Role of fisheries in nutrition stressed

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Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat has said that the fisheries sector has a lot of potential to bring about nutritional security among the poor and malnourished farm families and double their income.

He was addressing a meeting during a visit to ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) on Friday to review its activities.

Citing the encouraging fish production potential of the country with an annual growth trend of more than 6%, Mr. Bhagat told scientists that it was the right time to link research to end users.

He called for a blend of traditional knowledge with modern technology to make the technology more cost effective and sustainable. The Minister spoke with stakeholders such as fishermen, women self-help group members and fish processors on the problems in harvesting and post-harvesting in fisheries. He released some newly developed fish products and an e-book, Mechanised Fishing Vessels of India.