

75 Years of Research Excellence: CMFRI releases Corporate My Stamp and Postal Cover



Kochi: In a momentous celebration of its 75th anniversary, The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has unveiled a commemorative Corporate My Stamp and special postal cover, signifying the institute's rich legacy and contributions to the field of India's marine fisheries research and development. Sayeed Rashid, IPOs, Postmaster General, Kochi officially released the stamp and cover by handing it over to Dr A Gopalakrishnan, Director of CMFRI.

In the special release, 5000 sheets of stamps, each containing 12 stamps, have been made available, making them a prized collectable for philatelists and marine enthusiasts alike. The stamp's design encapsulates CMFRI's dedication to marine research, bearing the inscription '75 Years of Research Excellence' alongside the institute's logo and the image of CMFRI headquarters in Kochi.

From a humble beginning in 1947, the institute has emerged as a leading tropical marine fisheries and mariculture research hub in the world. Presently, CMFRI has 11 regional research centres all along the peninsular coast of the country at Mandapam, Visakhapatnam, Veraval, Mumbai, Chennai, Calicut, Karwar, Tuticorin, Vizhinjam, Mangalore and Digha, along with 17 field centres and two Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) under its wings.

Speaking on the occasion, CMFRI Director, Dr A Gopalakrishnan said, "This is a proud moment for CMFRI. It is a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to advancing marine fisheries and mariculture research and development for the socio-economic betterment of the coastal communities." "Over the years, serving as a leading institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), CMFRI has made significant contributions to marine fisheries research, helping in sustaining the marine fish production and management of the sector in the Indian Ocean region and towards augmenting the livelihoods of close to 40 lakh fisherfolk in India," he said.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by senior officials and scientists, including Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Sivadasan PK; CMFRI Chief Administrative Officer, Hareesh Nair; Comptroller, Prashant Kumar; Mariculture Division Head, Dr VVR Suresh; Dr Prathibha Rohit, Dr Bobby Ignatius, Dr Rekha J Nair, Dr Geetha Sasikumar, Dr Miriam Paul Sreeram, Dr Eldho Varghese and C Jayakanthan.