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## Minister Visits CMFRI

Shri. Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav, Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India, visited Mandapam, Tuticorin and Vizhinjam Research Centres from 31 December to 3 January, 2000.

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.



Honourable Minister Shri. Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav viewing the specimens kept at the museum at Mandapam

## 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.

### **Fishermen - Farmers - Industry - Institution Meet**

The XXXVII and XXXVIII monthly Fishermen - Farmers - Industry - Institution meets were organised at Panambukad with the focal themes 'Credit and saving schemes to fisherfolk' and 'Utilisation of low cost fish', respectively.

### **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 Ra-

### **Training**

Topic	Duration	No. of participants			Venue
		Men	Women	Total	
Seaweed culture and Utilisation	16-11-99 to 20.11-99	7	1	8	Mandapam
Mud crab farming	13-12-99 to 18-12-99	10	5	15	Cochin



Shri Charles Ekka, Senior Administrative Officer explaining the activities of administration in the 'self presentation' programme conducted on 28.10.1999.

dio, Tirunelveli ; 16 December.

gramme

3. Children's Hindi day.

### **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 pro-

### **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,



Children of officers and staff participated in the 'Children's Hindi Day' organised on 30.12.1999.

Minicoy Research Centre, 1-2, November.

### Visitors

#### Veraval

Dr. K. P. P. Nambiar, Director, INFO.F.I.S.H., Kuala Lumpur.

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

#### Mandapam

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

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

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.

Hindi typing competition conducted by Calicut TOLIC.

### Hindi Workshop

A two days Hindi Workshop was conducted at

#### 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



Opening ceremony of the South Zone ICAR sports meet - The CMFRI contingent

### Winners of the South Zone ICAR Sports Meet

1) First Prize	Discus Throw	Shri. Purandara Shetty, Lower Division Clerk
2) First Prize	Shotput Throw	Shri. Purandara Shetty
3) First Prize	Jawelin Throw	Shri. Shaji, Laboratory Attendent.
4) Second prize	100 m race	Shri. Joseph Mathew, Gestner operator
5) Second prize	200 m race	-do-
6) Third Prize	Long Jump	-do-
7) Third Prize	High Jump	-do-
8) Third Prize	4 x 100 m relay	Shri. K. Jerald Raja Shri. Satheesh Kumar. P Shri. A.K. Shaji Shri. Joseph Mathew

#### Sports

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 foot ball, Table tennis, Shuttle badminton, kabadi 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 with the Secretary (Fisheries), and Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala on matters pertaining to the issue of revised order regarding the land allotment for the construction of hatchery cum laboratories for Vizhinjam Research Centre of

CMFRI, 1, October.

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 Matsyafed 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 Superintending 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.

### Others

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 working group meeting of resource persons for development of National Voca-

tional qualifications in fisheries at PSS, Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, 12-16 October.

Dr. Chennubhotla also attended and presented papers in the UGC sponsored National Conference-cum-Workshop on "Wet land conservation at Washim", Maharashtra, 23 to 25 October.

Dr. Chennubhotla 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.

### **Appointments**

Dr. R. Paul Raj as Head, PNPD at Kochi, 13 December.

Shri. T. Narender as Scientist (On Probation) at Fisheries Harbour Laboratory, 12 November.

Shri Biju, M.V. as Hindi Translator (T - II - 3) at Mandapam Camp, 30 October.

Shri C. Mugesh as Skin Diver (T-2) at Tuticorin, 8 November.

### **Promotions**

Shri S. Murugan, SSGr. II (Safaiwala) as SSGr. III (Safaiwala) at Mandapam Camp, 27 September.

Shri V. Narasimha Bharathi, SSGr. II (Daftry) as SSGr. III (Daftry) at Mandapam Camp, 6 October.

Shri K. Shanmuganathan, SSGr. I (Lab attendant) as SSGr. II (Lab attendant) at Mandapam Camp, 27 September.

### **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.

Ms. K.J. Malathi Devi, Stenographer at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 6500-200-10500, 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 Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 5500-175-999, 9 August.

Shri C.D. Manoharan, Junior Stenographer at KVK, Narakkal 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 5500-175-6000, 9 August.

Ms. A. Ranjini, Senior Clerk at Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 5500-175-9000, 9 August.

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 Kochi to the pay scale of Rs 4000-100-6000, 9 August.

Ms. D. Lalithambikaamma, 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, 25 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.

### Transfers

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

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.

Shri K. Thinakaran SSGr.I (Deckhand) from Tuticorin to Veraval.

### 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 attendant) at Mandapam Camp resigned, 31 December.