

Report on World Fisheries Day Celebration 21st November 2020

Venue: A.P Shinde Symposium Hall, NASC
Complex, Pusa, New Delhi



National Fisheries Development Board

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India
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BACKGROUND: WORLD FISHERIES DAY - A UNIFYING FORCE

On 21st November 1997 at New Delhi working fishermen and women from all over the globe came together to get unified on the occasion of World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers. On that day, the World Fisheries Forum (WFF) was established and fishing representatives from 18 countries signed a declaration advocating for a global mandate of sustainable fishing practices and policies.

To commemorate this day, 21st November is celebrated every year as World Fisheries Day. The Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying celebrated world fisheries day at NASC Complex in New Delhi on 21st November 2020. It was the first time Ministry, during the event, awarded best performing States in the Fisheries Sector for 2019-20.

Fisher folks in India, where it is widely celebrated, also demonstrate the importance of maintaining the fisheries of the world along with highlighting the problems like overfishing and mechanization. World Fisheries Day also explores finding solutions to the increasingly interconnected problems that the world is facing to follow sustainable models of our ocean ecosystems.



WORLD FISHERIES DAY 2020, NEW DELHI

Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying took initiative to celebrate the Day in order to motivate and facilitate different stakeholders contributing towards the upliftment of fisheries sector of the country. NFDB coordinated with the Department of Fisheries for organizing the event.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Chief Guest inaugurated the World Fisheries Day celebration 2020 which was held at NASC Complex, PUSA, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary was present as the Guest of honor. The event was attended by Dr Rajeev Ranjan, Secretary, Dept. of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying; Dr Suvarna, Chief Executive, NFDB; Dr Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine), Depart of Fisheries; and Shri Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (Inland), Depart of Fisheries, besides Commissioner & Secretary of Fisheries to Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Assam, Odisha and Telangana, Directors of Fisheries, State officers and farmers. The guests of the event were felicitated and welcomed with flower



bouquets and ushered to the seats on the dais. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries led the lighting of traditional lamps followed by the delegates on the dais. Shri Sagar Mehra, the Joint Secretary delivered the welcome address which was followed by Keynote address by the Secretary, Dept. of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

Dr Rajeev Ranjan, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, in his keynote address briefed about the origine of world fisheries day which basically emphasized on sustainable development



of fisheries. He expressed his happiness that India has taken steps to bring about blue revolution in the country, so that, fishers and fishermen and other stake holders involved directly and indirectly could be benefited. He conveyed that Government of India is determined for the development of fisheries sector, which can be very well observed through huge allocation of funds under PMMSY and creation of separate Ministry and Department of Fisheries. The scheme has the potential of bringing holistic development of fisheries,

high foreign exchange, nutritional security and employment. He pointed out that during 2019-20, India produced 14.2 MMT fish out of which inland production amounted to 72% and the Marine fisheries contribution was 28%. Fisheries sector's contribution towards National GVA was 1.24% against 7.28% of agriculture sector's contribution during FY 2018-19. The government has taken initiatives for the socio-economic upliftment of the fishers and fish farmers and now its positive effects are clearly visible.

Realizing the potential of the sector, GoI launched PMMSY with a budget outlay of Rs. 20,050 cr and aspiring to achieve 22 MMT fish production by the FY 2024-25. He pointed out the need to reduce post-harvest loss so as to increase the income of fishers and fish farmers and stressed the need to increase per capita fish consumption from 5.6 kg to 12 kg. He also informed that the Department of Fisheries have received proposals from 32 State/UTs under PMMSY and projects have been approved to a tune of about Rs. 2000 Cr. Further, he added that government had released guidelines for culture of Tilapia, Pangasius, SPF shrimp and others and also launched many welfare schemes such insurance scheme, Kisan Credit Card(KCC) and safety at sea to benefit the farmers and fishers in the sector. Under FIDF, government has allocated 7000 cr. for the development of the infrastructure. Dr Rajeev Ranjan also added that the government is focusing on developing ornamental fisheries and seaweed cultivation to create global market.

