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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Department of Fisheries

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Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

**OFFICE MEMORANDAM**

**Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of significant developments in Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of October, 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 October, 2024 containing significant developments for your kind information.

Enclosure: 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.

**Significant developments during the month of October, 2024 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

1. The Department of Fisheries organized a workshop on “Application and Demonstration of Drone Technology in Fisheries and Aquaculture” on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Gyan Bhawan, Patna, Bihar. The event was graced by Shri Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar along with Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D) and Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Smt. Renu Devi, Minister Animal and Fisheries Resource Department, Bihar, Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha, Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar, Shri Samrat Choudhary, Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar and other esteemed dignitaries. The workshop brought together scientists, state fisheries officials, fishermen and fisherwomen on one platform to showcase use of drone technology in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.
2. The Department of Fisheries through “Vessel Communication and Support System” featuring indigenous transponder technology, has demonstrated its capability in safeguarding fishermen during Cyclone DANA encountered at off Odisha coast in Bay of Bengal. Through these transponders, advisories were issued to the fishermen out at sea through Space Application Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad to avoid venturing into the sea from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024. It was also advised to the fishermen out at sea to return to the shore immediately. The timing of this warning was significant, allowing fishermen to take necessary precautions before the cyclone made landfall. The messages sent to fishermen included, “Fishermen out at sea are advised to return to the coast immediately,” and “Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea off Odisha Coast and adjoining North Bay of Bengal during that period.” These broadcast messages were communicated in both English and Odia to ensure that all fishermen could understand the severity of the situation.
3. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries attended a meeting of the Indo-Sri Lank Joint Working Group (JWG) on Fishermen issues from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The humanitarian approach in handling fishermen issue, early release of apprehended Indian fishermen and fishing vessels, investigations on death of fishermen, and India’s developmental and R&D projects related to fishing and aquaculture in Sri Lanka were discussed.
4. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted the 65<sup>th</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting on 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 to discuss and evaluate additional proposals and recommended the proposals with total cost of Rs. 305.03 crore, with a central share of Rs. 160.76 crore from Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Gujarat, and Telangana under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of beneficiary-oriented and non-beneficiary-oriented schemes.

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