DG, ICAR VISITS CMFRI

Dr. R. S. Paroda, Director General, ICAR visited the CMFRI, Cochin on 17 and 18 July 1997. He visited the laboratories, marine museum and the developing hatchery facilities of the Institute. He evinced keen interest in the research activities of the Institute. He also addressed the scientists and staff of the Institute and ensured full support and cooperation of the Council for the development activities of the Institute.

MARICULTURE LAB AT THE FISHERIES HARBOUR INAUGURATED

The mariculture lab established at the fisheries harbour was inaugurated on 18 July 1997 by Dr. R. S. Paroda, Director General of ICAR. Dr. M. Devaraj, Director, CMFRI, welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. V. Dehadrai, Deputy Director General (Fy), ICAR presided over the function. Dr. K. Gopakumar, Director, CIFT, delivered felicitation. Dr. R. A. Selvakumar, ADG (M.Fy) proposed the vote of thanks. Scientists and staff of CMFRI attended the function.
A marine aquarium has been established at Vizhinjam by the Institute with special emphasis on marine ornamental fishes available along the Kerala coast. The aquarium has got 28 glass tanks each of one tonne capacity (8'x2'x2'size) and two open tanks of 5 tonne capacity each. The aquarium building has an area of about 4000 sq. ft. Some of the rare and beautiful ornamental fishes like the butterflyfishes, damsselfishes, bannerfishes, boxfishes, triggerfishes, lobsters, star fishes, sea urchins, sponges and a number of other interesting invertebrates are exhibited in the aquarium. It is proposed to develop this as a major Research and Development marine aquarium in the country for perfecting the breeding techniques. The aquarium is attracting a large gathering of public every day.

Tagged chanks released in Vizhinjam

A total of 222 number of sacred chanks (Xancus pyrum) collected from the Gulf of Mannar off Mandapam were tagged and released off Vizhinjam/Kovalam bay at the depth of 10m. The size of the tagged chanks ranged from 91.5 to 135.8 mm in length and 46.0 to 64.7mm in MSD. The weight of the chanks ranged from 92 to 280 g. These were released to observe the natural growth and migration pattern.

Training

A group of 26 fisherwomen were given training on mussel culture including rack construction, seed collection, seeding, farm management, harvesting and post-harvest technology at Kasaragod.

Fishermen - Farmers - Industry-Institution meet

The XXIII and XXIV Meets were conducted on finfish culture and mussel farming during the month of August and September respectively by the CMFRI, Cochin and the Regional and Research Centres. A number of fishermen, farmers and representatives from industries and institutions attended.

Hindi workshop

A four day Hindi workshop was organised at CMFRI, Cochin from 25 to 28 August. Subjects such as administrative terminology, noting and drafting and correspondence were dealt with. Twelve assistants from various sections
attended the workshop. Certificates were given to the participants.

**Hindi fortnight celebrations**

Hindi fortnight was celebrated at Headquarters and the Regional and Research Centres of CMFRI from 15 to 27 September. During this period Hindi day, Hindi terminology day, Hindi science day, Linguistic harmony day, Hindi correspondence day, and Hindi electronic/mechanical aids day were observed. Various competitions were held for the staff members and prizes were distributed to the winners of the different competitions at the valedictory function. The rolling trophy for the best section/division was won by the administration section.

**Sabbatical Leave**

Sabbatical leave would be granted to Scientist in Senior Scale and above (Rs. 3700-5700 of Readers scale) for a period of 10 years for academic, scientific, technological and other related activities at any relevant institution or organisation in India or abroad. The scientist or faculty member must have at least 5 years service left before superannuation after completion of the sabbatical leave. For detailed reference circular No. 11-3/96-Adm Dt. 4th June, 97 may be referred.

**Engagements**

Dr. M. Devaraj, Director, attended the following meetings:

- Attended the ACIAR - ICAR Interface meeting followed by group discussions and plenary sessions, New Delhi, 10 July.
- Attended the workshop regarding academic and other issues relating to UG and PG education, CIFE, Mumbai, 14-15 July.
- Attended the 52nd meeting of projects screening committee/scientific panel for fisheries, New Delhi, 5-6 August.
- Attended the seminar on fluctuations in marine fishery resource availability, jointly organised by Kerala Fisheries Society and CMFRI, Trivandrum, 20 August.
- Attended the task force meeting on CRI of the Science and Technology and Environment Department, Trivandrum, 20 August.
- Discussion with Fr. Mariadoss, Executive Director, Kerala Social Service Society regarding implementation of the NATP project programmes and visit to the project site, Kottar, 21-22 August.
- Attended the XXII meeting of the academic council of CIFE, Mumbai, 30 August.
- Visited the Asangaon marine fish farm of Maharashtra Fisheries Department to identify 10 ha of land for the Bombay Research Centre of the CMFRI and discussed with the Director of Fisheries, Maharashtra regarding the proposal.
- Accompanied the Australian team to the project site at Vizhinjam and Dhalavapuram mussel farm, 14 Sept.
- Attended the Divisional meeting of all the Fisheries Research Institute under the chairmanship of the DDG Fisheries, ICAR, to review the IX plan proposal of the Institutes, Calcutta, 19-20 sept.
- Dr. V. S. K. Chennubhotla and Dr. K. Sathianarayana Rao attended the National symposium on coastal and estuarine processes around India, Visakhapatnam 10-11 Sept.

