

Cage Fish Farming is Bringing in Rich Profit for Kerala Dalit Self-Help Group: Here's how



In the midst of struggles of making a living due to the COVID lockdown, cage fishing is proving to be a boon for the Dalit fish farmers in the Ernakulam district of Kerala, as per The New Indian Express.

Puzhayoram, a Dalit self-help group in Maradu harvested 600 kg of pearl spot from a 4x4m square-sized cage fish. This happened in the Maradu-Nettoor backwaters.

“The harvested fish was completely sold out on the spot itself and the self-help group reaped a profit of Rs 2,73,000 from the 10-month farming that was launched in October last year by stocking 2000 seeds of pearl spot,” said CMFRI principal scientist K Madhu.

“The Covid situation and lockdown had a cascading effect on the lives of the families in the region. The cage farming venture has helped them sustain their livelihood to a certain extent,” he added.