

## Agitation against CMZ Gathers Strength

The Central Government's continuing move to implement the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) will destroy the traditional rights and privileges of the fishing community violating the Coastal Zone Regulation Act of 1991, according to activists. The agitation is generating wider response under the 'National Campaign Against CZM Notification' while the coastal community has decided to intensify the agitations.

As part of the campaign, the Kerala Campaign Committee Against CZM has conducted a seminar on the topic 'CZM and Fish workers' on 23rd July 2007. The seminar was conducted at Press Club Auditorium in Trivandrum, involving representations from different sections of social order.



In order to draw the attention of the first lady of the country, a big banner with a caption 'Do Not Implement CZM' will be displayed in front of the Government Secretariat in Trivandrum on 26th July. The leaders of the fishing community and the leaders from the different socio cultural sector will sign under the banner declaring their solidarity to the campaign and to express their responses on this issue. The signed banner will be sent to Smt. Prathiba Patile, the newly elected President of India.

To strengthen the campaign, banners, display boards, posters and leaflets will be disseminated in all the villages of the State, especially among the areas of the fishing community.

From August 1 to 8, 2007, a vehicle campaign will be conducted in the districts of Trivandrum, Kollam, Ernakulam and Calicut. During the campaign, a documentary film directed by K P Sasi - 'Resisting Coastal Invasion' will be screened.

On August 9th, the recall day of Quit India, protests initiated by the National Campaign Against CZM Notification will be organized in different parts of the country. As a part of this initiative, the Kerala Campaign Committee Against CZM will conduct a massive rally to Rajbhavan.

The Kerala Campaign Committee Against CZM is requesting everybody to stay united to strengthen the protest