

Hygienic kiosk for backwater tourism

Kumarakom, 13 July 2018. A unit of the refrigeration enabled fish vending kiosk developed by ICAR-CIFT was launched at M/s Paradise Resorts, Kumarakom. It is first of its kind as it is intended for the tourists in houseboats. The fresh backwater fishes will be displayed in the kiosk, with the provisions for real-time cutting, cleaning and cooking operations. While inaugurating it, Dr CN Ravishankar, Director, ICAR-CIFT emphasized on the potential of fisheries sector and its impact on health and livelihood of people. Dr Manoj P Samuel, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Engineering, ICAR-CIFT, explained the working of the refrigeration enabled mobile fish vending kiosk and its benefits to fisher folks and entrepreneurs.



The mobile refrigeration enabled fish vending kiosk was developed by ICAR-CIFT to improve the unhygienic handling and marketing practices of fresh fish. The special feature of the kiosk is its fish storage cum display facility and a well-insulated refrigeration system. In this unit, a consumer can see the fishes directly through transparent cover and select according to their choice of purchase. Under ideal operating conditions, the unit can extend the shelf life of fish for 4 to 5 days and increase marginal benefit to fish vendors.

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Ornamental fish culture project launched

Kochi, 28 July 2018. To develop ornamental fish industry, an all India network project on ornamental fish breeding and culture was launched by Dr JK Jena, DDG (Fisheries and Animal Sciences), at a function held at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). The joint research initiative is mainly aimed at developing adequate technologies in breeding, seed production and culture of freshwater

and marine ornamental species and helping maintain the sustainability of the industry. Seven ICAR fisheries research institutes are partnering in the project with ICAR-CMFRI being the leading institute.



Dr JK Jena stressed on the need for having a strong linkage between researchers and industry partners in ornamental fish sector to utilise the potential resources available in India.

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ICAR-CMFRI launches new app and website

Kochi, 7 August 2018. ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi (CMFRI) has developed a multi-vendor E-commerce website (www.marinefishsales.com) and associated android app (marinefishsales) through the National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project. The website and mobile app is aimed at helping fish farmers and fishermen to sell their farmed fish and marine catch directly to the customers online and to fetch better income without depending middlemen.

The web application was released by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, DG, ICAR and Secretary DARE, during the sixth NICRA annual review meeting held at NASC, New Delhi. This may be the first instance that a government institution in fisheries sector facilitates the E-commerce solution, thereby undertaking the greater role to address grass root level climate change

