

Scheduled Caste families in Kodungallur harvest 1.7 tonnes of mussels with CMFRI support



As many as 15 families belonging to the Scheduled Caste community in Kerala's Kodungallur reaped a bumper harvest of mussels with the support of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. The farming turned into a huge success, with two self-help groups

getting a yield of 1.7 tonnes of mussels.

Aimed at uplifting the living standards of the SC families, CMFRI installed two mussel farms made of GI pipes for members of 15 SC families in December last year and offered all the scientific and technical support, enabling the community engage in a sustainable aquaculture. This was part of CMFRI's Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) scheme aimed at uplifting the living standards of the SC families.

CMFRI's efforts to popularise this less expensive farming method among the community yielded a good result with the farmers achieving a bumper harvest with good growth rate. Shell-on mussels are expected to fetch a market price between ₹200-250 per kg.