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It gives me great pleasure to send this message for the first issue of the Journal of the Marine Biological Association of India—an organisation I had the good fortune



to inaugurate on 3rd January 1959 at Mandapam. This Association, set up to promote and co-ordinate marine biological studies in India, is the first of its kind in the East. It is in the fitness of things that it has come to be established at Mandapam where the Central Marine Fisheries Research Station, the largest marine Fisheries Research Institute in South East Asia, is having its headquarters, in the centre of an area very richly endowed with marine life, attracting marine biological workers and students in large numbers from all parts of the country. Krusadi Island, known as marine biologists' 'paradise' where the Marine Biological Station of the Madras Fisheries Department is located is not far from here. I am happy to note the progress the Marine Biological

Association of India has already made and the dynamic way in which it has begun to play a useful role in the scientific and educational activities of the country. I have every hope that it will grow from strength to strength and the Journal will meet a long-felt need. I wish the Association all success in promoting the publication of the Journal and thereby serving the cause of science.

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