

## 75 YEARS OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE: CMFRI RELEASES CORPORATE MY STAMP AND POSTAL COVER



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In a momentous celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has unveiled a commemorative Corporate My Stamp and special postal cover, signifying the institute's rich legacy and contributions to the field of India's marine fisheries research and development. Sayeed Rashid, IPoS, Postmaster General, Kochi officially released the stamp and cover by handing over to Dr A Gopalakrishnan, Director of CMFRI.

In the special release, 5000 sheets of stamps, each containing 12 stamps, have been made available, making them a prized collectible for philatelists and marine enthusiasts alike. The stamp's design encapsulates CMFRI's dedication to marine research, bearing the inscription '75 Years of Research Excellence' alongside the institute's logo and the image of CMFRI headquarters in Kochi.

From a humble beginning in 1947, the institute has emerged as a leading tropical marine fisheries and

mariculture research hub in the world. Presently, CMFRI has 11 Regional Research Centres all along the peninsular coast of the country at Mandapam, Visakhapatnam, Veraval, Mumbai, Chennai, Calicut, Karwar, Tuticorin, Vizhinjam, Mangalore and Digha, along with 17 Field Centres and two Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) under its wings. Speaking on the occasion, CMFRI Director Dr A Gopalakrishnan said: "This is a proud moment for CMFRI. It is a testament to the institute's unwavering commitment to advancing marine fisheries and mariculture research and development for the socio-economic betterment of the coastal communities."

Over the years, serving as a leading institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), CMFRI has made significant contributions to the marine fisheries research, helping in sustaining the marine fish production and management of the sector in the Indian Ocean region and towards augmenting the livelihood of close to 40 lakh fisherfolk in India, he said.

### eFISHERY ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF PILOT PROJECT IN INDIA AND PLANS FOR EXPANSION

Southeast Asia's leading aquaculture company, eFishery, headquartered in Indonesia, announced the completion of its commercial pilot in India signaling a broader expansion beyond Southeast Asia with a deliberate, one-country-at-a-time approach to sustainability and impact assessment. The pilot project was kicked off in March 2023, successfully acquiring over 1,000 acres of ponds under contract and distributing more than 3,000 metric tonnes of feed. The achievement brings the firm closer to expanding its footprint to five new Indian states by the end of 2024. It commenced its operations in Andhra Pradesh, and has conducted a thorough market and strategy assessment.

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