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## Financial aid from District Administration

The District Administration, under its special component plan, has sanctioned an amount of Rs10 Lakh for implementing crab, prawn and finfish culture. Under this, 50 fish farmers were identified from Panambukad, Elankunnapuzha and Chittoor, in EKM Dist. to adopt culture activities.



A view of the farmers meet on finfish culture.

## Fishermen- Farmers- Industry- Institution Meet

Sl.No.	Theme of the meet	Venue	No. of participants	Theme presentation	Date
XXXIV	Finfish culture	Puduvypu	80	Dr. L. Krishnan, Senior Scientist	15 July
XXXV	Clam Fishery	Kuthiathodu	40	Shri. T.S. Velayudhan, Senior Scientist	30 August
XXXVI	Crab Farming	Panambukad	60	Dr. A. Lakshmi Narayana, Senior Scientist	29 September

## Agar plant Commissioned at Mandapam

Under the auspices of the ICAR revolving fund an agar plant was commissioned at Mandapam, Tamil Nadu on 16 September which was inaugurated by Padmashri Dr. N. Balakrishnan Nair, Professor and Former Head, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, Kerala

University, Trivandrum.

In view of this an one-day workshop on seaweed processing and seaweed products was organised by the TTC of CMFRI. The inaugural address was given by Dr. V. N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI, Cochin. Dr.R. Alfred Selvakumar, ADG (MF),

ICAR, New Delhi, Prof. M. Umamaheswara Rao, Former Head, Dept.of Botany, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and Shri. Vinod G. Nehemiah, Director, SNAP Natural Algilate products (P) Ltd., offered felicitations.

<b>TRAINING PROGRAMMES</b>				
Title	Duration	No. of participants	Venue	Course Coordinator
Hatchery production and aquaculture of ornamental fishes	19 to 24 July	11	Cochin	Dr. G. Gopakumar Senior Scientist
Seed production of tiger prawn <i>P. monodon</i>	16 to 30 August	6	Mandapam Camp	Dr. G. Maheswaradu Scientist (Senior Scale)
Mussel culture	14 to 16 September	34	Calicut	Dr. P. K. Asokan Scientist (Senior Scale)

### **Rajbhasha Hindi Golden Jubilee Year Celebration**

The Rajbhasha Hindi Golden Jubilee year celebration of the CMFRI was inaugurated by Shri. Mohammed Yasin, City Police Commissioner, Cochin on 14 September. As a part of the year-long programme it is proposed to conduct a series of Hindi programmes. To mark the beginning, the Hindi week was celebrated from 14 to 18 September at the CMFRI and its Regional and Research Centres. Valedictory function was conducted on 18 September with Dr. (Smt.) Shamim Aliyar, Professor, Cochin University of

Science and Technology as the chief guest. Dr. V.N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI distributed the prizes to the winners.

A cultural programme was also presented by the staff and children on this occasion.

Shri. Mohamed Yasin, IPS, City Police Commissioner Cochin inaugurating the Hindi Week Celebration of the Institute.



### **Rajbhasha Rolling Trophy to CMFRI.**

CMFRI secured the first position for the best official language implementation activities for the year 1998-99, under the Cochin Town Official Language Implementation Committee. Dr. G. Sudhakar Rao, Head, Crustacean Fisheries Division, received the trophy from the Commissioner of Income Tax in the meeting organised at Income Tax Office, Cochin on 2 July.



Dr. G. Sudhakar Rao, receiving the Rajbhasha Rolling Trophy from Commissioner of Income Tax, Cochin.

## Scientific Seminar in Hindi

A seminar in Hindi was conducted at CMFRI Headquarters on 'Small Scale Sea Fishing and Seafarming', on 17 August. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. M.K.R. Nair, Director, IFP, Cochin. Dr. V.N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI presided over. Felicitations were offered by Shri. Anil Kumar Dubey, Director (Hindi), ICAR, Dr. Abdul Jaleel, Professor, Sri. Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady, Shri. P. Vijaya Kumar, Research Officer, Regional Implementation Office, Cochin, Shri. K.G. Muraleedharan, Deputy Director (OL) MPEDA and Secretary, Cochin TOLIC.

Sixteen research papers were presented. Scientists from CMFRI and other institutions participated.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. V.N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI attended the following:

Discussions with Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust regarding the land occupied by CMFRI on lease, 9 July.

Meeting with the Managing Director, Indian Tropical Agro-products Pvt. Ltd., Tuticorin, regarding the consultancy project on pearl oyster farming and production, 9 July.

