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FARMED CRAB HARVESTED AT CHELLANAM

Crab harvest mela marked the successful culmination of the crab culture programme undertaken by 10 SC/ST farmers, at Chellanam under the Special Component Plan sponsored by the Ernakulam District Administration. The programme was initiated with the assistance of Rs 10,000 provided to each of the fishermen to undertake crab farming. Technical guidance was provided to the farmers through discussions and visits. The programme was monitored regularly by the scientists of CMFRI. The



A model crab farm

function was attended by Shri C.S. Sreedharan, District Planning Officer, Shri Prem Kumar, Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Cochin, state fisheries officials, senior officials of the CMFRI and CIFT and a large number of fishermen from the village.

to 11 January, with an objective of creating awareness among the public about the scope and trade of ornamental fish culture in Kerala.

The CMFRI stall set up by its Vizhinjam Research Centre had wide collections of some of the most beautiful ornamental fishes like clown fishes, moray eels, sea horse, golden trabelleres, neon gobies, lobsters, marine turtles etc. Besides, cages designed for collecting ornamental fish and mussel were also exhibited. The stall was visited by about 2.5 lakh visitors including Shri E.K. Nayanar, Hon. Chief Minister, Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan, Hon. Minister for Fisheries and Shri K. Radhakrishnan, Hon. Minister for SC/ST welfare. CMFRI stall was awarded the first prize and the trophy for the best institutional stall. It also bagged the Fisheries Ministers' trophy for the best institutional performance.

The seminar on ornamental fishery conducted alongwith the exhibition was inaugurated by Shri T.K. Ramakrishnan, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Kerala. Dr. M. Devaraj, Director, C.M.F.R.I. delivered the key note address. Shri K.K. Philipose, Scientist (Senior Scale), presented a

CMFRI wins three trophies in the All India Aquarium Show



Shri. K. K. Philipose on behalf of the CMFRI receiving the "Fisheries Ministers Trophy for the Best Institutional Performance from the Hon. Chief Minister Shri. E. K. Nayanar

An all India aquarium show and exhibition was conducted by the Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala and the Kerala State Cooperative Federation of Fisheries Development at Kanakakunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram from 6

to 11 January, with an objective of creating awareness among the public about the scope and trade of ornamental fish culture in Kerala.

paper on the marine ornamental fish resources of Kerala. CMFRI's effort in bringing out the tremendous potential of marine ornamental fishes for the welfare of the coastal communities was appreciated.

Training Programme

A two days' training programme on mussel culture was conducted for 60 women under the DW CRA/IRDP programme, at Padanna in Calicut during January.

The TTC of CMFRI organised a training programme on mud crab farming from 19-24 January at the CMFRI HQ, Cochin. Fourteen participants from the State Fisheries Department, KVK, MPEDA and the Manonmanian Sundaranar University, Tamilnadu attended the programme.

A total of 21 participants were trained on ornamental fish culture for a period of 6 days from 16 March to 21 March 1998 at the Vizhinjam Research Centre of CMFRI.

A training programme on marine pearl culture was organised at the Tuticorin Research centre for a period of 20 days from 16 March to 4 April.

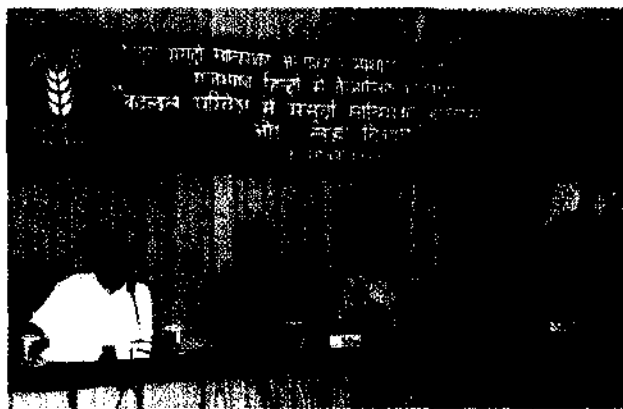
Another training programme was conducted on the hatchery production of marine prawn seeds for a period of 13 days from 16 March to 28 March at the Mandapam Regional Centre.

