



Symposium on marine ecosystems begins

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A COMMUNITY of marine scientists, policymakers and experts is coming together in Kochi at a three-day symposium to discuss the challenges faced by marine ecosystems, fisheries and aquaculture.

The fourth edition of the international symposium on Marine Ecosystems: Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS-4) kick-started on Tuesday at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). The event, inaugurated by S Somanath, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will conclude on Thursday.

Organised by the Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI) in association with CMFRI, the symposium will also feature an exciting seafood festival. The event promises a blend of traditional



coastal recipes and innovative fusion dishes.

The menu will feature *Kalummakkaya* (mussel) and octopus, along with a diverse fish, crab and shrimp varieties. Adding to the culinary excitement will be special items such as seafood biriyani and *sagara sadya*.

The cookery show will be held from 3pm to 5pm on November 4 and November 5.