Discussions with the Speaker, Kerala Assembly and Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of

Kerala, Secretary (Fisheries) and Director of Fisheries, Government of Kerala regarding construction of office-cum-laboratory facilities for Vizhinjam Research Centre of CMFRI, 11 July.

Discussion with Dr. S. Edison, Director, CTCRI, Trivandrum on joint collaboration programmes undertaken with CTCRI, 12 July.

Meeting with DDG (Fy), Director, CIFE, Mumbai, Director, CIFT, Cochin and Officer-in Charge Bombay Research Centre of CMFRI, regarding permanent accommodation for Bombay Research Centre of CMFRI and other relevant matters as required by the Council, 23 July.

Participated in the 25th Academic Council Meeting held at CIFE, Mumbai, 24 July.

Coordinated and chaired the Institute Joint Staff Council (IJSC) meeting held at Vizhinjam Research Centre of CMFRI, Vizhinjam, 29 July.

Participated in the ICAR Director's Conference held at ICAR, New Delhi, 7-8 September.

Discussions with Dr. D.P. Rao, Director, NRSA and Dr. A. Narendranath, Director, DOD, NRSA, Hyderabad on matters pertaining to the MARSIS Centre Computer equipments.

Organised and participated in the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of the Institute at

Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI, Mandapam Camp, 16 September.

Attended the meeting of OCEANSAT organised by SAC, Ahmedabad, on the utilisation of SST and Chlorophyll for the preparation of Potential Fishing Zone Advisories, 21 September.

## Others

Dr. (Mrs.) V. Chandrika, Senior Scientist participated in the Workshop on Municipal Solid Waste and Environmental Auditing, organised jointly by the Technical University, DELFT (TUD), Netherlands and School of Environmental Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology at the International Hotel, Cochin, 21-23 October.

Shri. D.C.V Easterson, Senior Scientist and Officer-in-Charge, Shri. K. Ramadoss, Senior Scientist and A., Bastin Fernando, Technical Officer attended the IV meeting of the Tuticorin District Coastal Zone Management at Tuticorin, 2 August.

Mrs. P.S. Asha, Scientist delivered a special lecture on 'Biodiversity of Gulf of Mannar with special emphasis on its conservation and management, at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tuticorin, 27 August.

Dr. V.S.K. Chennubhotla, Principal Scientist, Shri.K. Vijayakumaran, Scientist (Senior Scale), Dr. V. Rajkumar and Dr. E. Dhanwanthiri,

Scientists attended the monthly meet of the forum of fisheries professionals on the Ornamental Fishery of India, 16 September.

Dr. Rajkumar attended the Hindi Seminar and presented a paper on 'Changing scenario in marine fisheries research and development' CICFRI, Barrackpore, 20 September.

## VISITORS

### Veraval

Shri. Uday Kumar Shetty, Branch Manager, Vijaya Bank, Veraval.

Shri. Mahendra Agarwal, College of Communication, New Delhi.

Shri. J.R. Mehtha, RO, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Rajkot.

### Mandapam

Mr. I. D. Sharma, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, New Delhi.

Dr. Jothilal, Director of Fisheries, Government of Kerala.

### Cochin

Dr. K. Alagarwamy, former Director of CIBA and presently Distinguished Fellow of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, 19-23 July.

Dr. K. Jothilal, Director and Shri. T.D. Velayuthan, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Government of Kerala, 30 August.

Shri. D.K. Ghoshal, Director of Fisheries, Government of West Ben-

gal, 22 September.

Dr. Swethwin, Professor and Dr. Htay Aung, Department of Marine Sciences, University of Mallymyine, Myanmar, 23 September.

## Radio Talks

Dr. M. Rajamani, Senior Scientist participated in an interview on 'Artificial reef' All India Radio, Tirunelveli, 22 August.

Smt. T.N. Ananthalakshmi, Junior Technical Assistant gave a talk on 'Veettammamarude visramavelagal engane prayojanapedutham' All India Radio, Trichur, 1 September.

## AWARDS

Dr. D.B. James, was honoured by the Fisheries Technocrat Forum, Chennai for his outstanding contri-



Dr. D.B. James receiving the award from Dr. V.V. Venkatesan, MPEDA

butions to fisheries science. Dr. V.V. Venkatesan, MPEDA presented the award.

## APPOINTMENTS

Shri. Charles Ekka as Senior Administrative Officer at Kochi, 19 July.

