Minister Visits CMFRI


He visited the Centres and evinced keen interest in the research activities carried out both in the labs and fields. He appreciated the immense contribution of the scientists towards fisheries research and development.

Cultivation of Agar Yielding Seaweeds in Njarakkal

CMFRI has succeeded in the attempt of cultivating agar yielding seaweed, Gracilaria edulis in the near shore areas of Njarakkal, in Ernakulam District. Few selected plants, out of those collected from Mandapam, Tamil Nadu were kept in a perforated plastic packet and tied in the mussel culture farm at Njarakkal. Luxuriant growth was observed after a period of 2 months and the size of plants ranged between 10 to 15cm. Some of the matured cystocarpic plants from the same site were collected and kept for spore output which showed good release of viable spores. Work is under progress.

Marketing of Agar Extracted from Seaweeds

Under the ICAR Revolving Fund Project on 'Production of agar from seaweeds of Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay,' a total quantity of 204 Kg of agar produced was marketed and an income of Rs.45,650/- was generated.
Training

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Consultancy Programme

A consultancy programme on 'Feasibility study of pearl culture in Andaman and Nicobar islands', was undertaken from 20 to 30 October by a team of Scientists and Technical staff members from the Headquarters and Tuticorin Research Centre.

Radio Programme

Dr. D.C.V. Easterson, Senior Scientist and Officer - in - Charge participated in an interview in Tamil on the 'Activities of CMFRI', in All India Radio, Tuticorin, 22 December.

Dr. P. Muthiah, Senior Scientist gave a talk on 'Edible oyster culture' in All India Radio, Tirunelveli, 16 December.

Hindi Implementation Activities

During this quarter the following three programmes were held at Cochin

1. Open meet in Hindi on personality development.
2. Hindi improvement programme
3. Children's Hindi day.

Joint Hindi Week Celebrations at Cochin

Joint Hindi week celebrations of Cochin Town Official Language Implementation Committee was conducted at Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical Engineering Training,

Cochin from 22 to 30 November, 1999. CMFRI bagged three prizes. Dr. P. Jayasankar, Scientist (Senior Scale) won first prize in Hindi Light Music, Shri. P. Vijayagopal, Scientist (Senior Scale) won third prize in translation and Shri. P.P. Chandrasekharan Nair, Junior Clerk won consolation prize in Hindi typing.

Mangalore

Shri. G. Subramania Bhat, Technical Assistant of the Mangalore Research Centre got second prize in noting and drafting competition conducted by Mangalore TOLIC.

Calicut

Smt. K. Balamani, Senior Clerk received second prize in Hindi typing competition conducted by Calicut TOLIC.

Hindi Workshop

A two days Hindi Workshop was conducted at

Mandapam

Dr. V.S. Rao Chintala, Director, DOD, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Dr. G.R.M. Rao, Director, CIBA, Chennai.

Visitors

Veraval

Dr. K. P. P. Nambiar, Director, I N F O F I S H, Kualalampur.

Shri. Dilip Vyas, Phillips Food India Private Ltd. Tuticorin

Minicoy Research Centre, 1-2, November.
 Winners of the South Zone ICAR Sports Meet

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Sports team comprising 38 members including 6 women participated in the South Zone ICAR Sports meet held at Bangalore from 16 - 20 December. The members took part in various events such as football, Table tennis, Shuttle badminton, Kabaddi and Athletics. CMFRI bagged the fourth position in the overall performance among the South Zone ICAR Institutions.

The team was led by Dr. P. Kaladharan, Senior Scientist and member secretary sports.

Awards and Recognitions

Dr. K.C. George, Senior Scientist was awarded the Prof. Patri Rama Rao Award for Best Ph.D Thesis, which was instituted by the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists.

Engagements

Dr. V. Narayana Pillai, Director, CMFRI attended the following discussions:

- Discussions with Director, CIBA, Chennai regarding the allocation of two floors on the proposed permanent building complex of CIBA to house the Madras Research Centre of CMFRI.

- Discussions with DDG (Fy.), ADG (MFy) and other officials of the ICAR on pending matters of the Institute, 15, October.

- Participated in the Workshop on “Strategies for sustainable development in the coastal areas” organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, as a Member of the Committee on CRZ, 1 and 3 November.

- Participated in the 10th EFC of ICAR to consider the IX Plan scheme of CMFRI, 2 November.

- Discussions with Director of Fisheries and Secretary (Environment and Forests), Govt. of Karnataka regarding the final orders related to allotment of land for the Karwar Research Centre of CMFRI, 5, November.

- Visited Matsya fed Hatchery, Quilon and discussed with the officials concerned on
the possibilities of utilising the facilities for pearl oyster culture along the Kerala Coast, 17, November.

Discussions with Principal Secretary (Revenue), Govt. of Kerala, regarding extension of lease period for CMFRI Headquarters land at Cochin, 2 November.

Discussions with Secretary (Fisheries) and Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala regarding pearl culture programme to be taken up along Kerala Coast with participation from Fisheries Department and local fish farmers, 23 November.

Discussions with Superintendent Engineer, CPWD Trivandrum with regard to obtaining final clearance for the CMFRI residential complex at Cochin, 24, November.

