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**OFFICE MEMORANDAM**

Subject: - **Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministers/Departments to the Cabinet for the month of January, 2022 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, 2022 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 attn 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.

**Monthly Summary of important activities pertaining to the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying for the month of January, 2022**

- 1) The Department of Fisheries, Government of India in association with Startup India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry inaugurated the “Fisheries Start-up Grand Challenge” on 13th January 2022 in the presence of Hon’ble Minister FAHD & Hon’ble MoS (FAHD). The challenge has been launched with an objective to provide a platform to start-ups within the country to showcase their innovative solutions within the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector. The challenge will be live for 45 days and the themes identified for submission of problem statements are (i) Design and develop technology / solutions for enhancing the productivity so that the fishers and fish farmers can achieve better price realization, (ii) Develop infrastructure and post-harvest management solutions that will enable fishers, fish farmers in creating value addition, value creation and value realization ensuring minimal wastage across the fisheries value chain, (iii) Develop business solutions and outreach activities that will make fish and fish products easily accessible, acceptable and popular among the meat consuming population in the country and (iv) Develop sustainable solutions to reduce/stop soil erosion, siltation of the water bodies and develop eco-friendly solutions for costal fishers.
- 2) Draft EFC mote on a new project “Covid-19: response & recovery project in fisheries sector” to be funded by World Bank and AFD was prepared and sent for circulation.
- 3) Department of Fisheries in association with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) jointly organized a full day Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture on 21st January, 2022. The conference was inaugurated bu Hon’ble Minister (FAHD) and well attended by officials of the centre and the States/UTs, entrepreneurs, exporters, fish farmers, hatchery owners & other stakeholders from Fisheries and Aquaculture industry from across the country.
- 4) The Department of Fisheries has issued Administrative Approval for two project proposals for up-gradation and modernization of Fishing Harbour at Paradip, Odisha and Mallet Bunder, Mazgaon Fishing Harbour, Maharashtra at a total project cost of Rs. 99.25 crore and 96.60 crore respectively under the Central Sector component of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Scheme.
- 5) A new quarantine facility, that is, Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF)-Phase IV was commissioned in Rajiv Gandhi Centre For Aquaculture (RGCA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) campus at Chennai on 10th January, 2022. This is expected to further improve the flow of high-yielding SPF brood stock of the shrimp variety L. Vannamei and to benefit shrimp culture in the country.
- 6) The Department, organized a webinar on “Cage aquaculture in Reservoir: Sleeping Giants” on 28th January, 2022 as a part of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav”. Dr. B. K. Das, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) made a comprehensive presentation on the topic and briefed about various technologies, opportunities and activities developed by ICAR-CIFRI for diversification of cage aquaculture in various parts of the country along with various skill and capacity development programmes for the farmers and stakeholders.

- 7) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted Fifth orientation-cum-training programme on Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS) held on 21.01.2022 to the District level Authorised officials and GAIS Nodal Officers of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana State. Further, NFDB-North Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), Guwahati organised three different 3- day Skill Development Training programme each Viz. 'Bill Fishery Management and Cage/Pen culture' 'Principles vs. Practices in Composite Fish Culture at Climatic Conditions of Assam' and 'Scientific Practices in Freshwater Aquaculture' to Scheduled Fishermen in Assam.
- 8) The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 323 applications for registration, 131 applications for renewal of registration of shrimp farm and 209 applications from 27 Companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free processed shrimp during the month of January, 2022.
- 9) Six (6) fishing vessels attached with the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programmes in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Further, all Bases of the institutes conducted various Workshops/ Seminar/ Awareness Programmes/ Open Houses/ Exhibitions/ trainings as a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".
- 10) Director General, FSI and other scientists from FSI participated in International virtual meetings on 10th meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC10) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) held on 19th January, 2022.
- 11) National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme for 59 marine fisher women/men comprising of 590 trainee days.
- 12) The preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group (JWG) on Fisheries was conducted on 27th January, 2022 alongwith representation of MEA, ICG, MHA and Govt of Tamil Nadu.
- 13) Public Grievances: The grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 85% as on 31st January, 2022.

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