Shri. N. Rudhramurthy as Technical Assistant (T-II-3) at Kochi, 9 September.

Shri. A. P. Sunil kumar, as Artist (T-II-3) at Kochi, 14 September.

Shri. Umesh Hari Rane as Field Assistant (T-1) at Dahanu Field Centre, 27 July.

Shri. Byre Gowda as SSGr. I (Watchman) at Mangalore, 10 September.

Shri. Oggu China Venkateswarlu as SSGr. I (Safaiwala) at Visakhapatnam, 24 August.

## PROMOTIONS

Shri. M.A. Vincent, Driver (Boat) (T-I-3) as Driver (Boat) (T-II-3) at Kochi, 1 January, 1995.

Shri. Mohammed Jaffar, Driver (Boat) (T-I-3) as Driver (Boat) (T-II-3) at Mandapam Camp, 1 January 1995.

Shri. V. Samayamuthu, SSGr. II (Watchman) as SSGr. III (Watchman) at Tuticorin.

Shri. K. Jeevanandam, SSGr. I (Lab. Attendant) as SSGr. II (Lab. attendant) at Mandapam Camp, 14 August.

Shri. M. Bareaen Mohamed, SSGr. I (Lab. Attendant) as SSGr. II (Lab.

Attendant) at Chennai, 14 July.

Shri. A. Yeshudhas, SSGr. I (Lab. Attendant) as SSGr. II (Lab Attendent) at Vizhinjam, 1 July.

The following Technical Officers (T-5) have been promoted as Technical Officers (T-6) from 1 January 1999 onwards.

Shri. K. Ramakrishnan Nair-Vizhinjam,

Shri. N. Ratnaswamy-Tuticorin

Shri. M.V. Somaraju, Visakhapatnam

Shri. M. Ayyappan Pillai, Kochi

Shri.V.K. Balachandran, Kochi

Shri. S. Kalimuthu, Mandapam Camp

Shri. M. Badruddin, Mandapam Camp

Shri. S.B. Chandrangatham, Quilon Field Centre

Shri. R. Gurusamy, Tuticorin

Shri. Varughese Jacob, Kochi

Shri. G. Krishnan Kutty Nair, Kochi

Shri. V.P. Annam, Kochi

Shri. N.P. Kunjikrishnan, Calicut

Shri. K. Nandakumaran, Calicut

Shri. K.N. Gopalakrishnan, Kochi

The following Senior Technical Assistants (T-4) have been promoted as Technical Officers (T-5) from 1 January 1998 onwards.

Shri. U. Alagumalai, Chennai

Shri. C.J. Prasad, Kochi

Smt. P.L. Ammini, Kochi

Shri. A. Kanakkan, Kochi

Smt. A. Kanagam, Kochi

Shri. A. Deivendra Gandhi, Chennai

Dr. K. Muniyandi, Mandapam Camp

Shri. S. Palanisamy, Mandapam Camp

Dr. R. Thangavelu, Chennai

Shri. V. Radhakrishnan Nair, Kochi, 1 July 1998.

Shri. B. Sureshkumar, Training Assistant (T-4) at Narakkal as Technical Officer (T-5) (Training). 23 November, 1997.

The following Technical Assistants (T-II-3) have been promoted as Senior Technical Assistants (T-4)

Smt. K. Ramani, Kochi, 12 October, 1997

Shri. D. Pugazhendi, Kochi, 2 November, 1997

Shri. K.G. Waghmare, Mumbai, 2 December, 1997

Shri. K. Muthiah, Mandapam Camp, 30 December, 1997

Shri. Mathew Joseph, FHL, Thoppumpadi, 14 October, 1997

Shri. V.A. Kunhikoya, Minicoy, 26 June, 1997

Shri. D. Sundararajan, Tuticorin, 9 December, 1998

Smt. S. Girijakumari, Kochi 18

May, 1997.

Smt. P. Geetha, Kochi, 1 December, 1998.

The following Junior Technical Assistants (T-2) have been promoted as Technical Assistants (T-II-3)

Shri. K.C. Pandurengachar, Karwar, 1 January, 1999

Shri. Ganesh Bhatkal, Bhatkal FC, 1 January, 1999

Shri. K.M. Venugopalan, FHL Thopumpady, 1 January, 1999

Smt. K.P. Salini, Kochi, 1 January 1999

Smt. P.M. Geetha, Kochi, 1 July, 1997.

