which is against traditional belief and practice.