CIFT set to take on malnutrition

Kochi: To address the burning issue of malnutrition, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi along with other research institutes in India namely CIFA, Bhubaneswar and CIFRI, West Bengal have joined hands with World Fish Centre, Penang, Malaysia, to work together in India on the issue. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director General (ICAR) and Dr. Gareth Johansen, Director General, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM) also known as the World Fish Centre signed a collaborative work plan the other day on Fish Agri-Food System for the period 2018-19. “Compared to other meat varieties, fishes supply cheapest animal protein which has very good digestibility. Developing variety of products from highly nutritious low cost small indigenous fishes assures the enhancement of dietary diversity of poor consumers thereby improving their nutritional status,” said an official. The MoU aims at addressing the three interlinked challenges of sustainable aquaculture, sustainable small scale fisheries, and enhancing the contribution of fish to nutrition and health of the poor in priority geographies of Africa, Asia and the Pacific.