

Malayalam Science Conference 2026

The Malayalam Science Conference 2026 (മലയാള ശാസ്ത്ര സമ്മേളനം 2026) was held on 25–26 September 2026 at ICAR-CIFT, Kochi. It was Jointly organized by ICAR-CIFT, Swadeshi Science Movement-Keralam, and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (Ministry of Education). The event focused on the theme “Gaveshana Arivukal Pothujanangalilekku”, where scientific research is simplified & conveyed in regional language (Malayalam, in this case) to common laymen.

As part of the 10CEAN Citizen Science Initiative by Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO), Rohith Rajesh, a student from St. Aloysius College, Mangalore who interned with the organization, presented his short research titled, “The Survey of Shark Species Landed, Consumption, Trends and Trade at Cochin Fisheries Harbor”. His presentation shared valuable insights into local shark diversity, fisheries landings, fishers thoughts on declining shark populations, consumption patterns, and trade dynamics.

This research forms part of the Zoo Outreach Organisation–St. Aloysius College collaboration initiated in 2025 to document shark and bycatch



Rohith Rajesh presenting at the Malayalam Science Conference 2026, ICAR-CIFT, Kochi.

trade at regional fishing harbors, contributing to a better understanding of shark & bycatch trade practices in Cochin, Madakkara, and Mangalore harbors in the western coast of India.

The presentation received the Best Paper Award recognizing his contribution to communicating important scientific findings that aids in shark conservation.

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