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A few golden moments

There were several Golden moments to be remembered during my tenure of 16 years in CMFRI. I consider it as a great privilege and honour to have been given the opportunity of serving CMFRI for a major part of my official career and finally to be elevated to the rank of Director.

In fact every symposium, seminar, visit of Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Members of Parliament committees and other dignitaries to the Institute provided the golden moments of joy and happiness to the staff members in view of the appreciation of the work done by the Institute expressed by these dignitaries from time to time. In fact it was the unity among the staff and the support extended from their side which provided the Institute with fame and glory.

When I joined CMFRI as Scientist S-3 in the Fishery Environment Management Division of the Institute in the year 1985, the HQ at Cochin was functioning at different rented premises. Consequent on completion

of Institute's own building behind Kerala High Court in February, 1986, the new facility was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of India, Shri. Bhuta Singh in the presence of Shri. K. Karunakaran the then Chief Minister of Kerala and other dignitaries during end of February, 1986. This was perhaps the most important golden moment I could remember.

The occasion also remembered the effort put in by the former Directors of CMFRI (Late Dr. N. K. Panikkar, Late Dr. S. Jones, Dr. S. Z. Qasim and Dr. E. G. Silas) who fulfilled the desire of the marine fishery research community of the country to have a centralized national research facility for marine fisheries research and education, covering both capture and culture aspects. Through the efforts put in by these eminent personalities and senior marine fishery scientists who managed the Institute as Directors since 1986, the CMFRI has grown into the largest marine fisheries research facility in the country.

I am unable to give expressions to many many golden moments I have witnessed in CMFRI between 1985 and 2000 in a few words. The tenure of 16 years which I have spent in CMFRI was most memorable. To be honest, I have really enjoyed my tenure in CMFRI in different capacities till my retirement as Director in the year 2000 with the full support of different categories of staff at HQ and Regional/Research Centres.