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Dr. R. V. Nair takes over as Director of C. M. F. R. I.



Dr. R. V. Nair, till recently Dy. Director of C. M. F. R. I. at Mandapam has succeeded Dr. Quasim as Director of the Institute.

A fishery scientist of international repute Dr. Nair, born at Trivandrum, Kerala, had his early education at Trivandrum and Madras. It was in 1947 that he first joined C. M. F. R. I. as a scientist. He has visited various countries and while in U.S. A., had worked with several eminent scientists. Dr. Nair, a recognised authority on Sardines, has about 100 published scientific papers to his credit. His monograph on Indian sardines published by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is highly appreciated in the scientific world. Culture of eels, which Dr. Nair thinks has a very high export potential, particularly to Japan, is the subject currently occupying his intense interest. He is a Fellow/Member of several learned societies and Chairman/Member, Board of Examinations of a number of Indian Universities. A number of Research Scholars are working under him for the

Ph. Degree. An accomplished artist, Dr. Nair's favourite hobby is photography especially of natural history.

University of Cochin to conduct Third All India Symposium on Estuarine Biology

The third All India symposium on Estuarine Biology is scheduled to be held in the department of marine sciences, University of Cochin, Ernakulam, Cochin, in January 1975. Fisheries and Oceanographic Institutes will be co-operating in this effort.

Ecology (Physical, Chemical, Geological), Pollution, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Aquaculture, Biology (Estuarine animals and plants) Fisheries and Productivity are the 8 sections for which contributions are invited. 30th June 31st October and 30th November 1974 are the date lines fixed for receipt of titles of papers, abstracts of papers and full papers with diagrams etc. complete, respectively.

Papers read at the symposium will be published as a special issue of the Bull. Dept. Mar. Sc. More details can be had from the Department of Marine Sciences, University of Cochin, Ernakulam, Cochin-682016.