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Grow mangroves to check sea surge: Experts

Kochi: At a time when coastal areas of Kerala are under the threat of sea surge due to the rise in sea level caused by increasing surface temperature, restoration of coastal vegetation can act as a bio-shield to save the populace, opined marine experts who participated in a webinar organised by Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute on Saturday, on the occasion of World Environment Day. The entire Kerala coast had witnessed a storm surge during the two cyclones - Tauktae and Yaas. CMFRI director A Gopalakrishnan said that a recent study revealed that mangroves protect coastal areas from severe surges. There are lots of ideal areas along the coastal stretch in Kerala which can be conserved through mangrove forestation, he said.