

ICAR-CIFT promotes awareness on over-fishing



The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi, on Monday celebrated the World Fisheries Day to create awareness about over-fishing, habitat destruction and other serious threats affecting the sustainability of the vast aquatic resources and to remind the need for eco-sustainable management of global fisheries. More than 85 college students from nearby colleges, graduate and post graduate, in Kochi along with scientists, staff of the institute and two international trainees from Bangladesh participated in the programme. Mayor Saumini Jain inaugurated the programme in the presence of Malini Biju, counsellor, Willingdon Island, North Division and C N Ravishankar, director, ICAR-CIFT. Saumini Jain, in her speech expressed concern over some of the major issues like large scale juvenile fishing, over-fishing, pollution in water bodies etc. and suggested that stakeholders in fishery sectors may come together for sustainable exploitation of fish and fishery resources. Malini Biju, local counsellor offered felicitations address. C N Ravishankar, director, ICAR-CIFT highlighted the accomplishments of CIFT in respect of advance technology development in fishing and fish harvesting and assured to join hand with the line departments and other agencies to address the emerging issues in this sector. Leela Edwin, HOD, fishing technology and convener of the programme welcomed the gathering while Ashok Kumar offered vote of thanks. ICAR-CIFT also conducted a seminar on 'Need for conservation of fishery resources' followed by an open Quiz Competition among the graduate and post graduate students from colleges in and around Kochi.