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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying**  
**Department of Fisheries**

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To,

The Director,  
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**Subject: Declaration of Mandapam Centre of CMFRI as a Centre of Excellence for the holistic development and support for seaweed in the country-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority for the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Seaweed Cultivation at the Mandapam Regional Centre of ICAR-CMFRI. This Centre will serve as a hub for advancing seaweed research, development, training and capacity building, with the goal of addressing current challenges in seaweed cultivation in the country and enhancing India's role in the global seaweed industry.

2. The Centre will focus on several key areas. It will work on improving seaweed cultivation techniques and addressing challenges associated with farming. A seed bank will be established to maintain the genetic diversity of indigenous seaweed species and ensure a steady supply of high-quality seedlings. Additionally, the Centre will conduct comprehensive environmental impact assessments and manage disease outbreaks to promote sustainable farming practices. Training and capacity building programs will be offered to farmers, entrepreneurs, and officials to take up seaweed cultivation and allied activities in the country. The Centre will also prioritize international collaboration, engaging with global experts and institutions to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaborative research.



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