

## Livelihood development initiative of ICAR-NBFGR for the fisherwomen of Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu

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A Marine Ornamental Fish Rearing RAS facility, funded under the SCSP scheme of ICAR-NBFGR, was inaugurated by Dr. U. K. Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, on 15 June 2024 at the premises of the St. Devasahayam Institute of Fisheries Science & Technology, Kanyakumari in the presence of Fr. T. John Rufus, Dr. T.T. Ajith Kumar, and Dr. S. Felix. Its primary aim is to train local fisherwomen, focusing on the cultivation of clownfish, promoting livelihood development, and raising awareness among students. Dr. Sarkar emphasized the importance of extending scientific advancements to stakeholders to enhance their livelihoods. Over 100 students and fisherwomen participated in the event. The 'Tri-Sea Fisheries Summit,' held before the inauguration on 14 June 2024, served as a platform to devise development plans for Kanyakumari's fisheries and aquaculture sector. Dr. Sarkar, the guest of honour, addressed over 150 participants, highlighting opportunities and future directions in these sectors.

