

CIFT kiosks to boost biz

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In an attempt to overhaul the existing system of fish selling to a modernised, hygienic system and to attract women fisherfolk to the fish retail selling, the State Fisheries department will adopt the fish vending kiosks, designed by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT). The department will provide ₹ 20 lakhs to Theeramaithri wing of Society for Assistance to Fisherwomen (SAF) to purchase 20 kiosks from CIFT which will be distributed to 20 women beneficiaries on an experi-



mental basis.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed in this regard on Monday between Dr. CN Ravishankar, director of CIFT and N.S. Sreelu, executive director of SAF. As per the MoU, CIFT will fabricate and install 20

refrigerated mobile fish vending kiosks for the benefit of women SHGs under Theeramaithri project.

The movable kiosk unit is mounted on a frame with wheels at the bottom. It is made of food grade stainless steel with tough-

ened glass for display. The kiosk can carry about 20-30 kg of fresh fish under chilled storage condition.

The main components of the kiosk are chilled storage cum display facility, hand operated de-scaling machine, fish dressing deck with wash basin, water tank, waste collection chamber and working space. Under ideal operating condition, the unit can extend the shelf life of fish for 4 to 5 days.

The Hyderabad base National Fisheries Development Board has also evinced interest on the kiosk and working modalities for its distribution is in processing stage.