

## FISH HARVEST MELA AT CALICUT

A fish harvest mela to demonstrate to the fish farmers the technical feasibility of converting the derelict sandy shores to productive fish ponds by providing polythene lining in excavated pond areas and culture of economical fishes like milkfish and marine prawns was conducted at the Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Calicut on 31st December, 1983.

The fish harvest which started by 11 A. M. was over in the evening by about 3 P. M. A total of 278 kg. of *Chanos chanos* (Poomeen) was harvested from 3 ponds having a total area of 0.18 ha. The maximum

length and weight of the fish was observed to be at 375 mm. and 380 gm. respectively. The fishes were sold to the public at the rate of Rs. 10/- per kg. on the spot.

A public meeting held in this connection at the Marine fish farm was presided over by Dr. P. V. Ramachandran Nair, Scientist of CMFRI. Mr. A Sankaran, Mayor of Calicut Corporation as the Chief Guest pointed out the importance of fish as a protein rich food and appreciated the efforts of the CMFR Institute in various methods of culture of fishes.



Fishing in progress



Mayor Mr. Sankaran watching the catch taken



Harvested fish