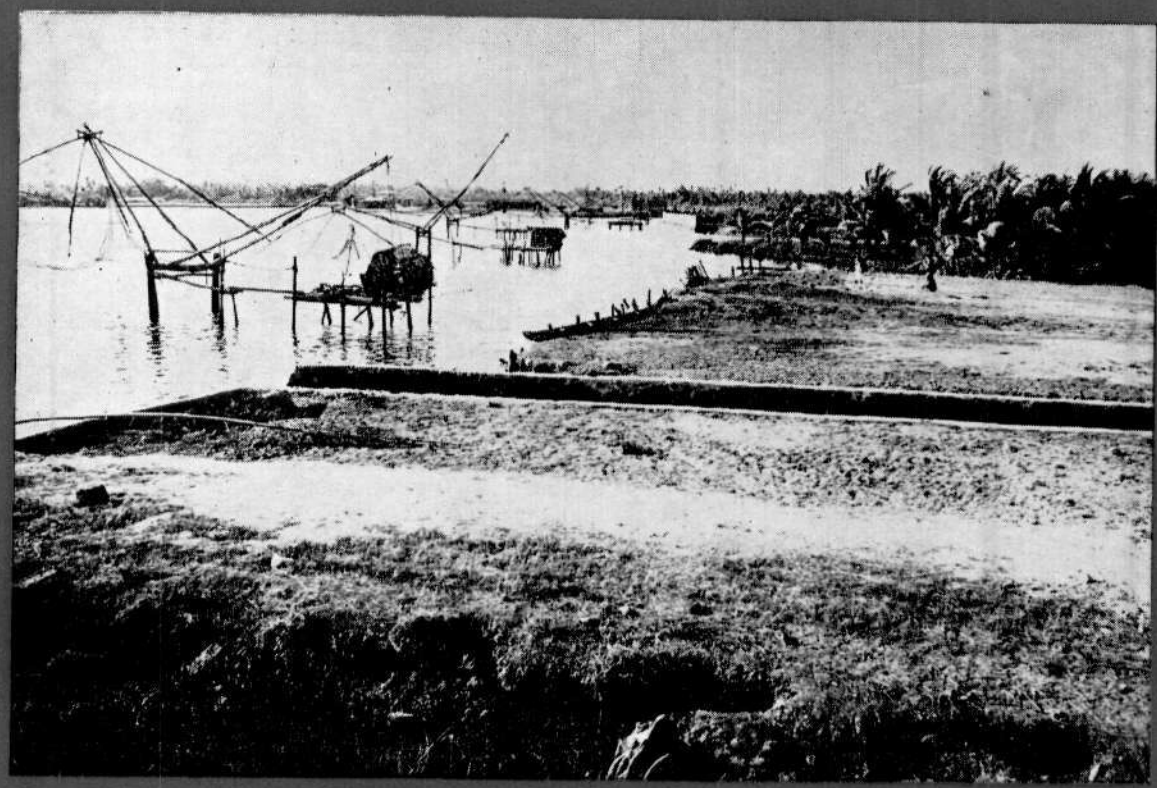




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## LARGE SCALE DAMAGE DUE TO FIRE AT THE VIZHINJAM FISH LANDING CENTRE \*

On 25th July, 1986 a fire broke out in the thatched sheds on the western side of the Vizhinjam fish landing centre, inside the fishing harbour area, destroying a number of sheds and fishing materials stored inside. Some of the canoes beached were also gutted.



Fig. 1. A view of the beached canoes destroyed by the fire.

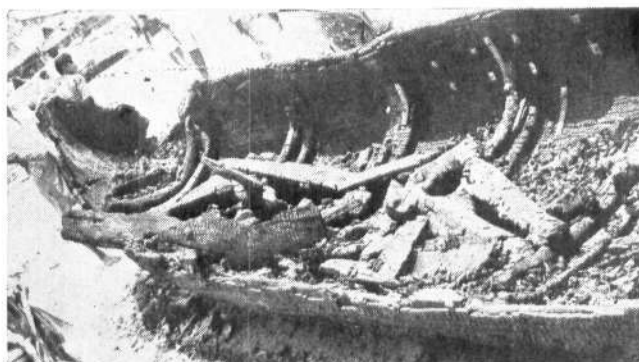


Fig. 2. A canoe turned to ashes by the fire.



Fig. 3. Drift net unit burnt to a molten mass.

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Fig. 4. Salt bags stored inside the shed.

The fire started around 1300 hrs from a thatched shed and it immediately spread to neighbouring sheds. The fire service squads from Trivandrum and Neyyatinkara rushed to the area and with the help of the local people they could control the fire from spreading far thus avoiding still heavier loss. Fortunately there were no casualties except for a few minor burn victims who were admitted in the hospital.

Nylon and coir fishing nets, salt bags, salted fish and other fishing materials stored inside these sheds were gutted. One outboard motor and many of the beached canoes were destroyed in this fire.

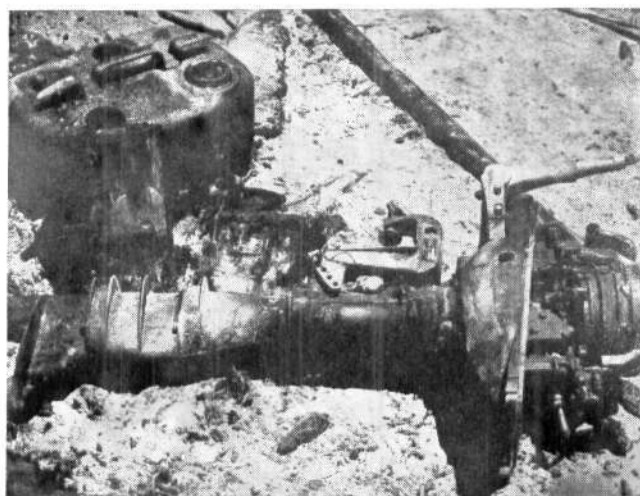


Fig. 5. An outboard motor destroyed in the fire.

According to the press nearly 40-50 sheds and 21 canoes were damaged and the total loss is estimated at more than Rs. 10 lakhs.