

CMFRI to honour two women aqua entrepreneurs

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Kochi: Thripathi Shetty and Deepa Manoj who defied all odds and emerged as successful entrepreneurs in fisheries will be honoured by the Central marine fisheries research institute (CMFRI) in Kochi on Wednesday.

Thripathi Shetty, a transwoman from Kadungallur near Aluva, is a beneficiary of the CMFRI's Science Technology Innovation Hub project. Though her ornamental fish culture enterprise named Thripathi Aquatics suffered heavy losses owing to the pandemic-induced lockdown, her perseverance paid off and her business gradually grew. Thripathi now manages to run a fully-fledged venture that



Thripathi Shetty and Deepa Manoj

focuses on breeding ornamental varieties.

Deepa Manoj's success lies in her leadership and management skills which have helped build a thriving business that provides a livelihood to several women in her neighbourhood. A native of Keezhillam near Perumbavoor, Deepa started her venture with a small ornamental fish unit. Later, she expanded it by attracting

unemployed women in her neighbourhood into the business. This was achieved after Deepa formed their groups, gave training to them on ornamental fish culture and breeding and developed a better market chain.

Her efforts to educate others yielded results as her enterprise, Atlanta Fish Farm, now provides livelihood to several people in her locality.

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