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## **CMFRI to organise workshop on use of remote sensing imagery in fisheries industry**

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute is organising an international symposium on Societal Applications in Fisheries and Aquaculture using Remote Sensing Imagery (SAFARI) here from January 15 to 17. There will also be a special session to discuss ways and means to improve the weather warning system for fishermen in Kerala.

The meet is generally aimed at strengthening the dissemination mechanism of cyclone forecasts to fishermen, besides creating awareness among them about existing facilities in this regard, including online and mobile app services. The session will set a platform where the scientific and fishermen communities can share their views and suggestions for boosting the communication mechanism to reduce calamities following natural disasters such as Ockhi, said A. Gopalakrishnan, Director of CMFRI.

He said a majority of fisherfolk in Kerala are unaware of weather forecasting services provided by many agencies. It is evident that many forecasting facilities are not available to the targeted community. The mobile app services for weather forecasting, ocean states and potential fishing zone are not successful in Kerala, while those are a hit in many other states.

The session will also deal with issues related to the conflicts between fishermen and other navigators in the sea. Fisheries Minister, J Mercykuttyamma, will inaugurate the special session at the SAFARI symposium, which will be held at the CMFRI.