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

1. The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, approved the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)," a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) with an investment of over Rs. 6,000 crore over a period of next four (4) years from Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 in all States/ Union Territories. The major components of the scheme include a) formalization of fisheries sector, b) facilitating access of fisheries microenterprises to Government of India (GoI) programs for working capital financing, c) facilitating adoption of aquaculture insurance, d) supporting microenterprises to improve fisheries sector value chains efficiencies and e) adoption and expansion of fish and fishery product safety and quality assurance systems.
2. The Union Cabinet also approved extension of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for another 3 years up to 2025-26 within the already approved fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore and GoI budgetary support of Rs 939.48 crore on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
3. The Department of Fisheries signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in the presence of Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala; Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. L Murugan; Secretary (Fisheries), Joint Secretaries, Managing Director, ONDC and other esteemed dignitaries on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Hon'ble Ministers also released a booklet "From Catch to Commerce, Increasing Market Access through Digital Transformation". Around 50 Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs) were physically in the program and hundreds of fishers and fish farmers joined virtually.
4. The Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, inaugurated the 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum with the theme "Fostering Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture for attaining Sustainable Development Goals" organised by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore, Kolkata on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024.
5. The Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala discussed marine fisheries, research and development issues with Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies and other stakeholders from Kochi, Kerala, at New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
6. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of World Trade Organisation (WTO) chaired by Shri. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, Prime Minister's Office on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
7. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, visited Getalsud Dam, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 to review the activities taken up to increase production and productivity of the reservoir such as cage culture, pen culture and fingerling stocking in reservoir. He also visited the cage manufacturer site and interacted with fishermen, fisherwomen and fish farmers. He highlighted the immense potential of India's vast reservoir resources spread over

32 lakh hectares area and suggested the integrated approach for harnessing the aquaculture potential in reservoirs.

8. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) visited Gujarat to review the physical progress of four fishing harbour projects at Nava-Bandar, Malwada, Sutrapada and Veraval approved under FIDF alongwith PMMSY projects in these coastal districts. In addition to this, the officer also visited the fish markets and marketing infrastructure in the coastal city of Somnath and places nearby Veraval Fishing Harbour on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
9. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Steering Committee on Climate Change (NSCCC) under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 through Video Conferencing.
10. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and other senior officers participated in the Stakeholder Consultation on the 'National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks in India' organised by Department of Fisheries, Government of India in collaboration with Bay of Bengal Programme (BOBP) - Inter Governmental Organisation (IGO) at Kochi on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
11. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended follow up discussion on First Annual Bilateral Dialogue under the India-France Road Map on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance held in NITI Aayog on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.
12. The Joint Secretary(Inland Fisheries) attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> February, organised by ICAR-CIFRI at Kolkata and chaired a session on Aquaculture Industry wherein discussed the ongoing schemes and programmes of GoI and the potential areas of collaboration between research institutes and industry with necessary support from the Government.
13. The European Union and India Joint Working Group (JWG) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 on marine issues including sustainable fisheries and aquaculture under the Co-Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), and Ms. Celine Idil, European Commissioner at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
14. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) has participated as a part of the Indian delegation, led by Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Abu Dhabi during 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
15. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) held a meeting with the World Bank Team led by Ms Nathalia, Program Leader on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 to discuss the preparedness and action plan alongwith roadmap for rolling out of the newly approved World Bank supported scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yohana.
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 Diu and Daman, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Lakshadweep, Kerala, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Gujarat and approved all the beneficiary activities and infrastructure projects on Vanakbara Fishing Harbour and Integrated Aqua Park pertaining to Tripura a total worth of Rs. 278.98 crore proposals.

17. The NFDB conducted 14 training and awareness activities and 44 outreach activities during the month of February, 2024 covering 44,950 and 44,600 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. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Chennai, under the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal husbandry and Dairying, GoI, started a National Campaign to achieve 100% farm registration in the country. The first campaign to create awareness among farmers on need for registration was organized at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
20. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 570 applications including 482 applications for registration and renewal of registration received from the States/Union Territories of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha and 83 applications for the issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free Aqua Inputs received from the Input Manufacturers. 700 visits were made to the farms and hatcheries and sensitized the stakeholders on compliance of CAA Guidelines in coastal districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
21. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted technical evaluation study of four (4) Fishing Harbours/ Fish Landing Centres (FLCs) namely Expansion of existing Fishing Harbour at Karaikal Puducherry; development of Fishing Harbour at Bankabara in Daman and Diu; upgradation of FLC and dredging of Barmouth at Chinnangudi Mailaduthurrai district of Tamil Nadu; and four dredging of channel and barmouth in Tanjavour district of Tamil Nadu.
22. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 11 training courses which include 3 regular courses and 8 short term courses for fishermen outreach training programme benefiting 460 candidates.
23. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 55 marine fisher women/men.
24. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

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