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Minister Visits CMFRI

Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav, Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India, visited CMFRI Head Quarters, Cochin on the 13th of May 2000. He visited the Agricultural Research Information System (ARIS) Centre and other research laboratories of the Institute. While addressing the staff of the Institute, he appreciated the research activities undertaken in the institute and stressed the need for taking up need-based and location specific research.

Visit of the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) to the Institute

The QRT team visited the Institute from 30th May to June 1st. The team comprised Dr. S.D.Tripathi (Former Director, CIFE, Mumbai) as chairman and Dr.D.Sudarsan (Former D.G.,FSI) and Dr.K.Muralidhar (Prof.& Head of Department of Zoology,



Shri Hukumdeo Narayan Yadav, Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India addressing the staff members of the CMFRI

University of Delhi) as members. The team thoroughly reviewed the research activities carried out by the different divisions.



Dr. V.N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI briefing the research activities to the QRT team members

Research Highlights

At Vizhinjam, several batches of larvae of the highly priced ornamental fish, blue damsel were hatched out. Experiments for improving the larval rearing are progressing.



Significant results were achieved at Mandapam in the larval rearing of mud crabs (*Scylla tranquebarica*). The Zoea larvae were fed with suitable live feed. It metamorphosed into megalopa and then to button crab stage in the experimental hatchery.



In Tuticorin the windowpane oyster, *Placenta placenta* was successfully bred for the first time. Oysters collected from the Tuticorin bay were induced to spawn by thermal stimulation. A total of 2700 seeds were produced and are being reared in the hatchery. The mantle tissue of windowpane oyster was taken for explant /organ culture. Cells were taken for cryopreservation and study on revival cells was initiated. As these oysters inhabit muddy bottom and are capable of producing natural pearls, the cells are used in in-vitro pearl production.

Staff Research Council

The seventh reconstituted Staff Research Council meeting

was held at CMFRI Headquarters on 22nd and 23rd June in the presence of Dr. R. A. Selvakumar, Assistant Director General (M.Fy.), ICAR.

Fishermen-Farmers-Industry-Institution Meet

The XL monthly Fishermen-Farmers-Industry-Institution Meet with the focal theme of "Organising self help groups among fisherwomen" was organised at Panambukad in collaboration with Ambedkhar Vanitha Society, Panambukad, 11 April.

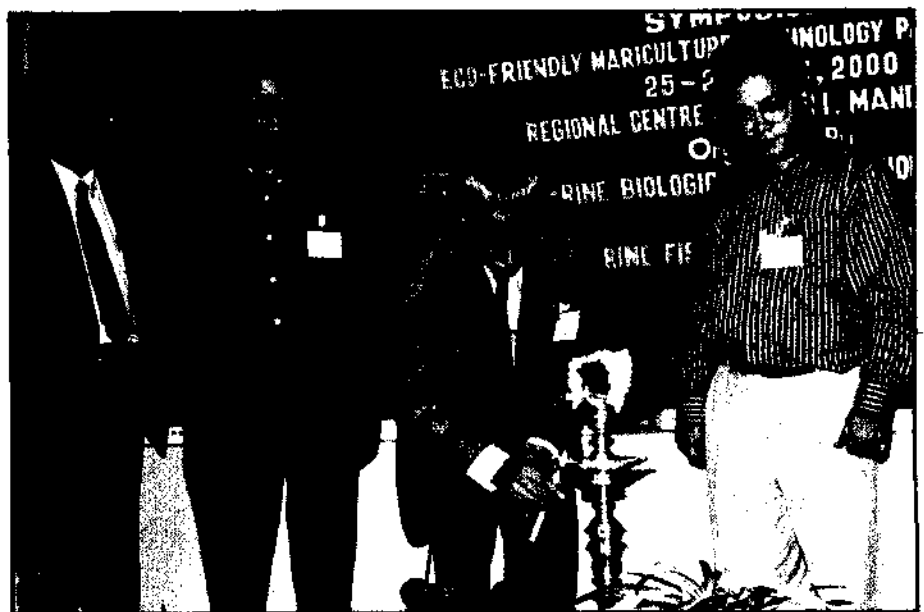
Training Programmes

A training programme on ornamental fish culture was conducted for 20 unemployed women of Kasargod District during June with an aim to develop self help group.

