

Month wise significant achievement of Department of Fisheries from March,2019

March,2019	
1.	As announced in the Budget 2019-20, Department of Fisheries has been created after carving out from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to provide sustainable and focused attention towards development of the Fisheries sector. Consequently, the Cabinet vides case No. 92/9/2019 dated 19 th February, 2019 approved for creation of one post of Secretary and one post of Joint Secretary in respect of Department of Fisheries. In addition, one post of Joint Secretary has been transferred from Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and posted in the newly created Department of Fisheries by DOP&Ts order No. 33/05/2019-EO(SM-I) dated 10.03.2019. Further, I have assumed the charge as Secretary, Department of Fisheries on 8 th March, 2019 and are assisted by two Joint Secretaries namely Dr. J. Balaji and Shri. Sagar Mehra.
2.	Secretary visited NFDB, Hyderabad on 13 th & 14 th March 2019 and reviewed the performance and activities of National Fisheries Development Board wherein Chief Executive(CE), NFDB briefed me about the mandate and functioning of the Board, including the genesis organogram and status of the Empowered Committee(EC) & General Body(GB). The CE, NFDB presented the performance of NFDB in the last 10 years and the ongoing activities and in technology transfer including National Fresh water Brood bank (NFFBB). The road to strengthen NFDB so that it becomes one-stop solution for fishery related activities was discussed.
3.	Secretary inaugurated the AOC-centre established at NFDB campus for providing services to fish farmers and visited the demonstration units of Backyard RAS, Aquaponics, Domestic RAS, Ornamental breeding unit and live fish holding unit. I also reviewed the arrangements made for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), meetings hosted by India, to be held from 9 th to 21 st June 2019 at Hyderabad and visited the conference venue and reviewed the progress made with regard to the arrangements and preparations made for the conference.
4.	In addition, Secretary along with CE, NFDB and a team of NFDB and Telangana State Fisheries officials, went on a field visit and visited "Integrated Fish Market" at Siddipet, as well as the Recirculatory Aquaculture unit at Sankarapally, Telangana, where I interacted with the fish vendors and fishermen community as well as fish farmers. Later, at NFDB, Campus, I interacted with the women fish farmers/fishers of

	Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.
5.	<p>Fishery Institute</p> <p>Fishery Survey of India (FSI) conducts Exploratory Survey and conducts the stock assessment of the marine Fisheries Resources in and around the Indian Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) with its 11 Exploratory Survey Vessels. During March, 2019, seven survey vessels were operated to collect the real time fisheries data across the Indian EEZs with an average of 20 days out at sea having average 13 days actual fishing days.</p>
6.	<p>Fisheries International Cooperation:</p> <p>Director General (I/c) from Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai and Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) were deputed to attend the Inception Workshop of the Bay of Bengal large marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project phase-2 organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bangkok, Thailand during 12th -13th March, 2019 They also attended the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the BOBLME Phase - 2 held in Bangkok, Thailand on 14th March, 2019.</p> <p>Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India participated in the next round of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies organized by World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland during 25th March - 29th March, 2019.</p>

	April,2019
1.	Secretary visited Kochi on 2 nd - 3 rd April, 2019 to review the various activities mandated to the subordinate Institutes of my Department viz., Central Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering (CIFNET) & National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology & Training (NIFPHATT) and Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA). During the visit, I had interacted with Fisheries Entrepreneurs, traders, Researchers on the fish processing, exports and other post harvest technologies in the sector.
2.	Secretary visited Chandigarh on 12 th April, 2019 to discuss/review the implementation of CSS on Blue Revolution & to familiarize myself with the innovative technologies for development of fisheries being practiced in the States of Punjab and Haryana. Besides, a presentation was also made by ICAR, CIFT regarding the initiatives to be taken in Punjab and Haryana in the harvest and post harvest sector of fisheries.

