

ICAR-CMFRI promotes cage fish farming

Kochi, 10 July 2018. Major efforts taken by the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to popularize open sea cage fish farming across the coastal region have paid off with the three farmers groups operating under the guidance of ICAR-CMFRI in Tamil Nadu bagging the first three places in the awards declared by the State Fisheries Department for the best open sea cage farming. The Association of Kovalam Progressive Fishermen (AKPF), a group of vibrant young farmers in Kancheepuram district supported by the Research Centre of ICAR- CMFRI in Chennai, won the best cage fish farming group award.



Shri D Jayakumar, Minister for Fisheries, Tamil Nadu distributed the awards on 10th July 2018 on the occasion of the National Fish Farmers Day.

ICAR-CMFRI is promoting sea cage fish farming aimed at increasing the marine fish production as well as improving the living standards of fishermen community.

ICAR-CMFRI pioneered the cage fish farming in the country with the involvement of the fishermen community for domestic and export-oriented open sea fish farming, said Dr A Gopalakrishnan, Director of CMFRI. “Open sea cage farming is a promising venture, which offers the fishers a chance for optimally utilizing the existing water resources. It is a low impact farming practice with high economic returns. The open sea cage farming is highly prospective in the sea waters of Tamil Nadu”, he added.