

Development of Scampi/Fish farming in Rotation with Paddy in Kole Lands of Thrissur district

The Kole lands covering an area of about 14,000 ha are spread over Thrissur and Malappuram districts. The project envisages development of scampi/fish farming in rotation with paddy in 230 ha of padasekharams in the Kole lands of Thrissur district by utilizing Addition Central Assistance sanctioned by Government of India for implementing schemes under Presidents Mission in the State.

The main objectives are

- To enhance overall productivity of the wetland eco-system.
- To promote sustainable aquaculture practices through integration of agriculture and pisciculture.

Project is implementing in the padasekharams in Cherppu, Mullassery, Anthikkadu and Puzhakkal blocks. ADAK is implementing this project from 2007 March onwards, an amount of Rs. 100 lakhs allotted from Special Central Assistance. The components of the Project include:

- development of farms
- establishment of hatcheries
- extension and training support for culture activities and
- disease monitoring programmes

A project approach is to be followed and it is conceived as an integrated venture involving ADAK and other Agencies like Kole Area Development Agency, Paddy Development Authority, Department of Agriculture, Kerala Agriculture University, District Panchayats of the area etc.