3.	Secretary inaugurated a 3-day National Fish Food Festival organized by the NFDB at Rajpath Sitting Park. Opp. India Gate, New Delhi from 26 th - 28 th April 2018 in the presence of Chief Executive, NFDB and Joint Secretary(Inland Fisheries) and other officials from NFDB and Department of Fisheries. There were 15 stalls put up with participation of major restaurants, Govt. organization, entrepreneurs, etc. to show case & popularize consumption of fish and fish products. Different varieties of fish and shrimp dishes were prepared and served to the visitors. The fish food festival attracted huge crowd. This was the first Fish Festival organized after the formation of Department of Fisheries.
4.	This Department has also issued Administrative approval on 22 nd April, 2019 for continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries during the financial year 2019-20 at a total central outlay of Rs. 769.50 Crore.
5.	<p>Fisheries International Cooperation</p> <p>Fisheries Development Commissioner (FDC), Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India was deputed to Santiago, Chile to participate in the OIE Global conference on Aquatic Animal Health: Collaboration, Sustainability- our Future held at Santiago, Chile during 2nd - 4th April, 2019. In this regard, it is informed that India is one of the Member Countries in OIE and is effectively implementing a National level network programme of National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NASPAAD) throughout the country. Thus, the country has been effectively discharging its responsibility and conserving the fisheries resources and their management on a sustainable basis. The periodic reports being submitted regularly from India was well appreciated, by the OIE.</p>

	May,2019
1.	Underscoring the importance of fisheries statistics and database, the Department of Fisheries had organized the two day Technical Monitoring Committee(TMC)meeting during 29 th - 30 th May, 2019 at New Delhi with all the States/UTs to review the Strengthening of database and Geographical Information System (GIS) of Fisheries Sector, validation of fish production and fish seed data for the three financial years of 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19, collection of species wise fish production data as per FAO format and progress on Handbook on Fisheries Statistics-2019, etc. The fish production and fish seed production for the aforementioned years and compiled data

	sheet for publication of Handbook on Fisheries Statistics - 2019 have been finalized.
2.	With an aim to sustainably harness the potential of tuna and tuna like fish resources in our jurisdictional waters and high seas, and play a pivotal role in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) for the purpose of conservation and management of tuna and tuna like species in the Indian Ocean region, India is hosting 23rd session of the IOTC at Hyderabad during the month of June, 2019. The preparations for the conduct of this important event were closely reviewed.
3.	As the Department intends to bring a comprehensive legislation for the management and regulation of marine fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and undertaking fishing activities in High seas, the inter-ministerial Committee constituted for reviewing and updating the draft of the 'Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill' met thrice during May to discuss and finalize the contours of the proposed Bill and update it as per current and future needs.
4.	Secretary Fisheries have visited Mumbai from 19 th -21 st May, 2019 and reviewed the functioning of Fishery Survey of India (FSI), and its attached offices in Mumbai, which conducts exploratory surveys and stock assessment of the marine fishery resources in and around the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) with its 11 Exploratory Survey Vessels. She also chaired a meeting with officials of the Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra and reviewed the progress of implementation of various components of 'Blue Revolution' Scheme in the state of Maharashtra.
5.	<p>International Cooperation:</p> <p>a) Secretary has visited Switzerland, Belgium and Denmark during 6th - 10th May, 2019. On the 6th - 7th May, 2019, She had meetings with Shri, J. S. Deepak Indian Ambassador to PMI, Geneva in connection with the India's strategy and position at the ongoing negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies disciplines at WTO, Geneva. Consultations were held with the Chairman, Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) including bilateral meetings with some of the key WTO member countries. This was followed by a visit to seafood fair viz. Global Seafood Marketplace held during 8th - 9th May, 2019 in Brussels, Belgium along with CE, NFDB and representative of MPEDA. During 9th - 10th May, 2019 meetings were also held with representatives of Denmark at Copenhagen, Denmark to revive the bilateral cooperation between India and Denmark in the area of fisheries and aquaculture.</p> <p>b) Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Department of Fisheries (DoF) led a delegation with members of the Department of Commerce and PMI Geneva and participated in the May, 2019 cluster of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies</p>