Shri. N. Ramamoorthy, Mandapam Camp, 1 July, 1997.

Shri. V. Sathiyanesan, Mandapam Camp, 24 December, 1998.

Smt. Suvarna Mahesh, Kochi, 22 February, 1998.

The following Junior Technical Assistants (T-2) have been promoted as Technical Assistants (T-I-3).

Shri. Vanvi Jayanthilal Dayabhai, Veraval, 1 July, 1997

Shri. S. Satyanarayan V.Pai, Karwar, 1 July, 1997

Shri. K.C. Purushothaman, Cannanore, 1 July, 1997

Shri. Prakash C. Shetty, Goa FC, 1 January, 1998

Shri. N.P. Chandrakumar, Srikakulam FC, 1 January, 1998

Shri. Mohamed Sathakathulla, Tuticorin, 1 January, 1998

Shri. T. Nageswara Rao, Visakhapatnam, 1 January, 1998

Shri. H.S. Mahadevaswamy, Mangalore, 1 July, 1997

Shri. P.K. Baby, Kochi, 1 January 99

The following Field Assistants (T-1) have been promoted as Junior Technical Assistants (T-2).

Shri. M. Chaniappa, Mangalore, 6 August, 1997

Shri. S. Rajan, Chennai, 19 November, 1997

Shri. G. Sampathkumar, Mangalore, 7 October, 1997

Shri. M.E. Durghekar, Karwar, 10 March, 1998

Shri. B. Thankaraj, Pattukottai, 6 August, 1998

Shri. U. Jayaram, Tuticorin, 3 July, 1998

Shri. N.P. Ramachandran, Calicut, 18 August, 1998

Shri. A. Palanichamy, Mandapam Camp, 31 December, 1998

## TRANSFERS

Shri. N. Viswambaran, Assistant Administrative Officer from KVK Narakkal to Kochi, 20 July.

Shri. K.U.K. Menon, Assistant Finance & Accounts Officer from Mandapam Camp to Kochi, 23 August.

Shri. P.A. Naik Assistant Administrative Officer from Kochi to Mangalore, 30 September.

Smt. D. Geetha, Assistant Administrative Officer from TTC Kochi to Chennai, 8 October.

Shri. V.P. Unnikrishnan, Junior Accounts Officer from Kochi to Mandapam Camp, 23 August.

Shri. T.N. Padmanabha Kurup, Assistant from Tuticorin to FHL, Kochi, 1 September.

Shri. N. Govindan, Assistant from Calicut to FMC Narakkal, 12 July to KVK Narakkal, 23 August.

Shri. V. Demudu, Lower Divisional Clerk from Kochi to Visakhapatnam, 4 October.

Shri. Dickson Jebaraj, Lower Divisional Clerk from Kochi to Tuticorin, 16 September.

Shri. P. Krishna Rao, Lower Divisional Clerk from Kochi to Kakinada, 2 August.

Shri. M.P. Paulton, Technical Assistant (T-II-3) from KVK Narakkal to Kochi.

Smt. B. Jenni, Technical Assistant (T-II-3) from Tuticorin to Kochi, 19 September.

Smt. K.P. Salini, Junior Technical Assistant (T-2) from FMC Narakkal to Kochi.

Shri. S.D. Kamble, Junior Technical Assistant (T-2) from Retnagiri FC to Mumbai.

Shri. M. Rajkumar, Field Assistant (T-1) from Mandapam Camp to Chennai.

Shri. S.Arulsamy, SSGr. III (Messenger) from Mandapam to Kovalam FC, 30 March.

Shri. M. Anbu, SSGr. II (Messenger) from Kovalam FC to Chennai, 31 March.

Shri. T. Thanenjayan, SSGr. II (Fieldman) from Mandapam Camp to Chennai, 1 September.

Shri. F. Arulpragasam, Binder (SSGr.1) promoted as Lower Division Clerk and transferred from Mandapam Camp to Kochi, 11 January, 1999

## INTER - INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS

Dr. N. Sridhar, Scientist (Senior Scale) from Kochi to CIFA Bangalore, 9 July.

Dr. Gaurav Rathore, Scientist from Mandapam Camp to NBFGR, Lucknow, 19 August.

Shri. Nand Kishore, Senior Administrative Officer from Kochi to CIAE, Bhopal; 17 July.

## RETIREMENT

Dr. K.S. Scariah, Senior Scientist at Kochi retired on attaining the age of superannuation, 31 August.