

CIFT develops eco-friendly alternative to lead sinkers in fishing nets PREMIUM

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Fishing nets such as purse seines often require over 1,000 kg of lead, while trawls use up to 70 kg. Fishermen report that prolonged use of these sinkers results in significant wear and tear within six months

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The ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has made a significant breakthrough in developing environmentally friendly alternatives to toxic lead-based sinkers used in fishing nets. Initial experiments using materials such as stainless steel have shown promising results, paving the way for a sustainable solution to replace lead in fishing operations.