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Ernakulam district administration ties up with CMFRI in extension activities.



the selected areas are participating in the programme.

The CIFT, CIBA, and the College of Fisheries, Panangad are associated with the project.

Shri. V.P. Joy, Collector, Ernakulam district inaugurated the harvest mela of ornamental fish farmed

Shri. V.P. Joy, IAS, District Collector, Ernakulam, inaugurating the Sale of Ornamental Fish in the presence of Shri. C.S. Sreedharan, District Planning Officer, Shri V.B. Reghu, President, Chellanam Panchayat and Dr M. Devaraj, Director, CMFRI.

The district administration of Ernakulam offered its support to the extension programmes of CMFRI under the Special Central Assistance Scheme earmarked for the development of scheduled castes.

Out of the total allocation of Rs.12 lakhs, Rs.6 lakhs was sanctioned as subsidy to the three NGOs viz., Matsya Mahila Vedi, Chellanam, SC/ST Society, Kandakadavu and AMSF Society, Valappu identified by CMFRI for the adoption of fisheries technological innovations.

The project envisages empowerment of coastal communities through fisheries extension endeavours. The first phase of the project comprises establishment of small scale production units for Mahima shrimp feed, fishing nets and ornamental fish and setting up of a fish processing unit. It also includes adoption of improved prawn farming methods in the locality. One hundred families of

at Chellanam under the above scheme on 19, November. Dr M. Devaraj, Director, CMFRI, presided over the function. Shri. C.S. Sreedharan, District Planning Officer, State Fisheries Officials and senior officials of CMFRI attended the programme.

The net making unit established by Matsya Mahila Vedi was also inaugurated on this occasion.

Field Mariculture Laboratory set up

A field mariculture laboratory has been set up at the KVK campus, Narrakkal to develop and demonstrate technologies for the culture of groupers, seabass, mudcrabs and molluscs.

Training Programmes

A 15 day training programme on fish and shellfish disease investigations was conducted at Mandapam from 23 September to 9 October. Dr P.V. Rao, former Director, CMFRI delivered the inaugural address. Nine officers

from the Central and State Fisheries Departments participated in the programme.

A training programme on marine pearl culture techniques was organised at Tuticorin from 23 to 30 September.

A training on live feed culture was conducted from 23 to 28 September at Tuticorin. Ten trainees participated.

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Thirteen Agricultural Officers of the Primary Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank of Kerala were given training on shrimp farming from 20-21 December.

Fishermen - Farmers - Industry - Institution Meet

A fishermen - farmers - industry - institution meet was conducted on problems and prospects of small scale marine fishermen at CMFRI, Cochin and at the Regional and Research Centres in November.

Celebration of Women in Agricultural Day

CMFRI jointly with CIFT celebrated Women in Agriculture day on 4 December at Chellanam, in Cochin the village adopted by CMFRI. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. V.B. Reghu, President, Chellanam Grama Panchayat. Members of the panchayat, scientists and technical staff of CMFRI and CIFT, and 200 women and 25 men from the village participated.

Exhibitions

CMFRI participated in the science and culture exhibition sponsored by the Union Christian College, Aluva as a part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations during

7-10 November.

Hindi fortnight celebration

Hindi fortnight was celebrated at CMFRI, Cochin from 16 to 27 September. During this period, Hindi literary art day, Hindi day, Hindi science day, Hindi correspondence day, and Hindi mechanical / electronics day were observed. Various competitions were conducted for the staff of the Institute and prizes were given to the winners at the valedictory function. The rolling trophy for the best section/division was won by the administration section.

Hindi week was also celebrated in the Regional and Research Centres of CMFRI.

Participation in joint Hindi week celebrations

The staff and students of CMFRI participated in the joint Hindi Week competitions organised by the Cochin Town Official Language Implementation Committee from 20 to 27 November. Dr P. Jayasankar, Scientist (SS) and Shri. Ram Mohan, Research Fellow bracketted consolation prizes in Hindi light music. Shri Ram Mohan and group won the third prize in Hindi group music.

Shri G. Subramania Bhat, Technical Assistant of Mangalore Research Centre participated in the competitions organised by Mangalore Town Official Language Implementation Committee in October and won the second prize in Hindi noting and drafting competition and terminology competition.

