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Prof. (Dr.) Mohan Joseph Modayil Assumes Charge as the Director of CMFRI



Prof. (Dr.) Mohan Joseph Modayil took over charge as the Director of CMFRI on 2nd September 2000. Earlier he had been serving as Professor and Head, Department of Fisheries Resources Management, College of Fisheries, University of Agricultural Sciences, Mangalore. He had been serving the University under various capacities during a span of 30 years at College of Fisheries, Mangalore since its inception.

Prof. Mohan Joseph possesses a glorious academic and professional career. After completing M.Sc. in Marine Biology from Kerala University, he worked on cryptofauna of seaweeds for his Ph.D degree in Bioscience at Mandapam and obtained his doctorate degree from Mysore University. He joined as instructor in the Fisheries College, Mangalore when it was established and attained the position of Professor and Head, Department of Fisheries Resources Management. He is a dedicated scientist whose contributions in the field of community based coastal resource management and mariculture have been well recognised at both national and international level. He has served as consultant to various international organisations and had visited 15 countries on professional assignment. He has more than 90 research reports,

articles, manuals, books and reviews to his credit in national as well as international journals. In addition, he has also contributed a chapter in the internationally acclaimed book, 'Tropical Mariculture' on invitation by the Academic Press, London.

Prof. Mohan Joseph is an able administrator. He is very clear and specific in his objectives and work plans. The successful organisation and execution of the meetings of the Asian Fisheries Forum in 1996 at Cochin and in 2000 at Bhubaneswar provides testimony to his administrative skills. It is because of his interest and enthusiasm bestowed during his tenure as the Honorary Secretary of the Asian Fisheries Society (Indian Branch) its head quarters was commissioned in the premises of the College of Fisheries, Mangalore. For the past four years, he has been holding additional responsibility

as country coordinator for the PHF project of the Department for International Development (DFID) of the U.K.