

KERALA FARMER BAGS THOZHIL SHRESHTA AWARD WITH CMFRI TECHNOLOGY

Dinil Prasad, a twenty-eight year old ex-army personnel from Kannur has bagged the “Thozhilshreshta” award instituted by Kerala Labour Department for his excellent performance in the fisheries sector. The award carried an amount of rupees one lakh and a certificate for achievement in cage fish farming with a good harvest of pearl spot within a short span of three and half years. He was the first farmer to receive a cage unit from CMFRI in their Rs 15 crore project funded by the National Fisheries Development Board and under the training and guidance by the Mariculture Division of the CMFRI headed by Imelda

Joseph. The cage farming was set up in Anjarakandi river in Kannur. Presently, he undertakes farming of 7,000 pearl spot fish in seven cages of 4 X 4m dimension and at least 150kg of yield is expected from each cage. He also runs a seed production unit for pearl spot and mussel farming and provides consultancy service including cage fabrication, site selection, species identification, etc. to those desiring to start cage fish farming. Around 75 cage culture units were launched in many parts of Malabar region under Prasad’s consultancy.

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