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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 October, 2021 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 October, 2021 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 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
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- 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 October, 2021**

1. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a virtual meeting on 05.10.2021 along with other officials from Department of Fisheries and scientist from Fishery Survey of India (FSI) and Central marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) for preparation of draft National Plan of Action (NPOA) on Seabirds. Preliminary discussion on preparation of NPOAs and Guidelines were discussed.
2. The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme under the Chairpersonship of Chief Executive, national Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 and recommended the proposals with total outlay of Rs.243.31 crore including Central share of Rs.71.43 crore from Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh (Additional project).
3. Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying launched the River Ranching Programme at Brijghat, Garh Mukteshwar, Uttar Pradesh on 8.10.2021 in the presence of other dignitaries Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Chief Executive, NFDB, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries), other dignitaries from NFDB and Government of Uttar Pradesh and local gatherings. On this day, other 4 States namely, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Tripura and Chhattisgarh have also simultaneously participated in nationwide River Ranching launch program. A total of Rs.8.85 lakh fingerlings were ranched on 8.10.2021 in three river systems namely Ganges, Brahmaputra and Mahanadi. During October, 2021, a total of Rs.76.91 lakh fingerlings have been ranched nationwide.
4. NFDB on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 held a virtual meeting and the Australian High Commission, New Delhi to discuss on developing collaboration between India and Western Australia in the wild caught harvest and post-harvest of commercial fishing and aquaculture sector. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCIWA) and their colleagues also participated in the meeting. It was discussed that Indian commercial seafood and Aquaculture companies to connect and partner with Western Australia Seafood and Fisheries companies offering relevant technologies, skills, services and equipment to enhance harvest and postharvest practices in India's seafood industry.
5. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Information & Broadcasting during his visit to NFDB, Hyderabad on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 launched the Giant Freshwater Prawn Hatchery established at College of Fisheries, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Dholi, Bihar established with the financial assistance from NFDB under the project title "Demonstration of seed production technology of Giant Freshwater Prawn/Scampi in Bihar". Hon'ble Minister of State also launched two Jingles created by NFDB in Hindi on PMMSY for popularizing the scheme among fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders. The Minister has also released the brochures and leaflets on Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) prepared by NFDB in 10 vernacular languages followed by award felicitated for winners of Recipe competition organized by NFDB in connection to PoshanMaah 2021. Hon'ble Minister has also reviewed the activities of the Board.

6. As a part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav*, the Department of Fisheries organized a webinar on “**Fish for Health and Fish for Wealth**” on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, well attended by participants comprising Officials from Department of Fisheries (GoI) and States/UTs, faculty from State Agriculture Universities, entrepreneurs, aquaculture farmers and fishers from across the country participated in the webinar. Dr. B.K. Das, Director, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore, West Bengal was the subject specialist and made a presentation with details on Fish for Health and emerging fish and shellfish disease in India, Prevention and Mitigation.
7. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was observed on 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Department of Fisheries with the objective to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel to foster and reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of our nation by reinforcing the value of strong and united India followed by the virtual pledge ceremony among all officer on that day.
8. Department of Fisheries participated in the special campaign to dispose of pendency launched by the Government during the month of October, 2021. During the campaign, more than 1200 files were weeded out and pendency in many areas was drastically reduced.
9. The Eleventh meeting of Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) of Fisheries Infrastructure and Development Fund (FIDF) was held on 27.10.2021 wherein 20 proposals with total outlay of Rs. 136.38 crore from States and private entrepreneurs were recommended.
10. NFDB conducted an online orientation program on 25.10.2021 with 21 States/UTs nodal officers on Fish Market Price Information System for strengthening the fish price collection and analysis from major cities and towns.
11. Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the Nodal Ministry for overall implementation of the programme. In order to increase the income of the farmers and fishermen of the country, the Department of Fisheries, one of the stakeholders, supports the initiatives to be taken by the Nodal Ministry related to fisheries activities mainly fishing clusters, infrastructure related to fish processing, value addition and marketing in an integrated manner. Chief Executive, NFDB, Joint Secretaries and other senior officers of Department of Fisheries participated in the launching program of PM Gati Shakti Master Plan.
12. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon’ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Information & Broadcasting visited UT Administration of Lakshadweep during 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 and Inaugurated stocking of fishes in Marine Sea cage Farm at Agatti Island, with joint efforts of CMFRI, Department of Fisheries UT Administration, Department of Fisheries, GoI and NFDB by stocking of seeds of high value Pompano fish. He also launched, All-weather Seaweed seed reserve cages at Kavaratti Islands. This technology provides an opportunity for seaweed farming in deeper areas of lagoons. This technology driven approach under PMMSY scheme is creating new opportunities for women in fisheries sector.
13. Vigilance Awareness Week-2021 was observed by Department of Fisheries from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021. During the said week Integrity Pledge taken by all officials followed with the conducting the various Quiz, Essay and social media competition on Vigilance awareness.

14. The 67<sup>th</sup> Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) meeting has been conducted through Video Conferencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021. The CAA approved the following proposals of CAA viz. (i) Registration of Farms, (ii) Renewal of Registration of Farms, (iii) Letter of Permission (LoP) for Farms, (iv) Renewal of Registration of Hatcheries, (v) Registration of New Hatcheries, (vi) Registration of Nauplii Rearing Hatchery (NRH) for Specific Pathogen-Free (SPF) *L. vannamei*, (viii) Issuance of Certificate of Compliance of Antibiotic-Free Aquaculture Inputs, and (viii) Proposal for empanelment of overseas brood-stock supplier for SPF *L. vannamei*. CAA also organized a Stakeholders consultation with hatchery operators, stakeholders and experts on "Return of Tiger - Exploring Sustainability" held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at CAA in a hybrid mode the core committee, resolved and requested the CAA to engage with those who were operating back yard units to produce tiger seeds using wild gravid *P. monodon*.
15. During the month of October 2021, CAA processed 15 applications from 7 companies for issuance of Certificate of Standards for Antibiotic Free Inputs. It also monitored a total of 441 farms and hatcheries and 227 nos. of water samples collected from the final discharge point of Farms for analysis. Monitoring Assistants of CAA were deputed to join the state Fisheries officials to conduct surprise inspection of hatcheries in Andhra Pradesh for spurious seed production. Accordingly, totally 307 hatcheries located in the State have been inspected.
16. Regular courses of Vessel Navigator Course (VNC)/ Marine Fitter Course (MFC) at various Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) units at Kochi, Chennai and Vizag are being conducted in online mode. The vessel namely M.V. Prashikshani, M. V. Skipper II and M.V. Tharangini associated with CIFNET sailed for offshore training on fisheries and exploratory survey program.
17. 6 fishing vessels attached with the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed to conduct the exploratory survey programmes in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Further, Scientists from FSI attended various International virtual meetings such as Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Adhoc Working Group on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) (WGFAD02) during 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Working Party on Methods (WPM) held during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Working Party on Tropical Tuna (WPTT) held during 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
18. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) submitted Techno-Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR) for the construction of fishery harbour at Mallet Bunder in Mumbai with facilities to 1,286 mechanized fishing vessels.
19. National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) processed about 19 tonnes of raw fishes and produced about 15 tonnes of fisheries' products. NIFPHATT also conducted training programme for 55 marine fisher women/men comprising of 576 trainee days.
20. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) along with other officials from Department of Fisheries attended a virtual workshop on East Asian Summit (EAS) on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. They have also participated in Singapore-India Partnership Office (SIPO) meeting in virtual mode relating to Aquaculture/ Marine Product collaboration between India and Singapore held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
21. Public Grievances: The grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 98% as on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.

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