

CIFT transfers seaweed products tech

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Kochi: The Kochi-headquartered Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has transferred the technology of making seaweed-based hand sanitizers and nutraceuticals to Bodina Naturals Pvt Ltd, a firm located in KRIBS-BioNest at Kalamassery.

Seaweeds are becoming popular and the edible ones are used in the food and nu-

traceutical industries as they are rich in natural antioxidants, dietary polysaccharides, proteins, mineral and vitamins

CIFT has developed nutraceuticals like fucoidan, fucoteaext, seaweed nutridrink, seaweed cookies, seaweed yoghurt and seaweed sanitizer products.

CIFT research team led by Susheela Mathew, principal scientist and head, biochemistry and nutrition di-

vision, had recently developed four seaweed-based products in collaboration with Bodina Naturals.

Bodina also has two sister concerns -- Kerala Nutraceuticals Pvt Ltd which is dealing with manufacturing of nutraceutical products and Kerala Remedies, which deals with marketing of products from the other two.

"Bodina is now entering into the manufacturing and trade of seafood derivatives

as one of its main activities in future. An annual business turnover of 4 crore in national and international market is being projected by the company with scope of 200 to 300 direct and indirect employment opportunities," said MD of Bodina Naturals Boby Kizhakkethara.

It is found that seaweeds along Indian coastline have immense nutritional potential.