

2 women in fisheries win recognition from CMFRI

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In recognition of their perseverance and hard work, ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) honoured Ivy Jose and K G Rethi Kumari, two successful women entrepreneurs in the fisheries sector.

Ivy Jose from Munambam in Ernakulam district excelled in fish manure production, while Rethi Kumari, from Onattukara near Alappuzha, carved a niche in ornamental fish farming.

Both women are beneficiaries of CMFRI's Science-Technology Innovation (STI) Hub scheme and were acknowledged for their dedication and management skills in their respective fields.



ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOST. While Rethi Kumari (left) from Onattukara excelled in ornamental fish farming, Ivy Jose from Munambam ventured into fish manure production

Inspired by the potential to transform fish waste into a valuable product, Ivy Jose ventured into fertilizer production. She now runs the 'Ivy's Agro-hub' near Munambam harbour.

The fish waste is combined with a bacterial inoculum and attractively packaged in a powder format.

This fertilizer not only enhances crop yield but also

improves soil quality. Rethi Kumari's passion for ornamental fish farming blossomed from a hobby into a successful business. With scientific training and dedicated efforts, she established 'Dear Guppy', a well-stocked ornamental fish farm.

A pivotal point in her growth was a training programme conducted by the National Fisheries Development Board.