	<p>Negotiations at WTO in Geneva, Switzerland during 6-10th May, 2019.</p> <p>c) Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries), led the team of officers of State Fisheries Department (one officer each from Government of Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tripura, Telangana, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh) and two officers from National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for Training-cum-exposure visit on “Frontier Aquaculture Technologies” in Israel organized by NFDB during 19th - 23rd May, 2019.</p>
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	June,2019
1.	<p>The Union Government has created a separate Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying with two separate Departments namely (i) Department of Fisheries and (ii) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying vide Cabinet Secretariat’s Notification No. 1/21/7/2019-cab dated 17.06.2019.</p>
2.	<p>Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon’ble MOS and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon’ble MOS Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying have taken discussion meetings on the various issues of Fisheries Development Activities on 13th & 14th June,2019 .</p>
3.	<p>Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon’ble MOS and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon’ble MOS Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying have taken interaction meeting with Secretary (Fisheries), Secretary (DARE)-cum-Director General (ICAR), Deputy Director General (Fisheries), Directors of all the Fisheries Science Research Institutes of ICAR along with senior officers of my Department on 25th June, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi focusing on new technology intervention in the field of fisheries and diversified species for commercial aquaculture in inland and other open water bodies.</p>
4.	<p>Secretary Fisheries chaired a Review Meeting with Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Directors of Fisheries of all State Government/UTs at New Delhi on 27th June, 2019 to discuss the progress and implementation of ongoing Blue Revolution scheme. Hon’ble Union Minister and Hon’ble MOSs for Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying also addressed the gathering and elaborated the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of doubling the fish production by adopting technological innovations & advancements and focusing on Export growth. Besides, it the proposed scheme on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), World Bank Project - Blue Revolution, EEZ Bill and Mariculture Policy, National policy on Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture and State Specific issues pertains</p>

	to my Department were also discussed at length with the States/UTs.
5.	Officials of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) participated in the three day Conference and Exhibition of Asian Pacific Aquaculture 2019 (APA-2019) held during 19 th to 21 st June, 2019 at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai. NFDB also put a stall showcasing the development in the sector and the stall was visited by farmers, students, research and academic personnel, national and international delegates and wider interactions happened about NFDB's activities and efforts taken up towards Blue Revolution. NFDB's activities and schemes were explained to the visitors during the three-day exhibition. As a result many farmers are interested in taking up Seaweed culture, RAS and Biofloc systems, Aqua One Centres (AOCs) etc.
6.	<p>International Cooperation</p> <p>(a) As a part of International Cooperation on Fisheries series of meetings of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) were held at Hyderabad during 9th -21st June, 2019, prime among them were (i) 3 days meeting on the 16th Session of the Compliance Committee held during 9-11th June, 2019, (ii) one day programme on the 16th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance held on 12th June, 2019, (iii) 3rd Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures held during 14-15th June, 2019 (iv) One day meeting on Head of the Delegation on 16th June, 2019 and (v) 23rd Session of the Commission held during 17th -21st June, 2019.. The meetings were attended by delegates from 32 countries, across the globe.</p> <p>(b) Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Department of Fisheries (DoF) participated in the cluster of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations at WTO in Geneva, Switzerland during 11-14th May, 2019.</p> <p>© Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries), Department of Fisheries (DoF) attended the WTO Regional Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies held in Bangkok, Thailand during 24th-26th June, 2019.</p>

	July, 2019
1.	Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries, participated in the July Cluster of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies at WTO in Geneva, Switzerland during 10 th -12 th July, 2019.
2.	Two meetings of the Expert Committee for drafting Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2019 were held under the Co-chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) on 17 th July, 2019