Participated in the Workshop on, “Integrated coastal management with special reference to West Coast of India” and presented a technical paper at Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, 29 November.

Participated in the All India State Agricultural University (SAU) Vice-Chancellors Conference at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, 8, December.

Participated in the International Symposium on “Agricultural education in the next century - lessons learnt and prospects” held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, 9 to 11, December.

Attended a Symposium on “Recent trends in marine algal research in India”, organised by Annamalai University, Chidambaram and delivered the inaugural address, 27, December.

Participated in the Fisheries Directors’ meeting chaired by DDG (Fisheries) at Chennai, 28 December.

Dr. V.S.K Chennubhotla, Principal Scientist and Officer-in-charge, attended and chaired a session in the National Symposium on, “Recent trends in marine algal research in India” held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, December.

Dr. N. Kaliaperumal, Senior Scientist and Dr. S. Kalimuthu, Technical officer also attended the same.

Dr. Chennubhotla also attended a Symposium on “Man and environment reflections and vision for future”, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 2 to 4 December.

Mr. I. Jagdish, Scientist, participated in the, “India International Trade Fair 1999” conducted by India Trade Promotion Council, New Delhi.

Dr. R. Narayanakumar attended the VII Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Research Association of India (AERA), University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka, and presented a paper on ‘Potential, constraints and development of Marine fishery in the south-east coast of India’, 6-7 October.
Dr. Narayanakumar and Ms. S. Ashaletha participated in the Seminar on, 'Fuel conservation in fishing', organised by Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and Petroleum Conservation and Research Association, Munambam, Cochin, and presented a paper on Economics of fuel conservation, 21 October.

Smt. E.K. Uma, Senior Hindi Translator and Smt. E. Sasikala, Hindi Translator attended a two days Workshop on 'Official language implementation - achievements and perspectives,' NAARM, Hyderabad, 29-30 November.

Dr. G. Gopakumar, Senior Scientist and Shri. S. Radhakrishnan Nair, Junior Clerk attended a Hindi Workshop organised by Trivandrum TOLIC, 3 December.

Shri. T.S. Velayudhan, Senior Scientist and Shri. C. Jayakanthan, Junior Clerk attended the one day seminar organised by Cochin TOLIC, 30 November.

**Promotions**

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**Financial Upgradation under Assured Career Progression Scheme**

The following officials have been granted the benefit of financial upgradation to the next higher grades with effect from the dates indicated against each under the above scheme.

- Shri S. Radhakrishnan Nair, Lower Division Clerk at Vizhinjam to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.
- Shri Chandrasekharan Nair, P.P., Lower Division Clerk at Vizhinjam to the pay scale of Rs 5500-175-9000, 9 August.
- Ms. I. M. Baby Rajalakshmi, Senior Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 6500-200-10500, 9 August.
- Ms. A. Ranjini, Senior Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 5500-175-6000, 9 August.
- Ms. N. Yesoda, Stenographer at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 6500-200-10500, 9 August.
- Shri K.N. Murali, Junior Stenographer at KVK, Narakkal to the pay Scale of Rs 5500-175-9000, 9 August.
at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.

Ms. D. Lalithambika amma, Lower Division Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.

Ms. Binny Cheriyan, Lower Division Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.

Ms. N.G. Supriya, Lower Division Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.

Shri K. Sankaran, SSGr. I (Gardener) at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 2610 -60 -3150- 65 -3540, 9 August.

Shri T.P. Aboobacker, SSGr. I (Messenger) at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 2610 - 60 - 3150 - 65 - 3540, 9 August.

Shri M.J. Joseph, SSGr. I (Lab Attendent) at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 2610-60-3150-65-3540, 9 August.

Ms. Miriam Paul, Scientist from KVK Njarakkal to Visakhapatnam.

Shri. Wilson T. Mathew, Scientist from Chennai to Cochin.

Ms. K.N. Saleela, Scientist from Kakinada to Vizhinjam.

Ms Lakshmi Pillai, Scientist from Tuticorin to Calicut.

Ms. Sujatha Thomas, Scientist from Veraval to Calicut.

Shri K.M. Abdulla, Assistant from Mangalore to Karwar.

Shri T. R. Sreekumaran, Oilman T-II-3 from Vizhinjam to FMC Njarakkal.

Shri M. Selvaraj, Technical Assistant (T-II-3) from Tuticorin to Veraval.

Shri Bhavanandham, Assistant from Tuticorin to Mangalore.

Transfers

Dr. D.B. James, Senior Scientist from Tuticorin to Chennai.

Relief

Shri V. Radhakrishnan Nair, Technical Officer, (T-5) from Kochi was relieved from his duties on 20-11-99 to join as Scientist at NRCCWF, Nainital, 20, November.

Retirements

Shri D. Sivalingam, Senior Scientist at Tuticorin retired on attaining the age of superannuation, 31 October.

Shri Kuber Vidyasagar, Senior Scientist at Mumbai retired on attaining the age of superannuation, 30 November.

Shri Varughese Jacob, Technical officer (T-6) at Kochi retired on attaining the age of superannuation, 30 November.

Resignation

Ms. S. Nagammal, SSGr III (Lab attendent) at Mandapam Camp resigned, 31 December.