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CMFRI removes 300kg waste from Puthuvype beach

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Kochi: Around 300kg of waste was removed from Puthuvype beach during a clean-up drive held to mark World Ocean Day on Tuesday. It was held under Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

Participants collected and segre-

gated various types of waste, including plastic bottles, food packaging materials, discarded fishing-related debris and other non-biodegradable litter that accumulated along the shoreline. The quantity of waste removed from the beach highlights the growing threat posed by litter to coastal habitats, marine organisms

and public health.

The clean-up drive was carried out by staff members and research scholars of CMFRI's Marine Biodiversity, Environment and Management (MBEM) division at Puthuvype, which attracts large numbers of tourists and local visitors.

The initiative was aimed at crea-

ting awareness among the public about marine pollution and encouraging responsible waste disposal practices. The programme also emphasised the need for collective action involving citizens, institutions and local communities to protect beaches and marine ecosystems from pollution.