Engagements

Dr M. Devaraj, Director attended the following meetings.

47th meeting of the Management Committee of the Institute, Mandapam Camp, 4 September.

Meeting convened by Manonmanian Sundarnar University regarding the coastal area studies of the University, Thirunelveli, 21-22, September.

Symposium on fish genetics and biodiversity conservation for

sustainable production, NBFGR, Lucknow, 27 September.

Meeting to review the perspective plans of ICAR, New Delhi, 11 October.

Midyear review meeting of the Directors of the ICAR Institutes, New Delhi, 14-15 October.

Scientific colloquium for identifying collaborative projects for the mutual benefits of India and Australia, New Delhi, 30 October to 2 November.

NATP workshop on coastal aquaculture production system at (TANUVAS), Madras, 29-30 November.

Task force (RE & T) meeting of the State Planning Board as chairman for the preparation of the 9th plan document for the Government of Kerala, Trivandrum, 18 December.

Executive Committee meeting of CDTMT, convened by Secretary (Fisheries), Government of Kerala at the Secretariate, Trivandrum, 24 December.

The fourth Asian Fisheries Forum was held at the School of Marine Sciences, Cochin from 24 to 28 November. Twenty five scientists from CMFRI participated and presented research papers.

Dr N. Kaliaperumal, Senior Scientist, attended the advisory committee meeting of the Department of Ocean Development, New Delhi, 14 September.

Dr. E.V. Radha Krishan, Senior Scientist participated in the one day seminar on Coastal Zone Management Regulation and Coastal People at Trivandrum, 13 September.

Dr V.S.K. Chennabotla, Principal Scientist attended the meeting organised by the Andhra Pradesh State Fisheries Department to discuss the preventive measures on jelly fish attack, Vishakhapatnam, 30 September.

Shri R. Marichamy, Principal Scientist attended the seminar on sustainable environment organised by Shri Paramakalyani Centre for Environmental Sciences, M.S. University, Tuticorin, 28 September.

Shri R. Marichamy, and Shri. D.C.V. Easterson, Senior Scientist attended the meeting of the Expert Committee constituted by the District Collector to look into the possible pollution damage due to M/s. Sterilite Industries at Tuticorin, 15 October and 1 November.

Shri R. Marichamy and Dr D.B. James attended the National Conference on aquaculture organised by the Centre for Aquaculture Research and Extension, Department of Zoology, St. Xaviers college, Palayamkottai and presented papers on mud crab culture and new species of *Macrophiothrix* (Echinodermata; Ophiuroidea) respectively, 18 December.

Shri S. Dharmaraj, Senior Scientist visited the National Centre for Cell Sciences (NCCS) Pune for training in primary culture, explant culture and organ culture, with livepearl oysters, 7-30 December.

Dr D.B. James attended the following meetings.

Delivered felicitation address at the inauguration of the vocation course in industrial fish and fisheries at Kamaraj College, Tuticorin, 11 September.

Delivered the inaugural address at the regional seminar on conservation of coral reefs in the Gulf of Mannar organised by the Post Graduate Department of Zoology, Kamaraj College, Tuticorin, 20 September.

Gave guest lecture on World Food Day theme, Fighting Hunger and Malnutrition organised by Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tuticorin, 16 October.

Deputation abroad

Dr M. Devaraj, Director, participated in the workshop on sustainable aquaculture and management of groupers and coral reef fisheries organised by Net work Aquaculture Centre in Asia Pacific (NACA) at Sabah, Malaysia and presented a paper on the fisheries and mariculture potential of groupers, red snappers, breams and

other coral reef fishes in India.

Degree awarded

Dr M. Devaraj, Director, CMFRI has been awarded D.Sc by the Madurai Kamaraj University for his contributions towards the taxonomy, biology and production of certain Indian fish stocks.

ICAR awards.

Dr R. Sathiadhas, Senior Scientist and Head, Socio Economic Evaluation and Technology Transfer Division and Dr K.K.P. Panikkar, Emeritus Scientist received the prestigious Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Award for agricultural research for the triennium 1993-95 for their outstanding contribution in social sciences research.

