Multi-purpose fishing vessel launched

GREEN FISHING: ICAR Director General Trilochan Mohapatra launches the multi-purpose fishing vessel Sagar Harita in the city on Monday. — PHOTO: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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KOCHI: Sagar Harita, the multi-purpose fishing vessel developed by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) was launched here on Monday.

Trilochan Mohapatra, the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), inaugurated the launch ceremony. The 19.75-metre-long vessel was built under the project, Green Fishing Systems for the Tropical Seas.

Responsible harvest

Dr. Mohapatra, who called for responsible harvest of natural resources, suggested that the status of each potential resource be appraised in the context of threat to diversity, climate changes and economic value. Joykrushna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science), ICAR, presided over the function.

C.N. Ravishankar, Director, CIFT; Shekhar Mital, chairman and managing director of Goa Shipyard; Leena Nair, chairperson, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Kochi; K. Gopakumar, former deputy director general (Fisheries), ICAR; and Chhabilendra Roul, secretary (ICAR) spoke.

The vessel was launched by Kalpana Mohapatra at NI- PHATT Jetty, Kochi.