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ICAR-CIFT inks MoU with Merck Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd

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ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Merck Life Science Pvt. Ltd. to develop test kits for the determination of foodborne pathogens, food safety guidance documents, and SOPs.

Dr. George Ninan, Director, ICAR-CIFT, Cochin, and Dr. Veena Panicker, Head, Bio-Monitoring, Merck Lifescience Pvt. Ltd., signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organisations.



The collaboration also aims at developing joint scientific projects to enhance methods for microbial detection, and workflow development and provide subject matter guidance, regulatory consultation, scientific demonstrations, and training in the field of food safety as mutually agreed.

The MoU was exchanged during the inaugural ceremony of the DST-SERB-sponsored Kaaryashala on 'Business avenues in fish processing and value addition' organized by the Fish Processing Division & ZTMC, the Agribusiness Incubation Centre of ICAR-CIFT, in the presence of Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode, Kerala; Dr. Bindu J., Head, Fish Processing Division; and other dignitaries.

A confidentiality agreement was also signed between ICAR-CIFT and Merck for the development of rapid testing kits. ICAR-CIFT is the first research institute in India to sign a MoU with Merck Group.