Dr Krishna Srinath, Senior Scientist, received the Outstanding Extension Scientist Award for her



Dr R. Sathiadhas, Shri K.K.P. Panikkar and Dr Krishna Srinath receiving the award from Shri Chaturanan Misra, Hon'ble Union Minister.



brilliant contributions in the field of fisheries extension and services to the coastal community. She is the first recipient of this award.

The awards were presented by Shri. Chaturanan Mishra, Honourable Union Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation on 16 October at a ceremony held at Vignan Bhavan in New Delhi.

Visitors Cochin

Dr M. Aslam, Director, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, New Delhi, to identify few areas for joint collaboration, 28 September.

Dr P. Marto Subroto, FAO, Rome delivered a talk on activities of Asia - Pacific Fisheries Commission, 13 December.

Dr M. Devaraj, Director, CMFRI has been elected as the President of the Indian Branch of the Asian Fisheries Forum for the period 1996-98.

Sports



CMFRI table tennis team (L to R) Shri. M.P. Sivadasan, Dr. P. Kaladharan, Shri. Tomy Prince, Shri. R.C. Shenoy and Shri K.N. Pushkaran

The sports contingent from CMFRI, Cochin, took part in the XIII inter institutional, ICAR sports meet (Zone IV) at Secunderabad from 2 to 6 December organised by CRIDA, Hyderabad.

The team led by Shri. K.N. Pushkaran, Junior Technical Assistant, CMFRI Cochin stood runners up in table tennis and Shri. V. Sathianesan, Junior Library Assistant of Mandapam Regional Centre secured second place in long jump. Shri. M.Chenniappa, Field Assistant, Mangalore Research Centre secured third position in 1500m race. The CMFRI emerged

sixth among the south zone ICAR Institutes.

Appointments

Dr V. Sriramachandra Murthy, Senior Scientist as Head, Demersal Fisheries Division, 2 November.

Dr N. Gopalakrishna Pillai, Senior Scientist as Head, Pelagic Fisheries Division, 2 November.

Dr V. Narayana Pillai, Principal Scientist as Head, Fishery Environment Management Division, 4 November.

Dr K.K. Appukuttan, Senior Scientist as Head, Molluscan Fisheries Division, 4 November.

Dr K. Dorairaj, Principal Scientist at Madras, 6 September.

Smt. Miriam Paul as Scientist at Narakal, 16 December.

Miss G. Ganga as Scientist at Karwar, 16 December.

Miss Sobha Viswanathan as Scientist at Visakhapatnam, 20 December.

Shri A. V. Joseph as Senior Finance and Accounts Officer at Cochin, 23 November.

Shri G. Kingsley, as Driver (Boat) T-1 at Tuticorin, 6 December.

Smt. C. Pushpa Rani as Junior Clerk at Tuticorin, 7 October.

Shri Chudasama Karsan Punja as SSG-1 (Saffaiwala) at Veraval, 18 November.

Shri Bangara Sunil Ramachandra as SSG-1 (Fieldman) at Bombay, 23 November.

Shri Limbani Surendra Kumar Thakarshi as SSG-I (Saffaiwala) at Veraval, 2 September.

Miss. Leela C.A., Junior Clerk at Cochin, 3 September.

Inter - institutional Transfer

Dr A. Laxminarayana, Senior Scientist on inter-institutional transfer from CIBA, 1 November.

Smt. Lata Vijay Kumar, Junior Stenographer on inter-institutional transfer from IARI, 24 December.

Promotions

Shri Sapan Kumar Ghosh, Technical Assistant (T-1-3) as Technical Assistant (T-II-3) Contai, 1 January.

Smt. Christina Joseph, Senior Clerk as Assistant at Cochin, 26, November.

Smt. C. Kamalakshi, Senior Clerk as Assistant at Calicut, 28 November.

