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Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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 December, 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 19th August, 2019 on the above mentioned subject and circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of December, 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

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- 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 December, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India hosted an international event - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) and Scientific Committee (SC) during 28th November - 4th December and 4th December - 8th December, 2023 respectively. Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala addressed the meeting through virtual mode at the concluding session of 19th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS19) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) on 4th December, 2023. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for Fisheries, AHD and I&B, Minister of Fisheries, Govt of Maharashtra Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Executive Secretary of the IOTC, Dr Paul de Bruyn; Chairperson of the IOTC Scientific Committee, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado (Japan), Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) also participated in the event.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the 10th Governing Body (GB) Meeting organized by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 26th December, 2023. Dr. Seediri Appalaraju, Minister of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Mankal S Vaidya, Minister of Fisheries and Ports, Government of Karnataka and Fisheries officials of Tripura, Uttarakhand and Punjab participated in the meeting. Secretary (Fy), Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and other senior officials of Department of Fisheries also attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by 13 nominated non-official GB members from different States/ UTs. The non-official GB members highlighted issues faced by fishermen.
3. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Dr. L. Murugan participated in the outreach activity of PMMSY at Bhavanisagar, Tamil Nadu on 23rd December, 2023.
4. Hon'ble Union Minister of FAH&D Shri Parshottam Rupala distributed the newly designed Otter Board to the fishermen of Veraval, Mangrol, and Porbandar, developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) funded under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme on 31st December, 2023.
5. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting to discuss the preventive and precautionary measures in view of low pressure area concentrated into a depression over Southeast adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal– Cyclone 'MICHAUNG with eastern coastal State of India on 1st December, 2023 for safety and security of fishermen and their assets.
6. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a review meeting on review the modernization/ upgradation of major fishing harbour sanctioned under Central Sector Scheme of PMMSY on 12th December, 2023.
7. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME)-Regional Inception Meeting and also the meeting of Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project Phase II (BOBLME II)-Bangkok, Thailand between 12th-14th December, 2023 through virtual mode.
8. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting on the various prime issues on Expert Committee on Guidelines for management of Purse Seine (PS)/ Ring Seine (RS) fishing systems in the Indian territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to the coastal States/ Union Territories (UTs) with respective stakeholders on 14th December, 2023 through virtual mode.

9. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting on update on Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Rules/ guidelines, Update on World Trade Organisation (WTO) subsidies/ Fish week, Update on Artificial Reefs, Monthly Maritime Security reports, Blue economy issues and Sagarmala Mother Vessel Project with respective stakeholders on 14th December, 2023 through virtual mode.
10. Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) had a meeting with H.E. Ms. Pattarat Hongtong, Ambassador of Thailand to India to discuss the potential areas of bilateral cooperation at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 14th December, 2023.
11. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired 46th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on 15th December, 2023.
12. Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) reviewed the physical and financial progress and Annual Action Plan under PMMSY for the year of 2024-25 of Inland States on 16 December, 2023.
13. The 3rd Meeting of Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on Promotion and Development of Seaweed Farming and Value Chain under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) on 18th December, 2023 through virtual mode.
14. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a meeting with Pearl Farmer and Associations regarding promotion of pearl culture on 22nd December, 2023.
15. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired the physical review meeting on the physical and financial progress of PMMSY in all States/ UTs and also the progress on the Annual Action Plan for 2024-25 on 22nd December, 2023. Senior fisheries officials from all States/ UTs attended the meeting.
16. Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) visited Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from 23 to 24 December, 2023 and reviewed the implementation projects/activities approved under PMMSY. During the visit, he interacted with PMMSY beneficiaries and also inspected with progress of construction of state of art fish market at Chandauli, Varanasi.
17. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries visited Kalinga Pattinam, Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh on 25th December, 2023 and interacted with Shrimp farmers in order to understand the grass root level problems faced by the saline water shrimp farmers.
18. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India actively participated in the nationwide awareness campaign under "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" during December 2023 and advised all subordinate institutions to ensure saturation of distribution of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) to fishermen and fish farmers.
19. Two 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 the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) during the month.
20. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 210 applications including 117 applications for registration and renewal of registration of farms and 04 applications for registration of hatcheries received from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha & 89 applications for the issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free Aqua Inputs received from the Input Manufacturers. 291 visits were made to the farms and hatcheries and sensitized the stakeholders on compliance of CAA Guidelines in coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat.
21. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted evaluation study of 10 Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centre (FLCs) in Tamil Nadu.

22. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 7 training courses, which includes 3 regular courses and 4 short term courses fishermen outreach training programme for 362 candidates.
23. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 177 marine fisher women/men comprising of 822 trainee days during the month.
24. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 31st December, 2023.