	and 25 th July, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss and deliberate upon the draft Bill.
3.	A delegation from the Compound Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA) met me on 24 th July, 2019, wherein the issues relating to feed certification, feed and feed supplement, feed certification Standards, Good Aquaculture practices, residue monitoring etc.
4.	A delegation from the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) met me on 25 th July, 2019, wherein discussions were held relating to various issues, inter alia, measures doubling seafood exports, diversification, Standard Operating Procedures, expanding lab networks, traceability, residue monitoring, etc.
5.	The first meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for formulation of unit cost norms, unit costs and Guidelines on all the major components and sub-components envisaged under the PMMSY was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) on 26 th July, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6.	A three days National Fish Food Festival was organized by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) at Shastri Ground, R. S. Puram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from 26 th to 28 th July, 2019 to popularize consumption of fish and fish products. There were 14 participants who had put in 16 stalls, and were participated by major restaurants, Govt. organizations, entrepreneurs, Fisheries Cooperative Societies, etc. Different varieties of fish, shrimp, crab and lobster dishes were prepared and served to the visitors. The fish food festival attracted a huge crowd. Apart from fresh fish, dry fish and ornamental fishes & accessories were also sold during the said event.
7.	A total of 196 Fish Farmers/ Entrepreneurs have been trained by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) during the month of July 2019. Many farmers/ Entrepreneurs from various part of the country visited NFDB's Aquaculture Technology Demonstration Park and various technologies like RAS, Aquaponics, Aqua One Centers, Ornamental Fisheries, etc were showcased. Entrepreneurs and few fish farmers have registered with Aqua One Centers (AOCs) for services and support.
8.	Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Shri. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying chaired a review meeting on 29 th July, 2019 and reviewed the progress of the schemes in the fisheries sector and also reviewed the progress of the development agenda of the department for the first 100 days.

9.	I chaired a meeting on 30 th July, 2019 with the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of all Coastal States and Union Territories to draft EEZ Marine Fisheries (Regulation) Bill and the proposed Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Management Bill. In addition, I a threadbare discussion on the issues surrounding the India's possible approaches on WTO discipline on Fisheries subsidies on WTO in disciplining subsidies, etc. The physical and financial progress of the Blue Revolution Scheme being implemented in these States/UTs was also reviewed.
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August,2019	
1.	I chaired a meeting at INCOIS, Hyderabad on 1st August,2019 regarding data requirements and data collection points for the fisheries sector and also examined & assessed possible solutions for Monitoring, Control and Surveillances (MCS) of fishing vessels along with satellite based solutions for Potential Fishing Zones (PFZs) thereby enhancing the productivity of fish catch. Options of mariculture and spatial mapping of the coast of India by NIOT in the satellite imagining was examined and the satellite station of INCOIS was visited towards this end. I chaired the Empowered Committee Meeting of NFDB on 2nd August, 2019 at NFDB, Hyderabad, wherein the following major decisions were taken:- (i) Approval of revised action plan of NFDB for Rs.94.21cr for the year 2019-20, (ii) In principle approval for Disease Surveillance programme, (iii) In-principle approval for Brackish for Brackish water shrimp insurance on pilot basis and (iv) To develop comprehensive projects for Aspirational districts by including reservoirs and Wetlands.
2.	The second meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for finalizing the formulation of norms, unit costs and Guidelines for all the major components and sub-components envisaged under the PMMSY was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) on 8th August, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	The Third meeting of the Expert Committee for drafting Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2019 was held under the Co-chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) on 22nd August, 2019 Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and based on the comments of the Members of Expert Committee, a consolidated draft Bill has been prepared.
4.	A Stakeholder consultation meeting was conducted on 29th August, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan to discuss and deliberate the issues relating to the ongoing WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies, wherein the Ambassador, Permanent Mission of

	India, Geneva, Switzerland, Secretary Commerce and representatives of coastal States/UTs along with other Stakeholders were present.
5.	An Indian delegation led by me visited Reykjavik, Iceland during 20th-21st August, 2019 to discuss draft MoU with Iceland in Fisheries sector and to revive bilateral cooperation in the field of sustainable fisheries. Thereafter, I visited Trondheim, Norway during 22nd – 24th August, 2019 for Indi-Norwegian Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on fisheries cooperation and to attend Aqua-Nor, 2019 Exhibition.
6.	Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the 10th Session of the FAO-COFI Sub-committee on Aquaculture held in Trondheim, Norway during 23rd – 27th August, 2019.
7.	I attended the Aqua Aquaria India meeting organized by MPEDA and NFDB for promoting the various fish farming technologies related to Mariculture Viz Sea Bass, Mud crab, Red snappers etc. on 30.08.2019 and also visited the stalls of State Fisheries Department.

