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

1. The Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, launched the Book and Video on Sagar Parikrama Programme in Rajkot, Gujarat on 15th March, 2024. Shri Mohanbhai Kundariya, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Shri Rambhai Mokariya, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha with other local dignitaries were also present on the occasion.
2. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries attended Standing Committee Meeting on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development Subject 'Social Security and Welfare Measures to provide old age protection to Unorganized/ Informal Sector Workers including Gig/ Scheme Workers and Fishermen' held on 04th March, 2024.
3. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, participated in the 33rd Governing Council Meeting of Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) on 05th March, 2024 at NASC complex, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries co-chaired a meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development to discuss the possible areas of convergence between Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) on 05th March, 2024.
5. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries reviewed the activities of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) such as schemes implemented by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and associated projects implemented in the States/ Union Territories (UTs) and other organisations for the development of fisheries sector at Hyderabad on 12th March 2024.
6. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired the meetings on development of state of art fisheries infrastructure such as smart and integrated fishing harbours, world class fish markets and fish production and processing clusters on 20th March, 2024.
7. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) attended a meeting U.S. delegation comprising of Mr. Joseph Ragole (Area Director for the USDA-APHIS office at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi), Dr. Alicia Marston (APHIS's Aquatic Trade Director and the WOAHA Aquatic Focal Point for the US), Dr. Branden Nettles (Agricultural Attache), and Dr. Lauren Harris (Aquatic Animal Health Staff Officer for live aquatic animal exports to India) on 4th March, 2024. During the meeting issues of mutual interest, including collaboration on improving aquatic animal health, import regulations, and veterinary health certificates were discussed.
8. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) attended meeting with officials of Embassy of Brazil in India on 06th March, 2024 and discussed the import regulations for fish and fishery products, as well as veterinary health certificates for aquaculture and wild-caught fish and fishery products.
9. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the First meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Expert Group on Fisheries and Livestock on 12th March, 2024 through Video Conferencing.

10. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) attended a meeting with Dr Richard Niall, First Secretary (Agriculture) Australian High Commission on 13th March, 2024 and discussed the issues of mutual interest including collaboration to improve aquatic animal health and the Aqua-plan: aquatic animal health management strategy.
11. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) has participated in the 5th India International Seaweed Expo and Conference - Indian Chamber of Commerce held at New Delhi on 19th March, 2024.
12. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the National Consultative Workshop for Planning Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Phase II Project Implementation in India held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu during 20-21 March, 2024.
13. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) has participated in the Ministry of Earth Sciences-World Bank Joint workshop on Blue economy pathways report held in Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) on 22nd March, 2024.
14. To saturate the eligible fishers and fish farmers with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility, on 15th March 2024, the Department of Fisheries, successfully inaugurated the integration of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Fisheries scheme with the Jan Samarth Portal, in the presence of senior officers from the Department of Fisheries, Department of Financial Services and three lead Bank i.e. State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and HDFC marking a significant milestone in digitalization of KCC Fisheries application processing system.
15. Deputy Director (Aquatic Quarantine) participated in RegLitter Inception Meeting and GloLitter Asia Regional Task Force Workshop held at Hanoi, Viet Nam during 4 – 8 March 2024.
16. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted three Project Appraisal Committee meetings under the chairmanship Chief Executive (i/c), NFDB, on the additional proposals of Annual Action Plans (AAP) - 2023-24 submitted by Kerala, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Odisha at a total worth of Rs. 468.02 crore proposals.
17. The NFDB conducted 10 training and awareness activities and 69 outreach activities during the month of March, 2024 covering 2,400 and 27,805 persons respectively.
18. 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.
19. Under Rule 3 of Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Rule, 2024, this Department had notified seven guidelines on 16th March, 2024 viz. (a) Guidelines for regulating coastal aquaculture; (b) Guidelines for regulating hatcheries and farms for seed production and culture of Specific Pathogen Free *Litopenaeus vannamei*; (c) Guidelines for seed production and culture of Specific Pathogen Free *Penaeus monodon*; (d) Guidelines for the health monitoring, disease surveillance and Specific Pathogen Free certification of coastal aquaculture units and stocks in India; (e) Guidelines for certificate of compliance for aquaculture inputs; (f) Guidelines for the establishment and operation of Nucleus Breeding Centres and Broodstock Multiplication Centres in India and (g) Guidelines for solid waste management in coastal aquaculture units or activities.

20. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 329 applications including 244 applications for registration and renewal of registration received from the States/ Union Territories of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Puducherry and 60 applications for the issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free Aqua Inputs received from the Input Manufacturers. 677 visits were made to the farms and hatcheries and sensitized the stakeholders on compliance of CAA Guidelines in coastal districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
21. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted post construction evaluation of the Chinnamuttom and Colachel Fishing Harbours (FH) in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu; visited Paruthiyoor and Kollencode villages in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala to assess damages due to sea erosion; conducted technical evaluation of construction of Fish Landing Center (FLC) at Azhikode in Thrissur district of Kerala, upgradation of Vizhinjam FH, modern integrated FLC at Vizhinjam South, upgradation of Muthalapozhi FH in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala and conducted pre-feasibility studies for the development of a FLC at T.R. Pattinam in Karaikal region of Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry.
22. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 6 training courses which include 3 regular courses and 3 short term courses for fishermen outreach training programme benefiting 49 candidates.
23. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 49 marine fisher women/ men.
24. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 31st March, 2024.
