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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 January, 2024 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 January, 2024 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 January, 2024 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

1. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri. Parshottam Rupala chaired a National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at Koteshwar (Kori Creek), Kutch, Gujarat. He emphasized that seaweed cultivation should be aggressively pursued since it has the potential to enhance fish farmer's income, enhance employment generation, reduces reliance on traditional fishing and diversify coastal communities' livelihoods. Union Minister along with other dignitaries visited various, seaweed stalls of the exhibition installed by fisheries start-ups, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Fisheries Institutes, Fisheries Colleges etc. Over 300 participants including fish farmers, fishers, fisheries cooperatives, and States/ Union Territories (UTs) Government officials also attended the Conference. The Union Minister also inspected monoline, tube net and raft methods of seaweed pilot activities in the Kori Creek.
2. Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying invited 250 beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and fishermen from various States/ UTs, along with their spouses to witness the Republic Day Parade, 2024 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. These esteemed guests witnessed the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi, on January 26, 2024. After the Parade, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri. Parshottam Rupala physically interacted with these special invitees at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi and felicitated them.
3. Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri. Parashottam Rupala chaired the National Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture Insurance on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at PUSA, New Delhi. Important insights regarding insurance were highlighted through sharing of key global experiences, best practices in fisheries/ aquaculture. The Union Minister also distributed Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS) cheques of Rs. 5 lakh each to the claimant beneficiaries. Fish Farmers, Fishers, Fisheries cooperatives and producer companies, States/ UTs Government officials involved in fisheries management, researchers and educationists, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), insurance companies and financial institution, traceability and certification service providers participated in the Conference.
4. The Sagar Parikrama Phase X was led by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri. Parshottam Rupala and Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh. The Parikrama started from Juveldinne Fishing Harbour of Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and concluded on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 covering the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh e.g. Bapatla, Krishna, West Godavari, Konaseema, Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Yanam district (UT of Puducherry). During the courses of the Sagar Parikrama, Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) were distributed, PMMSY beneficiaries with assets such as boats/nets, two-wheeler with ice box were felicitated and appointment letters given to newly appointed Sagar Mitra's. An interaction