Fishermen - Farmers - Industry-Institution Meet

The XXVII and XXVIII meets were on crab farming and mycotoxin and were conducted during January and February respectively. A number of fishermen, farmers and representatives from the industry, R & D and financial institutions attended.

International workshops/seminars

A total of 15 Scientists from CMFRI participated and presented papers in the international symposium on advances and priorities in fisheries technology held at CIFT, Cochin, from 11-13 February.



Dr. G. Sudhakar Rao, Head, CFD welcoming the gathering on the occasion of Scientific Hindi Seminar

Hindi seminar

A seminar in Hindi with the focal theme, 'changing scenarios in marine fisheries research and new dimensions' was held at the CMFRI HQ on 3 March. Shri K.B. Pillai, IAS, Chairman, MPEDA, Cochin was the chief guest. Eight scientific papers on different topics were presented in Hindi by the scientists of the Institute.

Foreign Delegates

Mr. Sason Rubens, Regional Coordinator, IOC-UNESCO/UNDP/ICUN/Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, South Asia visited the Institute and held discussions with the Director and other experts, 19 March.

Visitors

Visakhapatnam

Dr. Jeff Morrell, Professor, Oregon State University, USA.

Dr. P. Sita Rami Reddy, Professor of Zoology, Madras University.

Dr. Raja Reddy, Director of Research, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Andhra Pradesh

Vizhinjam

Shri B.K. Chauhan, IAS, Secretary ICAR, New Delhi.

Dr. S. Edison, Director, CTCRI, Trivandrum.

Dr. S. Ramakrishnan, Ex-Director, Gem Holiday Resorts, Chennai.

Chennai

Prof. S. Regunathan, Principal, SRC College, Coimbatore.

Shri S.B. Singh, Deputy Director, Directorate of EME, Army Headquarters, New Delhi.

Calicut

Dr K.R.C. Nair, Joint Director, CPRI, Bangalore.

Ms. Annie Eric Jacques, Hyde Farm, Pinwin Works, England.

Veraval

Dr. A.V.R.L. Narasimhacharya and Dr L.B. George, Department of Bio-Sciences of Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidhyanagar, Gujarat.

Mr. Anil Nair, Mamta Cold Storage, Veraval.

Mr. H.K. Moon, MRH Food Processing, Malaysia.

Engagements

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

National Aquaculture Seminar at Kanakakunnu Palace, Trivandrum and delivered the key note address, 8 January.

Meeting of the Kottar Social Service Society at Poovar, Kottar and Tuticorin for identifying target group of fishermen under the DOD project on pearl culture, 9-11 January.

Seminar on recent developments in pearl culture, grouper and crab farming at Mandapam, 6-7 February.

Workshop on the coastal biodiversity of the Gulf of Mannar held at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, and delivered the key note address, 10 February.

Meetings on the institutional framework for conservation and sustainable management of the biosphere at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, 18 February.

The Kerala State Fisheries Management Committee meeting to decide the allotment of the Kerala Government sponsored R & D project on marine ornamental fishery to CMFRI and discussed the revised Indo-Australian project on stock assessment with the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Kerala, 1-3, March.

ICAR Directors' conference at New Delhi, 4-5, March.

Visited the ornamental fish farm at Kadachanenthal near Madurai for arranging TTC training programmes, 13 March.

Executive Committee Meeting of the Asian Fisheries Society at Mangalore, 14 March.

49th meeting of the Management Committee of the Institute, 23 March.

Visited Chennai for identifying 10 acres of land at Santhome, Chennai belonging to CIBA for the Madras Research Centre of CMFRI with the ADG (MF) and the Director, CIBA, 24 March

Others:

A team of scientists from the Visakhapatnam Research Centre of CMFRI attended the national workshop on coastal marine culture system organised by the Department of Ocean Development, Government of India at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam from 16-17 February. They also attended the national seminar on conservation of Eastern Ghats at Visakhapatnam and presented papers, 24 March.