Shri. S. Pitchai, SSG-III (Daftry) as SSG-IV (Daftry) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri K. Kuruvan, SSG-III (Saffaiwala) as SSG-IV (Saffaiwala) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Smt. S. Nagammal, SSG-II (Lab. Attendant) as SSG-III (Lab. Attendant.) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri. M. Athimoolam, SSG-II (Cook) as SSG-III (Cook) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri G. Ankaiah, SSG-II (Saffaiwala) as SSG-III (Saffaiwala) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Smt. J. Kondammal, SSG-II (Saffaiwala) as SSG-III (Saffaiwala) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri R. Sonaimuthu, SSG-II (Saffaiwala) as SSG-III (Saffaiwala) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri G.K. Raja, SSG - I (Pump Driver) as SSG-II (Pump Driver) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri M.R. Kotharakar, Watchman as SSG III (Watchman), 9 December.

Shri L.M. Waghela, SSG-II (Watchman) as SSG-III (Watch man) at Veraval, 6 November.

Shri. V. Alagan, SSG-I (Watchman) as SSG-II (Watchman) at Mandapam, 17 September.

Shri. M. Sankaran, SSG-1 (Fieldman) as SSG-11 (Field man) at Tuticorin, 21 November.

Shri P. Selvaraj, SSG-1 (Fieldman) as SSG-11 (Fieldman) at Madras, 22 November.

Shri R. Vasu, SSG-1 (Fieldman) as SSG-II (Fieldman) at Calicut, 22

November.

Shri Harisadan Thannimukkoth, SSG-I (Fieldman) as SSG-II (Field man) at Calicut, 21 November.

Shri. T.I. Soma, SSG-I (Helper) as SSG-II (Helper) at Headquarters, 23 October.

Shri. P. Dasan, SSG-I (Fieldman) as SSG-II (Fieldman) at Calicut, 31 October.

Shri Somayya S. Gonda, SSG-I (Watchman) as SSG-II (Watchman) at Karwar, 7 November.

Shri R. Ravindranathan Nair, SSG-I (Messenger) as SSG--II (Messenger) at Cochin, 18 November.

Reclassification of Posts

The following auxiliary staff are reclassified as technical / administrative staff, 29 June.

Motor Driver (light vehicles) as Motor Driver (T-1)

Shri A. Rajan

Shri. V.A. Surendran

Shri P. Narayana Naik

Shri K.G. Radhakrishnan Nair

Shri Shashikant R. Yadev

Shri K.U. Raman

Shri A. Srinivasan

Shri P. Harshakumar

Shri S. Duraipandian

Shri. S.K. Gurusamy

Shri K. Muthuvel

Shri M. Krishnan

Shri N. Ravindranathan Nair, Senior Gestetner Operator (auxillary) as Senior Operator (administrative).

Shri M. Asokan, Painter-Cum-Polisher-Cum-Carpenter as Painter-Cum-Polisher (T-I) 26 July.

Transfers

Dr K.A. Narasimham, Principal Scientist from Cochin to Kakinada, 26 November.

Dr A.C.C. Victor, Senior Scientist from Tuticorin to Mandapam, 16 November.

Shri K.P. Said Koya, Scientist (Senior Scale) from Calicut to Narakkal, 18 November.

Shri. P.P. Manojkumar, Scientist from Veraval to Cochin, 6 November.

Shri T.S. Velayudhan, Scientist (Selection Grade) from Cochin to Fisheries Harbour Laboratory, Thoppumpady, 2 November.

Dr D. Noble, Scientist (Selection grade) from Narakkal to Cochin, 21 November.

Shri. P. Villan, Field Assistant (T-I) from Mumbai to Mandapam, 20 December.

Shri K. Thulasidas, Technical Officer (T-5) from Fisheries Harbour Laboratory, Thoppumpady to Head Quarters, 11 December.

Shri K.C. Hezhakiel, Field Assistant (T-1) from Headquarters to Fisheries Harbour Laboratory, Thoppumpady, 9 December.

Reliefs

Shri B. Devadas Puthran, Assistant, on attaining superannuation, 31 October.

Shri C. Johnson, Junior Clerk on attaining superannuation. 31 October.

Shri M. Ibrahim, Deckhand (T-I-3) on voluntary retirement, 6 November.

Obituary

Shri M.E. Rajapandian, Scientist (Selection Grade) at Tuticorin, 7 October.

Shri K.N. Balan, Fieldman (SSG-III) at KVK, Narakkal, 11 October.

Shri P. Karunakaran Nair, Technical Officer (T-5) at Cochin, 23 October.