

## Kochi gets largest govt-owned slipway cradle

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**Kochi:** Fishery Survey of India (FSI) has built a slipway cradle in Kochi, which will help transfer fishing boats and research vessels for maintenance. The 250-tonne capacity slipway cradle will support docking and maintenance capabilities for a diverse range of vessels, from fishermen's boats to research ves-



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sels. Built at a cost of Rs 1.78 crore, the cradle is a heavy-duty steel structural platform designed for safe hauling and

launching of vessels. It is the largest govt-owned vessel cradle facility ever established in the country.

Union minister of state for fisheries George Kurian said the cradle represents "a milestone in India's journey towards realizing the vision of a sustainable blue economy." "The facility will benefit fishers, govt agencies and other stakeholders in marine sec-

tor," he said, adding that the cradle will support uninterrupted marine research operations, enabling continuous surveys, stock assessments and ecosystem monitoring.

He said that under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, transponders are being installed on fishing vessels in collaboration with Isro to ensure safety at sea and real-time communication.