	September,2019
1.	A National laboratory on “Aquatic Animal Health and Quality Testing” was inaugurated by Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India on 7th September 2019 at National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB), Hyderabad. The newly established Laboratory has facilities for Microbiological and Molecular Diagnosis of shrimp and fin-fish diseases, Residual Testing in fish and fish products and assessing the quality of Water, Soil and Feed.
2.	A dashboard of the Fish Market Price Information System (FMPIS) was also inaugurated followed by release of ‘Handbook for Aqua farmers by the Hon’ble Union Minister. I attended two day conference with Industry Associations and States/UTs regarding Trade Policy Instruments for Formulation and Implementation of Effective Development Strategy and Board of Trade meeting on 11th & 12th September, 2019 respectively at New Delhi, presided over by Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
3.	I chaired a Stakeholders Consultation meeting at Chennai on 25thSeptember,2019, to discuss the rolling out of Penaeus indicus as an alternative species to L. vannamei, wherein, the Director, CIBA and farmers of the Pilot project made a presentation on the production performance of Indian White shrimp, Penaeus indicus; a project

	<p>assisted by the DoF through NFDB. Senior level officers from various States/UTs and shrimp farmers and hatchery owners across eight states attended the aforesaid meeting. I also visited the infrastructure facilities available with the Muthukadu Field Research station of ICAR-CIBA established for undertaking various research activities on brackish water aquaculture species.</p>
4.	<p>The Southern Regional Review Meeting was conducted in Chennai wherein the progress and implementation status of Blue Revolution scheme in the States/UTs of Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar were reviewed. Senior level officers of coastal States/UTs also gave their views and participated in discussions on the ongoing WTO negotiations on fisheries subsidies discipline, Draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation & Management) Bill, 2019, Draft Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2019, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) etc.</p>
5.	<p>Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh released the 13th Edition of the 'Hand Book of Fisheries Statistics 2018 on 19th September, 2019 at New Delhi. The programme was well attended by fish farmers, hatchery owners, media persons and other stake holders.</p>
6.	<p>The Department celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 14th -27th September, 2019 by organizing various Hindi competitions viz short essay writing, Hindi noting and drafting, topic discussion etc and also conducted "Swachhta Hi Sewa-2019" Campaign from 11th September, 2019 to 2nd October, 2019.</p>
7.	<p>The draft Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Management Bill, 2019, one of the development agenda of the Government of India for the first 100 days, has been finalized and the same has been uploaded in the Department's Website on 13th September, 2019 for inviting comments from the various stakeholders including State Governments.</p>
8.	<p>The draft Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill 2019, has been finalized and uploaded on the Department's website. Following several meetings with States/UTs and conducting stakeholder consultations, the views of all concerned have been incorporated. The bill along with the Cabinet note is being sent for vetting to the legislative department.</p>
9.	<p>Fisheries International Cooperation</p> <p>The 12th Meeting of the Working Group for monitoring and review of implementation of IOTC Resolutions under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary</p>

	(Fisheries) was held on 3rd September, 2019 in Department of Fisheries at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
10.	Shri Shankar L. Joint Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended the Regional Workshop for South East Asia and Bay of Bengal (SEABOB) countries of Fisheries Tenure and User Rights held in Bangkok, Thailand during 3rd-5th September, 2019.
11.	Dr. Ansy Mathew, N. P., Fisheries Research and Investigation Officer of this Department attended the 15th Working party on Ecosystem and By catch (WPEB15) held during 3rd -7th September, 2019 in La Reunion.
12.	Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 9-13 th September, 2019.

