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Picturesque aerial view of a shrimp grow-out farm at Kokilamedu village, near Mamallapuram, a small town on a strip of land between the Bay of Bengal and the Great Salt Lake in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It epitomizes a typical semi-intensive mode of shrimp farming in coastal India, where the majority of shrimp farms are in small clusters with an area of 2 to 5 ha each. Pacific white shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*) is farmed extensively adopting the guidelines established by the Government of India. Shrimp aquaculture is one of the most common and prevalent farming activities in coastal brackishwater in India. Silvoaquaculture, the integration of mangroves with shrimp aquaculture is a sustainable brackishwater farming model aimed at promoting environment-friendly aquaculture. It is reassuring to see the mangrove trees planted alongside shrimp ponds, replicating a more natural habitat. Geospatial study of ICAR-CIBA indicated that mangroves in the country have increased significantly over the years and acts as a nursing ground for fish and shrimp besides providing several other ecosystem benefits.

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