

# Thrissur & Kollam Districts also in Cage Mariculture Adoption Map

Through the successful demonstration of cage culture at Pooyappilly, Ernakulam District, it has been proved that open water cage culture can be highly profitable to the landless farmers. This has inspired the farmers from other districts of Kerala also to initiate the programme at their sites. After the site survey at Thrissur District during October, 2012, CMFRI has decided to have a demonstration of cage culture at Kaipamangalam in Thrissur District. The group was identified based on their background, financial level and interest towards adopting a new technology. Kaipamangalam area which is about 65 km from Cochin has good open water resources for cage culture and it is accessible by road and water from Cochin.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, a 6m dia HDPE cage was installed at the site. The Programme was inaugurated by the President, District Panchayat, Thrissur. Director CMFRI had handed over 2000 numbers



Dr. G. Syda Rao, Director CMFRI handing over *M. cephalus* seed to farmers at Kaipamangalam

of *Mugil cephalus* and 1000 numbers of *Etroplus suratensis* seed to the farmers for initial stocking. The programme was attended by the local Panchayat President, Members of the Panchayat and Scientists of Mariculture Division, CMFRI, Cochin. (Reported by Imelda Joseph, Senior Scientist, Mariculture Division, Cochin)



Shri. K.V. Dasan, President, District Panchayat, Thrissur, inaugurating the cage launching at Kaipamangalam



Seed release to the cage by Shri. K.V. Dasan, President, District Panchayat, Thrissur