	October, 2019
1.	The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) in its meeting held on 01 st October, 2019 considered the EFC Memo on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Based on the discussions held in the EFC meeting, the revised EFC Memo has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance on 11.10.2019 with the request to convene the EFC Meeting at the earliest.
2.	A review meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) on 03 rd October, 2019 at New Delhi, with North Eastern States to review the progress of implementation of Action plan for development of fisheries in North Eastern States based on NITI Forum recommendations and submission of project proposals there under.
3.	The first meeting of the Rules Drafting Committee for the draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2019 was held on 11 th October, 2019. The first meeting of the Expert Committee for examination of veracity of various tracking/communication devices available/developed and being used by different category of marine fishing vessels was held on 15 th October, 2019. The 2 nd meeting of the Expert Committee for drafting the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Bill, 2019 was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) on 15 th October, 2019.
4.	The 3 rd meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 17 th October, 2019 in

	Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider proposals received from 10 (ten) States/UTs under the CSS on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management Fisheries during the year 2019-20.
5.	The 3 rd meeting of Central Standing Committee (CSC) to formulate the unit cost norms of guidelines etc. of the activities envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Yojana was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) on 21 st October, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6.	The Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Agriculture (2019-20) was held on 23 rd October, 2019 (Wednesday) in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi for briefing on schemes being implemented by the Department of Fisheries.
7.	The final draft CCEA note on Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Management Bill, 2019 has been circulated vide dated 16 th October, 2019 for inter-ministerial consultation for seeking their view/comments after incorporating the comments received from various stakeholders including State Governments.
8.	The final draft of the Marine Fisheries (Management and Regulation) Bill 2019, after stakeholders and inter ministries consultations is currently with the law and legislative Department after incorporating the comments received from States and UTs and other stakeholders.
9.	I visited Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 9 th October, 2019 to review the ongoing fisheries Developmental activities undertaken in the State and to discuss the Marine Fisheries (Management and Regulation) Bill with the State government in Charge Minister Fisheries, Kerala. I also interacted with 16 groups of Fishermen Associations, Boat Owners Associations and other stakeholders to waylay their concerns about the bill. I also visited Dharmasala and Unna Districts in Himachal Pradesh from 24 th to 25 th October, 2019 to review the progress and implementation of trout farming and other fisheries Developmental activities viz ice plants, mini processing units being installed by Kataurkala Fishery Co-operative Society in the State.
10.	Fisheries International Cooperation Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 7-11 th October, 2019.
11.	Shri Mukesh, Joint Director of this Department attended the 10th Working party on Methods (WPM10) and 21st Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT21), which were held during 17-18 th October, 2019 and 21 st - 24 th October, 2019 respectively, at

	Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain.
12.	Dr. Paul Pandian, Deputy Commissioner(Fisheries) attended the workshop on Indian Ocean Rim Association(IORA) Biennial Review on Fisheries and Aquaculture held at Muscat, Oman on 29 th & 30 th October, 2019 and made a presentation on the Marine Fisheries Data Collection, Analysis and Management in India.

	November,2019
1.	The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture (2019-20) convened its meeting on 7 th November, 2019 (Wednesday) in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi for examination of the Demand for Grants (2019-20) of Department of Fisheries.
2.	The Department celebrated the World Fisheries Day on 21 st November 2019 at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh participated as the Chief Guest while Hon'ble Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi participated as the Guests of Honour. During the event, the Government of India felicitated 19 Nos. of outstanding fish farmers, aqua-preneurs & fisher folks in recognition of their accomplishments in the field and their contribution to the growth of the fisheries sector. During the event, field experiences in fish farming were also shared by some of the progressive farmers. Besides, a book on 'Aquaculture Technologies Implemented by NFDB' and four posters on fish/shrimp farming were released by the Hon'ble Union Minister for FAHD.
3.	I chaired a high level meeting to discuss and firm up the recommendations of the Expert Committee for examination of veracity of various tracking/communication devices available being used by different category of marine fishing vessels on 11 th November, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. I also chaired a meeting with World Bank representatives along with the officials of my Department on 15 th November, 2019, New Delhi to discuss investment/implementation of upcoming World Bank Supported project in the fisheries Sector in the country.
4.	I chaired the meeting of the Task Force on Fisheries Subsidies with Coastal States/UTs on 26 th November, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss the issues related to ongoing negotiations on fisheries subsidies in WTO.
5.	The 36 th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of National Fisheries Development Board