**Visitors**

Dr. Natali Daanler from Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, 1 July.

**Tuticorin**

Shri. V. V. Naik, Fisheries Development Commissioner, from Maharashtra 25-29 September.
Dr. V. Ravindranathan, Director, Department of Ocean Development
Dr. P. P. Kaimal, Director, M. G. University, Karnal.
Shri. G. Pati, Scientific Officer, Heavy Water Project, Vikrampur, Orissa.
Dr. Shenoy, Chief Engineer, Nuclear Fuel Corporation, Hyderabad.

Mandapam
Mr. Hussain Zahir, Research Officer, Ministry of Fish and Agriculture, Republic of Maldives.
An Australian team consisting of Dr. Rob Lewis, Dr. John Kessing and Dr. Martin Kumar, South Australian Research and Development Institute, South Australia.
Shri. R. N. Ganesh, Director General, Coast guard.

Appointments
Dr. D. B. S. Sehara, Senior Scientist as Head, Socio Economic Evaluation and Technology Transfer Division, until further orders, 12 September.
Dr. E. Dhanventri as Scientist at Cochin, 29 August.
Dr. U. Rajkumar as Scientist at Cochin, 29 August.
Kumari, Swathilekshmi as Scientist at Cochin, 30 August.
Dr. R. Venugopalan as Scientist at Cochin, 8 August.
Shri. K. Ganesan as SSG. I (Deckhand) at Mandapam, 16 July.
Shri. A. Anukumar as SSG. I (Watchman) at Calicut, 5 August.
Shri. M. Joseph Sahayara as SSG. I (Fieldman) at Tuticorin, 30 July.
Smt. Subaida K. S. as SSG. I (Saffaiwala) at Cochin, 30 September.
Shri. N. Ramaswamy as SSG. I (Helper) at Tuticorin, 12 September.
Shri. K. Laxminarayana as SSG. I (Watchman) at Kakinada, 12 September.
Shri. K. Subbiah as SSG. I (Helper) at Mandapam, 20 September.
Shri. R. Selvakumar as SSG. I (Helper) at Mandapam, 8 September.
Shri. Ladani Dhirajlal Jarnodas as SSG. I (Khalasi) at Veraval, 15 September.
Shri. D. Lingaraju, as SSG. I (Watchman) at Visakapatnam, 12 September.
Shri. M. Thirupathi as SSG. I (Saffaiwala) at Mandapam, 10 September.

Transfers
Dr. A. Regunathan, Senior Scientist from Mandapam to Madras, 4 September.
Shri. R. N. Mishra, Senior Scientist from Cochin to Visakapatnam, 6 August.
Smt. Geetha Sasikumar, Scientist from Cochin to Mangalore, 25 August.
Shri. P. J. Davis, Superintendent from Cochin to Visakapatnam, 6 August.
Shri. M. Bharathan, Deckhand from Cochin to Mandapam, 1 July.
Shri. K. S. Jeevanathan, Lab Attendant from Tuticorin to Mandapam, 1 August.
Shri. A. Srinivasan, Motor Driver, from Mandapam to Madras, 5 August.
Shri. K. G. Radhakrishnan Nair, Motor Driver, (T-I) from Cochin to Vizhinjam, 7 July.
Smt. Ponnamma Radhakrishnan, Scientist from Cochin to Visakapatnam, 30 September.
Shri. U. Rajendran, SSG. II (Labor Attendant) from Mandapam Camp to Tuticorin, 13 August.
Shri. M. Shahul Hammed, SSG. II (Messenger) from Mandapam to Tuticorin, 9 September.

Inter Institutional Transfer
Shri. I. Rajendran as Scientist (SG) at FHL, Cochin on inter institutional transfer from ILRI, Ranchi, 20 August.

Promotions
Smt. S. Saradha, Junior Clerk as Senior Clerk at Tuticorin, 11 August.
Shri. M. B. Kolharkar, SSG. II (Watchman) as SSG. III (Watchman) at Karwar, 26 July.
Shri. M. P. Jadhav, SSG. I (Watchman) as SSG. II (Watchman) at Mumbai, 13 August.
Shri. A. Kesavan, SSG. II (Watchman) as SSG. III (Watchman) at Mangalore, 1 September.
Shri. K. K. Baiker, SSG. I (Fieldman) as SSG. II (Fieldman) at Mumbai, 4 August.
Shri. D. D. Jangam, SSG. I (Watchman) as SSG. II (Watchman) at Mumbai, 11 September.

Relief
Dr. Krishna Srinath, Senior Scientist, from Cochin is relieved to join as Head, Division of Extension, Information, and Statistics CIFT, Cochin, 18 September.

Retirements
Shri. P. M. Bhaskaran, Senior Clerk at Cochin retired on superannuation, 30 June.
Shri. F. Susai. V. Rayen, Skin Diver, (T-I-III) at Tuticorin retired on superannuation, 30 June.
Shri. M. Mohammed Sultan, Technical officer, (T-5) at Madras retired on superannuation, 31 July.
Shri. A. Francis, SSG. III (Labor Attendant) at Tuticorin retired on superannuation 31 August.

Obituary
Shri. M. Ramachandran, Punch Card Operator, (T-I-3) at Cochin, 2 July.
Shri. Hemanandarao Rao, Junior Technical Assistant (T-II) at Gopalpur Field Centre, 22 August.

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