

ICAR-CMFRI Visakhapatnam Marks 79th Foundation Day With Open House



Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Regional Centre of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI) marked its 79th Foundation Day on Tuesday with a vibrant open house event that attracted over 1,100 visitors, offering a close look at the region’s rich marine life.

The day-long programme, held from 10 am to 4 pm at the institute’s Ramakrishna Beach facility behind the Aqua Sports Complex, drew nearly 1,000 schoolchildren from 15 educational institutions, along with about 100 postgraduate and doctoral students and the public. Visitors, especially children, were fascinated by live displays of marine organisms, including translucent jellyfish housed in specially designed tanks, various species of crabs and shrimps, colourful seaweeds, and a range of fish species.

The open house featured several attractions, including museum tours highlighting marine biodiversity, displays of SCUBA and surfing equipment, kayaks, and photo opportunities with life-sized models of sharks, dolphins, lobsters and octopuses. A key highlight was interaction sessions with 12 marine researchers, who shared insights into their ongoing research and addressed questions from visitors. Participants were also given access to state-of-the-art laboratories, where they observed microscopic marine organisms through microscopes. The exhibits covered a wide range of themes, including sustainable fishing practices, marine biodiversity conservation, and advances in aquaculture technology.