A two days training programme was conducted for 20 women of the Ambedkhar Vanitha Society at Panambukad on the preparation of diversified products from low cost fish in collaboration with KVK, Njarakkal, 25- 26 May.

National Symposium/Seminars

A National Symposium on 'Ecofriendly mariculture technology packages - an update' was organised at the Mandapam Regional Centre of the CMFRI in collaboration with the Marine Biological Association of India. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Gopakumar, Deputy Director General (Fy.) ICAR, New Delhi and presided over by Shri T.K. Ramachandran IAS, District Collector, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu. Twenty three



Dr. K. Gopakumar, Deputy Director General (Fy.) ICAR, New Delhi inaugurating the National Symposium, by lighting a lamp

research papers were presented, 25-26 April

Workshop

A Hindi workshop was organised for the staff of Minicoy Centre, June 6.

Exhibition

CMFRI participated in the All India Exhibition "Cochin 2000" organised by the Corporation of Cochin, at Marine Drive from 5-31 May. The CMFRI stall was inaugurated by Dr. V. N. Pillai, Director in the presence of the Worshipful Mayor, Shri K.K. Somasundara Panicker, Corporation of Cochin.

rector, CMFRI attended the following.

Discussion with Officer-In-Charge, Madras Research Centre of CMFRI and officials concerned of the State Fisheries and Revenue Department, Government of Tamil Nadu regarding laying of Seawater pipeline at Kovalam Field Laboratory.

Discussions with an official representing the Standing Central Government Council regarding the arrears of rent for former office building of Madras Research Centre of CMFRI, 20th May.

Discussion with the officials of Centre for Advanced Studies

seaweed culture and utilization at Mandapam Regional Centre of CMFRI, May 21.

Chaired the special meeting of Trawl Ban Committee of Kerala State representing the Chairman of the Committee and finalised the report of the Committee, 7 June.

Meeting with Superintending Engineer-CPWD, regarding clearances of staff quarters of CMFRI, June 7.

Attended a one day workshop organised by Department of Space at SAC, Ahmedabad and made a presentation regarding application of Satellite data in marine fisheries forecasting.

Attended the Trawl Ban Committee Meeting at Guest House, Trivandrum, June 6.

Discussions with DDG (Fy.) concerning the conduct of ICLARM National Workshop at Cochin from 1st to 4th August.

Others

Shri D.C.V. Easterson, Senior Scientist and Officer-in-charge, attended an awareness campaign organised by the Central Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tuticorin, 1 May.

Shri A. Chellam, Senior Scientist participated and gave a lecture on 'Artificial reef and its ben-



Dr. V.N. Pillai, Director, CMFRI, inaugurating the exhibition in the presence of Cochin Mayor

Engagements

Dr. V. Narayana Pillai, Di-

in Marine Biology, Annamalai University in connection with the collaborative research project on

efits' at the meeting arranged by the Department of fisheries, Tamil Nadu at Tharuvaikulam on 30th May. The meeting was headed by Ms. Jennifer Chandran, Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamilnadu.

Shri Chellam also gave a lecture on the marine molluscs of India at the DBT Short term training course on , 'Principles and methodologies in marine biotechnology at the Institute of Coastal Area Studies, M.S. University, Nagercoil, 3 June.

Smt. Asha P.S. Scientist delivered a lecture on 'Biodiversity of Echinoderms with special emphasis to Seacucumber resources, at the Institute of Coastal Area Studies, M.S. University, Nagercoil, June 3.

Smt. Sheela P.J., Assistant Director (OL) attended the inauguration ceremony of the creative writing programme, Cochin University of Science and Technology, April. 4.

Degree awarded

Shri Gulshad Mohamed, Scientist was awarded Ph.D. degree in Marine Sciences by the Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin for his thesis entitled "Studies on the effects of thermal effluents on the physiology of selected seaweeds". He



worked under the guidance of Dr.V.S.K. Chennubhotla, Principal Scientist, CMFRI.



Shri V. Gandhi, Senior Scientist at Mandapam Regional Centre was awarded Ph.D. degree by the Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai for his thesis entitled "Studies on the Ecology and biology of butterfly, *Scatophagus argus* in Mandapam coastal region".