A team of scientists from CMFRI HQ attended the seminar on recent developments in pearl culture, grouper and crab farming at Mandapam, 6-7, February.

Shri Omprakash Joshi, Hindi Translator (T-II:3) attended a training programme on Computer Awareness with Hindi Word Processor at the Department of Official Language, New Delhi, 23 - 27 March.

Radio Talks

Smt. Sheela, P.J. Assistant Director (O.L.) delivered a talk on Gandhiji's views on language policy and the relevance of official language implementation, All India Radio, Kochi, 29 January.

Smt. T.N. Ananthalakshmi, Junior Technical Assistant, gave a talk on the feeding and management of ornamental fishes in All India Radio, Trichur, 25 March.

Wedding

Shri Joe K. Kizhakudan, Scientist, Veraval, married Ms. Sobha Viswanathan, Scientist, 2 February.

Appointments

Shri T. Rajesh Babu as SS G I (Watchman) at Calicut, 15 January

Inter Institutional Transfer

Shri V.J. Thomas as Field Assistant (T-1) at FHL, Cochin on inter-institutional transfer from IARI, New Delhi, 18 March.

Promotion

Shri K. Ashokkumaran Unnithan, Technical Officer (T-8), as Technical Officer (T-9), at Cochin, 1 July, 1995.

Shri Varughese Philipose, Technical Officer (T-7), as Technical Officer (T-8) at Cochin, 1 July 1996.

Transfers

Dr. E. Dhanvantheri, Scientist from Cochin to Visakhapatnam 9 February.

Dr. U. Rajkumar, Scientist from Cochin to Visakhapatnam, 9 February.

Ms. P.S. Swathi, Scientist from Cochin to Chennai, 9 February.

Dr. H. Mohammed Kasim, Senior Scientist from Tuticorin to Kakinada, 27 February.

Smt. Sobha Viswanathan, Scientist from Visakhapatnam to Veraval, 16 March.

Shri G. Mohanraj, Senior Scientist from Visakhapatnam to Chennai, 16 March.

Shri K.M.S. Ameer Hamsa, Senior Scientist from Visakhapatnam to Tuticorin, 16 March.

Shri R. Subramonian, Technical Assistant (T-3) from Tuticorin to Mandapam Camp.

Shri U. Purandara Shetty, Junior Clerk From Cochin to Mangalore, 23 March.

Shri A.V. Joseph, Senior Finance & Accounts Officer from Cochin to NDRI, Karnal.

Retirements

Dr. P. Devadoss, Senior Scientist retired on superannuation, 31 January.

Shri S. Manivasagam, Technical Officer (T-5) retired on superannuation, 31 March.

Shri K. Rama Naik, Senior Clerk, on superannuation, 31 January.

Sri G. Subbaraju, Principal Scientist & Officer-In-Charge, Kakinada Research Centre retired on superannuation on 28 February 1998. Sri Subbaraju joined the Institute as Asst. Research

Officer in 1966. He served the Institute in various capacities for more than three decades and contributed substantially to the knowledge of fishery oceanography and remote sensing technologies in marine fisheries. His contributions to the fishery oceanography of South West Coast of India during his deputation (1971 to 1977) to the erstwhile UNDP/FAO pelagic Fishery Project are commendable. He had specialised fishery oceanography at the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen, Norway (January-August 1972). During 1979 he had undergone training in remote sensing applications to marine fisheries conducted by the F A O at Rome which helped the Institute undertake collaborative programmes with the National Remote Sensing Agency and Space Application Centre in the field of remote sensing. Sri Subbaraju coordinated the F O R V Sagar Sampada cruises during 1991-93. During 1993-98 he served as the Officer-In-Charge of the Kakinada Research Centre. His vast participation in the research cruises in international and several Indian Institutes' research vessels has put him as one among the top fishery oceanographers.



Sri. K. Subbaraju

