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‘Fisheries play key role in ensuring food security’

Kochi: Fish, fishers, and fisheries are key areas that require focused attention of the state in the wake of the ‘blue economy’ which focuses on sustainable ocean development. This sector plays a key role in food security, said S Ayyappan, ICAR’s former director general. He said the fisheries sector plays a crucial role in ensuring the food and nutritional security as well as the livelihood of millions of fishermen in the country.

He was speaking at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) after being honoured for his outstanding contributions to the Indian fisheries sector.

Calling on the scientists to focus on strengthening India’s food production system, Ayyappan stressed on the critical role of fisheries research in enhancing production as well as safeguarding the livelihoods of fishermen. He said the challenge of climate change and marine pollution is undeniable, underlining the need for research efforts to prioritise solutions for these issues.

Ayyappan was conferred with the honorary fellowship from the Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI) during the function. TNN