

## **Training course on Know Your Marine Biodiversity to be held in Kochi from Feb 5 to 9**

KOCHI, 24 January 2024: The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is set to offer lessons on marine biodiversity and environment to postgraduate students, researchers and academicians, recognising its crucial role for ensuring the health of oceans for the well-being of future generations.

A five-day training course on Know Your Marine Biodiversity and Environment (MARBIE) will be held from February 5 to 9 at the institute. It will offer a deeper understanding on marine biodiversity, taxonomy, ecosystem functions, and environmental challenges, and develop skills and tools for assessing, managing and conserving marine resources. A range of topics, including coral reef diversity, marine mammal conservation, marine fish identification, mapping spatial distribution of marine resources, marine environmental quality assessment, sea turtle conservation, and tackling marine debris. Hands-on practical sessions and field visits will be offered at the programme.

In the face of mounting threats, including climate change and pollution, understanding and protecting marine biodiversity is crucial in ensuring global food security and mitigating climate change, said Dr A Gopalakrishnan, Director of the CMFRI.

Interested participants can register online using a Google form given at the CMFRI website ([www.cmfri.org.in](http://www.cmfri.org.in)) on or before January 29. A maximum of 30 participants will be accommodated. Dr Miriam Paul Sreeram is the Course Convener. Phone- 8301048849.