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*Value Chains, Climate Solutions, and Blue Economy Pathways*

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**March 5, 2026 (9.30 am)**

**Main Auditorium**

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# INVITATION



Government of Kerala  
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# INAUGURAL SESSION

Thursday, March 5, 2026 | Main Auditorium, KUFOS

09.30 a.m. - 09.35 a.m. <b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b>	<b>Prof. (Dr.) K. Dinesh</b> Registrar, KUFOS, Kochi
09.35 a.m. - 09.40 a.m. <b>BRIEFING ON SEAWEEDS 2026</b>	<b>Prof. (Dr.) Radhika Rajasree S. R.</b> Organizing Secretary, S.E.A.W.E.E.D.S. 2026
09.40 a.m. - 09.45 a.m. <b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>Prof. (Dr.) A. Biju Kumar</b> Vice Chancellor, KUFOS, Kochi
09.45 a.m. - 09.55 a.m. <b>INAUGURATION OF SEMINAR</b>	<b>Shri. George Kurian</b> Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India
09.55 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. <b>INAUGURATION OF EXPO</b>	<b>Shri. Saji Cherian</b> Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Culture, and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Kerala
10.00 a.m. - 10.20 a.m. <b>SPECIAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>Shri. K. Babu</b> Hon'ble MLA, Thrippunithura Constituency, Govt. of Kerala <b>Shri. Sagar Mehra IAS</b> Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries), Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India <b>Shri. Abdul Nasar IAS</b> , Special Secretary Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala <b>Shri. Shaji Krishnan V.</b> Chairman, NABARD, Mumbai <b>Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera</b> Chief Executive, NFDB, Hyderabad <b>Dr. George Ninan</b> Director, ICAR-CIFT, Kochi
10.20 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. <b>FELICITATION</b>	<b>Dr. Arup Ghosh</b> Director, CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar <b>Dr. R.S. Maheshkumar</b> Director, CMLRE, Kochi <b>Dr. Kajal Chakraborty</b> Director, ICAR- NBFGR, Lucknow <b>Dr. Shine Kumar C. S.</b> Director, NIFPHATT, Kochi <b>Smt. Chelsasini V. IAS</b> Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala <b>Prof. K. Padmakumar</b> President, SRUA, Tamil Nadu <b>Dr. Sureshkumar C.</b> General Secretary, CISSA, Thiruvananthapuram
10.30 a.m. - 10.35 a.m.	<b>HONOURING THE GUESTS</b>
10.35 a.m. - 10.40 a.m. <b>RELEASE OF PUBLICATIONS</b>	Book of Abstracts & Souvenir
10.40 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. <b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>	<b>Dr. V. P. Limnamol</b> Joint Secretary, S.E.A.W.E.E.D.S. 2026
10.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	<b>HIGH TEA</b>

