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CMFRI summer school to train researchers

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The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) on Wednesday launched a 21-day summer school to train young researchers on advanced methods of fish stock assessment.

S. Karthikeyan, Fisheries Director, inaugurated the school, which is run by the Fishery Resource Assessment Division of the CMFRI, said an official release, which quoted him as stating that policies in fisheries sector were greatly influenced by the fish stock assessment studies. "The Fisheries De-

partment will collaborate with CMFRI to promote cage fish farming," he said.

Juvenile fishing

CMFRI Director A. Gopalakrishnan said the institute would convene a meeting of all the coastal States to implement the Minimum Legal Size restrictions uniformly for preventing juvenile fishing.

"Overcapacity of fishing boats, exploitation of juvenile fishes, climate change and poor condition of the fish stock are some of the major reasons for decline in the availability of marine fishery resources", he said.