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Department of Fisheries

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**OFFICE MEMORANDAM**

**Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of February, 2023 in respect of the Department of Fisheries-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat's O.M No. 1/26/1/2018-Cab dated 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on the above mentioned subject and circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of February, 2023 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committees are enclosed for your kind information.

Encl: As above



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To

All Members of Council of Ministers

**Copy to**

- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (Kind attention to: Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta, Director)
- 2) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- 3) The Secretary to the President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
- 4) The Secretary to the Vice-President, 6, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi
- 5) The Press Information Officer, Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 6) The Secretaries, all Ministries/Departments of Government of India
- 7) The Adviser, Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi

**Copy for Information to:**

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 2) PS to Hon'ble MoSs for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 3) PPS to Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- 4) PPS to AS&FA
- 5) PPS to JSs, Department of Fisheries
- 6) Technical Director, NIC DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Department website.

**Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of February, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

1. The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) chaired the Inter-Session Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the FAHD Ministry to discuss on the Subject "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture" on 06-02-2023 at Parliament House, New Delhi.
2. The Phase-3 of Sagar Parikrama program was conducted during 19-21 February 2023: it started from Hazira Gujarat on 19/02/2023 and ended at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai on 22/02/2023 covering fish landing centers/fisher habitation of Satpati, Vasai, Versova and Bhaucha Dhaka on the way. During the halts, interactions with fishermen were held, KCC camps were conducted and the problems narrated by the fishers were noted for further action. Hon'ble Minister (FAHD) was present throughout the program. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from the fishermen and drew large crowds. The concluding event at Sassoon Dock Mumbai on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 was attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other functionaries of Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Hon'ble Minister for FAHD along with Hon'ble Minister of State for FAHD launched "The National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD): Phase-II" being implemented at a cost of Rs 33.77 crore on 27/02/2023 at Chennai.
4. He also laid the foundation stone of the project of *Penaeus Indicus* (GIPPI)" on 27-02-2023 at Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The facility being created under the project will act as a Nucleus Breeding Centre (NBC) for *P. indicus*, an indigenous variety of shrimp and will go a long way in making India self-reliant in shrimp seed.
5. The Hon'ble Minister for FAHD along with Hon'ble Minister of State for FAHD Reviewed the working of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on 28-02-2023 at NFDB, Hyderabad, Telangana.
6. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD met with the Hon'ble Fisheries Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Douglas Devanand on 09-02-2023 at Jaffna, Sri Lanka and discussed a range of issues including return of fishermen boats and humane treatment to Indian fishermen.
7. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD also met Mr. Kader Masthan, Hon'ble MoS, Rural Economy, Govt. of Sri Lanka on 10/02/2023 and called on Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka on 11/02/2023 at Jaffna, Sri Lanka and highlighted various efforts being taken in India, especially in the field of aquaculture, dairy cattle breed development etc. and on how these can benefit Sri Lanka. He also visited Talai Mannar pier, Point Pedro which is being developed with Indian support.
8. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD attended Post Budget Webinar on implementation of "Sustainable Agriculture in Mission Approach through Research and Technology based holistic intervention" (SAMARTH) strategies for implementation, and chaired the Breakout Sessions of Post Budget Webinar 2023-24 on the Subject "Strengthening Value Chain Efficiencies and Expanding Markets in Fisheries Sector" on 24/02/2023 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. A national webinar on 'Dry Fish Technologies and Consumer Market' was held on 20-02-2023 as a part of ongoing celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It was attended by entrepreneurs, fishermen associations, department officers, scientists/faculty of universities, fisheries research institutes, and stakeholders from fisheries across the country. The webinar focused on how to improve price realization to fishers/farmers by using dry fish as an alternative warehousing solution for harvested fish.

10. Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing (2022-23) was held on 22-02-2023 at parliament House, New Delhi to examine the Demand for Grants of the Department.
11. The Department participated in the Preliminary meeting on "Conduct of Coastal Security Workshop for Coastal UTs" was held on 23-02-2023 under the chairmanship of the National Security Adviser (NSA) at New Delhi.
12. During the month, the Department had interaction with Australian and Canadian High Commission on topics of mutual interest.
13. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the India-Iceland Joint Working Group (JWG) on Fisheries on 22-02-2023 through VC.
14. 37<sup>th</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and the project with an outlay of Rs. 503.85 crores were appraised. PAC recommended for approval of projects of 4 states, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Gujarat and of 2 Entrepreneur Model projects under PMMSY at a total outlay of Rs. 466.47 cores.
15. 38<sup>th</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and projects with an outlay of Rs. 1002.59 crores were appraised. PAC recommended for approval of projects of 4 states, namely Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka and of 6 Entrepreneur Model projects at a total outlay of Rs. 842.12 crores.
16. This Department hosted an International Symposium on "Innovations in Fishing Technologies for Sustainable and Resilient Fisheries" alongside the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)-FAO Joint Working Group on Fishing Technology and Fish Behaviour (ICES-FAO WGFTFB) in partnership with Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) during 13-17 February, Kochi, India.
17. The Department alongwith NFDB, Hyderabad participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of "G-20 Agriculture Working Group" held at Indore from 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and showcased the development in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in India.
18. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted 20 training and awareness activities and 84 outreach activities during the month covering 51,738 and 1,10,504 persons respectively.
19. During the month of February, the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 607 applications for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free substances, inspected 06 hatcheries in Tamil Nadu for new registration and for renewal of Registration and processed applications of 02 hatcheries for the production of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) *Litopenaeus vannamei*, 213 applications for Registration of shrimp farms in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Goa, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra, 330 applications for renewal of registration of shrimp farms in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat and Odisha, and Maharashtra and 56 applications from 12 companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers / Distributors companies for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free inputs.
20. Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) prepared and submitted feasibility report of development of 6 inland fish landing centers along the banks of river Ganga and Gandak in the State of Bihar. This is the first time the Department will take up funding of construction of inland Fish Landing Centers.
21. Five fishing vessels of the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programs for fisheries resources and marine mammal survey programme in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Besides, Director General and Zonal Director of Cochin Base of FSI participated in the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) regional workshop for a network of practitioners on

fishery stock assessment in Bangkok, Thailand during 23-25 January 2023 in person and through Video Conference respectively.

22. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted training for 302 fishermen and 28 professional college students.
23. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 158 marine fisher women/men comprising of 772 trainee days during the month.
24. Public Grievances: The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

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