

CIFT distributes iceboxes to promote sustainable practices

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In a bid to improve the living standards of fishers and promote hygienic practices in inland fisheries, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has distributed iceboxes under the Union government's Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP).

CIFT Director George Ninan said the institution had been actively involved in improving the livelihood

of fishers from Scheduled Caste communities through various activities under SCSP programmes, and the distribution of iceboxes marked a significant step towards enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of inland fisheries in the region.

The programme was organised in collaboration with the Palluruthy block panchayat. The iceboxes will help ensure fish hygiene and mitigate the overuse of thermocol boxes.

Dr. Ninan presided over the programme, inaugurated by K.J. Maxi, MLA.

As part of its efforts to help seafood exports from the country shift to natural refrigerants, CIFT had, last month, opened a state-of-the-art Individual Quick Frozen tunnel freezer at one of the export units in Kochi.

CIFT Kochi and NTNU, Norway, under the collaborative project 'Future Refrigeration India' are working on natural refrigerants.