	(NFDB) was held on 29 th November, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi chaired by me to review the Action Plan-2019-20 of NFDB and other project proposals.
6.	The 4 th meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 13 th November, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss & recommend the proposals received from various States/UTs under the CSS on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management Fisheries during the year 2019-20.
7.	On the eve of Constitution Day i.e. 26 th November, 2019, a pledge was observed by the officials and staff of the Deptt. With the objective to uphold the ideals of the Constitution of India
8.	Fisheries International Cooperation Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies at World Trade Organization (WTO) Geneva, Switzerland held during 4 th - 9 th November, 2019.
9.	Dr. Gunamaya Patra, Senior Technical Assistant (Fisheries) attended East Asian Summit workshop on Maritime Cooperation: Sustainable and Responsible Fisheries Management held at Manila, Philippines during 17 th -19 th November, 2019.
10.	Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended the 15 th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS15) held during 27-30 th November, 2019 at Karachi, Pakistan.

	December, 2019
1.	Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a meeting on 3 rd December, 2019 wherein presentations were made on the proposed draft National Mariculture Policy & National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy. After detailed discussions, it was decided that the Department should prepare a comprehensive "National Fisheries Policy" covering all sub sectors of Fisheries such as inland, marine, aquaculture, mariculture and post harvest.
2.	A meeting was held on 4 th December, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, with the State level Bankers Committee (SLBC) of all States and UTs to iron out issues relating to extension of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fisheries and fish farmers for expediting the issuance of KCC cards. Thereafter, discussions were held with Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) to ensure a greater involvement of

	banks to set targets for issuance of KCCs.
3.	A National Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture with the theme “Harnessing the Untapped Potential of Fisheries & Aquaculture” was organized on 13th December 2019 at New Delhi jointly by needed to strengthen and sustain Fisheries, Aquaculture and related processing and value added Industry and the roadmap for the sector with actions that can be implemented to achieve the targeted objectives of this Department was deliberated. The conference was well attended by representatives from Central Government Department, Central Government Organisations, State Agriculture Department Fisheries Industry, Fishery Institutes, Academics, Scientists, Port Authorities, Fishery Associations, Feed Manufacturers, fish farmers etc.
4.	Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India presided over a function held on 23 rd December, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the (i) Department of Fisheries, Government of India, (ii) NABARD and (iii) State Government for implementation of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).
5.	The Government of Tamil Nadu has signed the first Tripartite MoA for availing the initial concessional finance of Rs.420 Crore from NABARD for development of three fishing harbours in the State at Tharangambadi in Nagapattinam District, Thiruvottriyur Kuppam in Tiruvallur District and Madhu Nagar in Cuddalore District.
6.	The Meeting of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board was attended by me, along with Secretary (Shipping, Director General (Coast Guard) and members of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) where issues related to National Security and role of Fishermen and the Sector was debated.
7.	The 05 th Meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 12th December, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider proposal received from 3 (three) States/UTs under the CSS on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management Fisheries during the year 2019-20.
8.	Fisheries International Cooperation Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended the 15 th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS15) of IOTC held during 1 st - 3 rd December 2019 in Karachi, Pakistan.

	January,2020
1.	The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) in its meeting held on 21 st January, 2020 considered the EFC Memo on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Based on the discussions held in the EFC meeting, the PMMSY scheme proposal was recommended by the Ministry of Finance for further preparation of the draft Cabinet Note.
2.	National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has supported a ICAR-CMFRI project entitled 'Demonstration of pond culture technology for Orange spotted grouper and Indian pompano in salt affected areas of Krishna and west Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh'. The maiden harvest of the pond cultured Indian pompano was carried out on 4 th January 2020 in the presence of Shri Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Animal husbandry, Fisheries & Marketing, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Simhadri Ramesh Babu, MLA, Avanigadda (Krishna Dist), alongwith officials from NFDB, ICAR-CMFRI and State Fisheries Department.
3.	Cage Culture Demonstration of Indian Pompano and Orange spotted grouper (Epinepheluscoioides) for partial harvest made NFDB funded cage project was done in Andhra Pradesh using CMFRI technology on 28 th January, 2020 after approximately eight months of culture. Four circular HDPE cages of 6 m diameter having net depth of 4 m were stocked with Indian pompano fingerlings (10 g) in the months of May and June of 2019. The Survival rate was >95%. FCR calculated was 1:1.75. Around one-fourth of the cage biomass amounting to 488.5 kg was harvested.
4.	A workshop on 'Ornamental Fisheries Entrepreneurship Development' was organized jointly with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), NFDB and Govt. of West Bengal on 25 th January 2020 at Kolkata. About 100nos. of Entrepreneurs, fish farmers & exporters from Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, & North Eastern States participated in the workshop and shared their experiences and success stories for promotion of ornamental fisheries in the country.
5.	A Review meeting was convened by me with Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Fisheries of all the States/UTs and team of World Bank to discuss the possible areas/ activities through which the World Bank support would be required in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector in the country. In addition, the progress of implementation of various activities/projects under various components of Blue Revolution in State/UTs was also reviewed.
6.	I attended a meeting of 6 th Island Development Authority (IDA) held on 13 th January,

