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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 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 19th 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

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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 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 27th 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 17th 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 01st January 2024 and concluded on 6th 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

session with PMMSY beneficiaries such as fisherwomen, fishermen, aqua farmers and other stake holders and their associations was also held.

5. Sagar Parikrama Phase XI was carried out by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri. Parshottam Rupala during 7th to 9th January 2024 in coastal districts of Odisha namely Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore district followed by interaction with PMMSY beneficiaries such as fisherwomen, fishermen, aqua farmers and other stake holders and their associations in each locality. Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying also laid the foundation stone for the project to modernize and upgrade the Paradip Fishing Harbour in Paradip, Odisha.
6. The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri. Parshottam Rupala carried out the Sagar Parikrama Phase-XII in West Bengal from 10th January, 2024 till 11th January, 2024. It covered the coastal regions namely Digha, Shankarpur Fishing Harbour, Ganga Sagar, Kakdwip Research Center of Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA).
7. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying attended the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program at Cherukupally village, Bogapuram Mandal, Vizianagaram District on 06th January, 2024 in Andhra Pradesh.
8. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries reviewed through video conferencing on 3rd January, 2024 the potential of saline water shrimp aquaculture with states of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana.
9. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, chaired a virtual interaction meeting on 12th January 2024 with the winners of the fisheries Startup grand challenge and other fisheries Startups to understand their concerns and identifying avenues for further support.
10. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting from 15th to 31st January, 2024 with senior officers of the Department to review finalization of Annual Action Plans for the FY 2024-25 of all the States and UTs under PMMSY.
11. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a meeting of 14th Central Apex Committee (CAC) of PMMSY scheme on 29th January, 2024 wherein the action plan for development of 100 numbers Disaster Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village was approved. The guidelines on replacement of fishing trawlers with Deep Sea Fishing Vessels and providing Fishing Boats and nets for traditional fishermen was also discussed.
12. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a virtual meeting on 30th January, 2024 to review the progress of formation of Fisheries Farmer Producers Organisations (FFPOs) approved under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) wherein the grounding of FFPOs and their business plan activities were reviewed.

13. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting on 8th January 2024 to discuss on the proposal of UT Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu for development of a modern fishing harbour at Vanakbara in Diu under PMMSY.
14. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the 37th Session of the Asia and Pacific Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific on 25th January 2024 through video conferencing
15. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) attended the meeting on 16th January, 2024 on Board of Trade meeting (BOT) under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles.
16. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted 12 training and awareness activities and 24 outreach activities during the month of January, 2024 covering 9650 and 1,10,745 persons respectively.
17. 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.
18. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 125 applications including 62 applications for registration and renewal of registration received from the States/Union Territories of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Odisha and 63 applications for the issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free Aqua Inputs received from the Input Manufacturers. 367 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.
19. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted project site visits and held stake holder`s consultation to suggest suitable remedial measures for the safe landing and berthing of fishing boats in Thengapattinam fishing harbor, Vaniyakudi and Kurumpanani fishing villages in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.
20. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 13 training courses which include 3 regular courses and 10 short term courses for fishermen outreach training programme for 739 candidates.
21. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 147 marine fisher women/men comprising of 905 trainee days during the month.
22. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 91% as on 31st January, 2024.
