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‘Blue Revolution will give impetus to food production’

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It was the scientific community that brought laurels to the country after Independence, said former Union Secretary CV Ananda Bose.

Terming the ‘Green Revolution’ a milestone in India’s growth, Bose said the country is indebted to the scientists under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for saving the rural population from starvation.

Bose was speaking after inaugurating a 21-day winter school at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) here.

The Green Revolution was one of the most important accomplishments of the country after Independence. This helped India make tremendous progress in the food and agriculture sector, he said. Bose, who is currently Advisor to the Government of Meghalaya, said silent work being carried out by scientists inside the laboratories is making great impact on the ground.

Efforts are on to make a similar impact with the ‘Blue Revolution’, using India’s ocean wealth. Authorities should take a keen interest in finding solutions to the issues of fishermen who voluntarily came forward to save many lives during the recent deluge in Kerala.

Referring to the degradation of the coastal ecosystem, Bose said serious attention is required to protect the coastal environment. Dumping of industrial and other wastes on the sea is one of the many issues affecting the marine ecosystem, he said.

CMFRI Director A Gopalakrishnan presided over the function. The CMFRI launched a winter school to train the researchers on fishery biology techniques for biodiversity evaluation and conservation.

Researchers from Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are attending the winter school.