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Dr. Swaminathan accompanied by Dr. S. V. Bapat, Officer-in-Charge of Bombay Centre, goes round the labs.

An Unusual Catch of Catfish at Nagapatnam

On 5th October, trawlemen working along the coast of Nagapatnam brought news of sitting large shoals of catfish (*Arius* sp.) 5 kilometres away from shore. Wasting no time, katamaran fishermen of Kechakuppam set out to the spot with their bagnets, 'Isuvalai'. They bagged about 31,000 kg of fish just in two days, after which the fishery ended as abruptly as began. The catch, consisting of fish of 4 kg average weight, were soon sold out at a handsome price. According to Shri. K. S. Krishnan, Technical Assistant, who reported the incident, such large shoals of *Arius* appear very infrequently along this coast; the last record being 7 or 8 years before.

Chank Fishery at Cochin

During July-August 76, the shrimp trawlers operating off Cochin netted an estimated 12,000 sacred chank, *Xancus pyrum* var. *acuta*, from a depth of 70 metres. The size of the shells ranged from 85 mm to 227 mm in length and 37 mm to 105 mm in breadth. The chanks were sold out easily at a price varying from Rs. 3 to Rs. 13 per shell. However, there was no fishery afterwards.