

CIFT signs MoU with HP govt for consultancy

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THE Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi, has signed a MoU with the Himachal Pradesh Government to provide technical consultancy for setting up canning and fish processing units in the North Indian state.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Thakur Singh Bharmouri, Minister of Forest and Fisheries, Government of Himachal Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, Bharmouri lauded the role played by ICAR-CIFT scientists, through scientific interventions, for welfare of the State's fisher population. He said the MoU would strengthen the link between ICAR-CIFT and the Himachal Pradesh Fisheries Department. ICAR-CIFT director C N Ravishankar in his presidential address shed light on the accomplishments of the institute, and sought cooperation of the other states to address the harvest and post-harvest problems faced by the fisheries sector across the country. Gurcharan Singh, director of Fisheries Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, appreciated the prompt and timely initiatives taken by the ICAR-CIFT to conduct field survey and analysis on the status of fisheries in Himachal Pradesh.

As per the MoU, the ICAR-CIFT will provide consultancy service on design of processing units, procurement of equipment and training of officials and fishermen on processing and value addition.