

## **FUNCTION AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

The Department is responsible for matters relating to formulation of policies and schemes pertaining to Development of Inland, Marine and Coastal Fisheries and Fishery Institutes including its four subordinate institutions and one autonomous body and one regulatory authority.

The Department advises the State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) in formulation of policies and programmes in the field of fisheries. The main focus of the activities is on the following:

- a. Expansion of Aquaculture in fresh and Brackish water
- b. Conservation and sustainability of Marine Fisheries Resources
- c. Promotion of Mariculture, Seaweed Cultivation, Cage Culture, RAS, Ornamental Fisheries, Cold Water Fisheries and Fisheries Trade
- d. Social security and welfare of fishermen including fisher women
- e. Exploitation of Deep-Sea fishery resources
- f. Inland Fisheries Development
- g. Establishment of the network of Aquatic quarantine
- h. Mapping of water bodies through GIS etc.

The Department also undertakes the formulation of policies, strategies, programs and plans on fisheries, to draft related laws, regulations and provisions, and organize their supervision and implementation across the States/UTs.