	2020 at North Block, New Delhi, chaired by Honorable Union Minister of Home Affairs. Wherein Island fisheries Development activities like near shore mariculture seaweed farming post harvest technology and cold chain and Marine Ornamental Fisheries to support livelihood and promote tourism, were highlighted.
7.	A meeting was convened with Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority on 21 st January, 2020 to discuss the development of disaster resilient fisheries infrastructure including housing, training of Coastal fisher youth in risk reduction, establishment of Tsunami shelters and other disaster related infrastructure in coastal states through leveraging of funds of NDMA, State Government and Department of Fisheries.
8.	The 2 nd meeting of the Rules Drafting Committee for the 'Draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill' was held on 29 th January, 2020 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9.	The meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) was held on 22 nd January, 2020 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider the proposals under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)
10.	Fisheries International Cooperation Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended Regional Workshop on sharing National priorities for addressing Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand during 14 th - 15 th January, 2020.
11.	Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 13 th - 17 th January, 2020.

	February, 2020
1.	The 10 th meeting of the Technical Committee for Risk Assessment for Import of Fish and Fishery products into India was held on 5 th February, 2019 and a meeting of the steering Committee at National level to oversee and monitor the Tilapia seed and grow-out production was held on 6 th February, 2019 under the chairmanship of Fisheries Development Commissioner at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2.	A meeting of Task Force on Fisheries Subsidies was held on 14 th February, 2020 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) in the Department with Coastal States/UTs to deliberate upon the India's stand on S&DT proposal for presenting in the forthcoming meeting of NGR on Fisheries Subsidies.

3.	The 3 rd meeting of Indo-Norway Joint Task Force under the Chairmanship India Chair for Joint Task Force and Member Secretary, EAC-PM, Shri Ratan P. Watal was held on 18 th February wherein Joint Secretary (Marine) participated from the Department and the issue of harnessing of Antarctic Krill resources in association with Ministry of Earth Science was discussed besides other agenda items.
4.	The sitting of Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Agriculture for examination of the Demand for Grants 2020-21 of Department of Fisheries was held on 19 th February, 2020 in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.
5.	5 th meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 25 th February, 2020 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi wherein the proposals received from West Bengal and Mizoram under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) were considered.
6.	Three days workshop on Awareness Building on Rainbow Trout Culture was organized by the Department of Fisheries and National Fisheries Board at Kullu, Himachal Pradesh from 26.02.2020 to 28.02.2020. The workshop was well attended by Fish Farmers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders including officers from various States/UTs namely Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Ladakh. The workshop comprised of technical presentations and field visit to the trout farms/hatcheries in Kullu District. Two Danish Trout culture experts from Denmark also participated as resource person and shared their experience with the Trout Farmers and Indian Experts.
7.	<u>Fisheries International Cooperation</u> Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 3 rd - 7 th February, 2020.
8.	Dr. P. Paul Pandian, Fisheries Development Commissioner attended the 1 st meeting of the Working Group on Catch Documentation Scheme of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission in Nairobi, Kenya from 10 -11 th February, 2020.
9.	Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) attended Working Party on Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) in Kenya from 12 th - 14 th February, 2020.