CMFRI Wins Trophy

The CMFRI won the Rolling Trophy (II position) for the best Hindi implementation activities for the year 1999-2000 instituted by the Cochin Town Official Language Implementation Committee. Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Head,

PFD, received the trophy from the Chairman, Cochin TOLIC.

Appointments

Dr. A. Laxminarayana, Senior Scientist as Chief Training Organiser at TTC, Kochi, 3. April.

Promotions

Shri L. Appa Rao. SSGr. II (Messenger) as SSGr. III (Messenger) at Visakhapatnam 2, May.

Transfers

Dr. E.V. Radhakrishnan, Senior Scientist from Calicut to Kochi.

Shri D. Kandaswamy, Senior Scientist from Mandapam Camp to Chennai.

Shri V.S. Rengaswamy, Senior Scientist from Tuticorin to



Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Head P.F. Division receiving the Rajbhasha Rolling Trophy from Shri P.Thiagarajan, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Cochin for the excellent Official Language implementation for the year 1999-2000 installed by Cochin Town Official Language implementation committee.

Chennai.

Dr. A.C.C. Victor, Senior Scientist from Mandapam Camp to Tuticorin.

Dr. G. Maheswarudu, Scientist (SS) from Mandapam Camp to Visakhapatnam.

Smt. Rekha J. Nair, Scientist from Mandapam Camp to Fishery Harbour laboratory, Kochi.

Smt. Preetha Panikkar, Scientist from Mandapam Camp to Calicut.

Shri E.M. Abdusamad, Scientist from Kakinada to Tuticorin.

Smt. Josileen Jose, Scientist from Mandapam Camp to FHL, Kochi.

Shri Gulshad Mohamed, Scientist from Minicoy to Calicut.

Dr. M.K. Anil, Scientist from Karwar to Vizhinjam.

Shri P.J. Davis, Assistant Administrative Officer from Mandapam Camp to Kochi,

Shri K. Diwakar, Senior Technical Assistant (T-4) from Mandapam Camp to Kochi,

Shri S. Chandrasekhar, Junior Technical Assistant. (T-2) from Visakhapatnam to Puri Field Centre.

Shri N. Govindan Assistant from KVK, Narakkal to CMFRI, Kochi,

Shri N.K. Mohanan, Senior Clerk from Kochi to KVK, Narakkal,

Shri M.R. Bharathan, SSGr. IV from Calicut to KVK, Narakkal

Inter Institutional transfer

Dr. C. Ramachandran, Scientist from CRIDA, Hyderabad to Kochi, 15 May.

Dr. (Mrs.) Somy Kuriakose, Scientist from IARI, New Delhi to Kochi, 4 May.

Dr. R. Venugopalan, Scientist from Chennai to IIHR, Bangalore. 29, April.

Shri Joseph George, Assistant Finance & Accounts Officer from NRCG, Pune, to Kochi, 5 May.

Relief

Shri S. Mony, Assistant Finance & Accounts Officer at Kochi on repatriation to parent office on completion of the period of deputation.

Retirements

The following staff retired on superannuation.

Dr. G. Sudhakara Rao,

Head, CFD at Kochi, 30 June.

Dr. V.S.K. Chennubhotla, Principal Scientist & OIC, Visakhapatnam, 30 June.

Shri G.P. Kumaraswamy Achari, Senior Scientist at Vizhinjam, 30 June.

Shri P.K. Velayudhan, Technical Officer T (8) (Mate) at Kochi, 30 April.

Shri N. Ratnaswamy, Technical Officer (T-6) at Tuticorin, 31 May.

Shri N.P. Kunjickrishnan, Technical Officer (T-6) at Calicut April - June 2000 No. 90, 30 June.

Shri K.S. Vaidyalingam, SSGr. IV (Fieldman) at Kochi, 30 April.

Shri K. Narasimha Murty, SSGr. IV (Lab. Attendant) at Kakinada, 29 February.

Shri S. Muthuramalingam, SSGr. IV (Lab. Attendant) at Mandapam Camp, 30 June.

Shri A. Raman SSGr. IV (Fieldman) at Mandapam Camp, 31 May.

Shri N. Rajavelu, SSGr. II (Watchman) at Tuticorin, 30 June.

Shri G.S. Rayappan. SSGr. II (Fieldman) at Tuticorin, 30 June.