



Parliamentary panel members visit CMFRI

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A delegation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing visited the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) here on Friday.

Headed by P.C. Gaddigoudar, Member of the Lok Sabha from Bagalkot in Karnataka, the panel visited research facilities at the institute. They interacted with scientists to assess the CMFRI's research programmes on marine fisheries and allied areas. The committee consisted of six MPs and other officials, including Uttam Chand Bhadraraj, Secretary to the delegation.

A communication from the CMFRI said the committee was briefed about

the activities of the institute encompassing marine capture fisheries, mariculture activities such as cage fish farming, seaweed farming, integrated multi-trophic aquaculture and technology development for breeding commercially important marine fishes, marine biodiversity and environment management, fish genetics and marine biotechnology, socio-economic aspects, and extension activities.

CMFRI Director A. Gopalakrishnan and heads of various divisions discussed the plans of the institute for the future, emphasising its efforts to maintain sustainability of marine fisheries. The panel comprised MPs Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde, Masthan Rao Benda, Ram Nath Thakur, Devendra Singh, and Ramilaben Becharbhai Bara.