

'AGRICULTURE KEY TO ECONOMY'

Kochi: "When it comes to employment generation and food security, agriculture and allied sectors still remain the backbone of the economies of the most of the African and Asian countries," said Wassfi Hassan El-Sreihin, secretary general of the African Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO).

He was speaking at the inauguration of the 15-day international workshop

being organised by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) on Wednesday.

"The agriculture and allied areas such as fisheries contribute significantly to employment generation and overall development", he said. Prof A Ramachandran, vice chancellor of KUFOS, inaugurated the workshop. CMFRI director Dr A Gopalakrishnan presided.