

# Matsya Mela calls for fisheries hub in Dweep

**Kochi:** The three-day Matsya Mela concluded at Kavaratti on Tuesday with a call for establishing an integrated fisheries hub in Lakshadweep. The hub is aimed as a single-window platform to streamline marketing, strengthen the fisheries value chain and enhance the income and livelihood security of island



fishing communities.

Organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lakshadweep, which is under Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), the fair proposed a roadmap to boost the economy of the islands and ensure sustainable fisheries management.

Experts and stakeholders said that the proposed fisheries hub would focus on organized fish marketing, common landing and handling facilities, cold storage and cold-chain infrastructure, value addition units, and export facilitation, enabling Lakshadweep to unlock the full potential of its tuna-based fisheries and emerging mariculture sectors. TNN