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‘Engage Kudumbashree in cage fish farming’

Kochi: The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) should involve the Kudumbashree Units for spreading the cage fish farming culture across the state, says Manash Choudhury, deputy advisor (Fisheries), NITI Aayog. In an interactive session with the CMFRI director A Gopalakrishnan and other officials he said the Institute should also take farm-level economics of cage fish farming. The cage fish culture is expected to produce four lakh tonne fish by 2022 subject to the adoption of technology to its potential, he added.

Choudhury has also requested the CMFRI to initiate a programme making a national marine fisheries index (NMFI) in order to derive a comparative picture of marine fisheries development across the maritime states including islands of Andaman and Lakshadweep.