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Department of Fisheries

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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 August, 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 August, 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 Puneet Kansal, Additional Secretary)
- 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 August, 2024 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

1. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 217 fisheries development projects virtually with total outlay of approximately Rs. 1200 crore at Palghar, Maharashtra on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and other dignitaries. The Hon'ble Prime Minister also launched the National Rollout of Vessel Communication and Support System at a cost of approximately Rs 364 crore. The projects inaugurated and foundation stone laid include Fishing Harbours, Integrated Aqua park, State of Art Wholesale Fish Market, Cold Storages and Ice Plants, Hatcheries, Fish Feed Mills, Fish Feed Mills, Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) and Biofloc Units, Value Added Enterprise units, Freshwater Fin Fish Hatcheries, Ornamental Breeding Rearing Units, Matsya Seva Kendras, Live Fish Vending centres, Reservoir Cages, Grow out ponds, Biofloc Ponds, Post-Harvest Transport Vehicles etc.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying (FAH&D) reviewed the "Development of Indian Marine Fisheries in Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and High Seas" and World Trade Organisation (WTO) related fisheries subsidies matters on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAH&D) held a meeting with Mr. Musa S. Drammeh, the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries and Water Resources from Gambia at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to discuss matters of mutual interest and strengthening of bilateral fisheries relations between Gambia and India.
4. A meeting was co-chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries for Animal Husbandry, and Dairying and the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry to discuss the present status and strategy for "Seafood Export Promotion Strategy and WTO Fisheries Subsidies" on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in Vanijaya Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Government of India declared August 23<sup>rd</sup> as "National Space Day" in recognition of the historic achievement made by Chandrayaan-3 Mission. As a part of National Space Day event, the Department of Fisheries organized a seminar on "Application of Space Technology in Fisheries Sector" at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024 under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj, and in the gracious presence of Hon'ble MOS along with other dignitaries.
6. Towards fostering collaboration in the field of cooperative management within the fisheries sector, the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE) and the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. This is an important step forward in realization of the vision of establishment of 2 lakh Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy and Fishery Cooperatives in every Panchayat. VAMNICOM and ICAR-CIFE will together explore new opportunities in the area of Fish cooperative and Fisheries ecosystem from the perspective of education, research, capacity building and consultancy.
7. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries attended a meeting on "High Seas and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Guidelines" on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Amit Khare, Advisor to the Prime Minister.
8. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a review meeting on Production and Processing Clusters in Fisheries Sector on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 through Video Conferencing.
9. The Secretary Department of Fisheries chaired a meeting to review the status of National Fisheries Digital Portal and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY) Guidelines on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

10. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting with Expert Committee to discuss “Guidelines for Regulating Hatcheries and Farms for Seed Production and Culture of Indigenous Shrimp Species in Marine and Brackish Water” under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Rules 2024 on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024, through Video Conferencing (VC).
11. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) chaired a meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2024 with the Consortium of Fisheries Universities and other partners regarding the Verification and Monitoring Consultancy under the new sub-scheme PMMKSSY, which is assisted by the World Bank and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) through Video Conferencing (VC).
12. The 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting of PMMSY was chaired by Chief Executive, NFDB on 07-08-2024 and 22-08-2024, wherein the various developmental proposals of seven States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Tripura with a total outlay of Rs.649.24 Crore projects were appraised and recommended by the PAC.
13. National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad in collaboration with M/s T Works, Hyderabad conducted a trial run of Drone Technology in Fisheries and Aquaculture, successfully distributing Fish Feed using drones on 02-08-2024. This innovative approach aims to enhance efficiency, reduce costs and boost productivity.
14. Further NFDB organised 16 numbers of Training, Awareness and Outreach Programs for 19,000 persons. They have also conducted 79 outreach programs for 101050 stakeholders through physical and virtual mediums.
15. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 780 applications including 439 applications for registration and renewal of registration received from the States/ Union Territories of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha and 341 applications for the issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free Aqua Inputs received from the input manufacturers. 558 visits were made to the farms and hatcheries for inspection and monitoring and sensitized the stakeholders on compliance of CAA Guidelines in coastal district of Odisha.
16. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted a reconnaissance survey at Pudimadaka fishery centre in Andhra Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for the proposed fisheries harbour development. They are preparing a Detailed Project Report for a fisheries harbour at Point Pedro, Sri Lanka.
17. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 5 training courses, which included 3 regular courses, 2 fishermen training programmes, benefiting a total of 365 candidates.
18. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 84 marine fishers.
19. The Director, Coastal Aquaculture Authority and Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries), Department of Fisheries were deputed to Australia to attend the Australian Biosecurity Symposium, visit the Port Entry Quarantine facility and a leading farm in Queensland from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 under the Canberra Fellowship Program on Biosecurity.
20. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 95 % as on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024.

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