RELEASE OF PMMSY LOGO, WEBSITE & DAHSBOARD

The Chief Guest of the event, Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Honorable Minister of State unveiled the logo and website dashboard of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

(PMMSY). Shri Mukesh announced the vision of the PMMSY schemes and its potential for achieving the aspired output and outcome. The Dashboard was displayed on the public view screen.

RELEASE OF PUBLICATION

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi also released four publications: Mission Action Plan- Cold Water Fisheries Development, Quality Seed Production, Regulatory Framework, Standard Certification and Traceability in Fisheries. He also released the six booklets on "Recent Trends on Aquaculture" published by NFDB namely Marine Fish Culture, Bio-floc Fish Culture, Recirculatory Aquaculture System, Murrel Culture in Ponds, Trout Culture in Raceways, Trout Culture in Recirculatory Aquaculture System. He also released five booklets published by FSI namely Survey of Tuna in EEZ, Extension Activities of FSI, Record of rare species, Scientific contribution of FSI's Scientist Vol-I & II.

FELICITATION & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Chief Executive of NFDB, Dr C Suvarna briefed on the awards being instituted by NFDB under the guidance of the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India. She informed about the process of selection of the outstanding performers taking into consideration the key parameters to provide scope for different geographical areas and sizes to compete. The awards were consolidated into various categories such as Best State, Best District, Best Quasi Government Organization/Federation/Corporation/Board, Cooperative Societies/FFPO/SHGs, Best Enterprise/Entrepreneurs, Best Fishers and Fish Farmers and Best Hatchery. They are further sub-categorized into Marine, Inland, Hilly and North Eastern States. 175 nominations were received and evaluated by using professional tools. The awards are in recognition of their accomplishments in fish production and productivity, development and adoption of improved technologies and practices in fish farming. She congratulated and appreciated all the awardees.



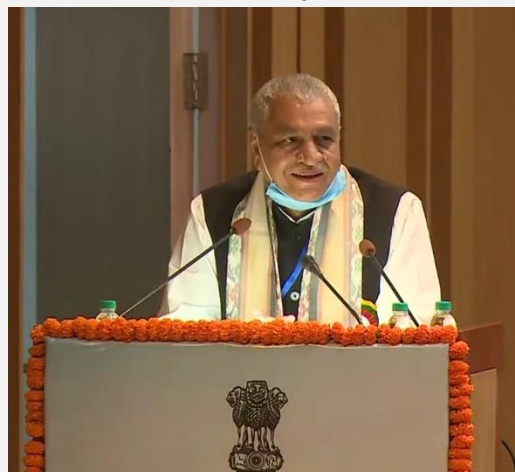
The following awardees were felicitated by the Chief Guest with Cash Prize, Shawl, Memento and Certificate: -

1. Best Marine State: - Odisha
2. Best Inland State: - Uttar Pradesh
3. Best Hilly & North-East State: Assam
4. Best Marine District: Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh
5. Best Inland District: Kalahandi District, Odisha
6. Best Hilly & North East State: Nagaon District, Assam

7. Best Marine Quasi Government Organization/Federation/Corporation/Board: Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd.
8. Best Inland Quasi Government Organization/Federation/Corporation/Board: Telangana State Fishermen Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd.
9. Best Hilly & North-East Quasi Government Organization /Federation /Corporation /Board: Assam Apex Co-operative Fish Marketing & Processing Federation Ltd.
10. Best Fisheries Enterprise:
 - M/s. Sai Aqua Feeds, Bapatla, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
 - M.M. Fish Seed Cultivation Private Ltd, Chhattisgarh
 - Sashmi Foods Pvt Ltd, Karnataka.
11. Best Fisheries Cooperative Societies/FFPO/SHGs:
 - Sahyadri Aquarium Fish Producer Company Ltd, Kerala (Not Attended)
 - Nambikkai Fish Farmers Group (SHG), Tamil Nadu
 - Narakkal Nayarambalam FDWCS, Kerala.
12. Best Fisheries Individual Entrepreneurs:
 - M/s R. S. Polyplast, Delhi
 - M/s. M. I. K. Fish Company, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh
13. Best Inland Fish farmer: Shri. Surender, Haryana
14. Best Marine Fish farmer: Shri. Chinnasamy, Tamil Nadu
15. Best Hilly & North-East Fish Farmer: Shri. Amal Medhi, Assam
16. Best Fish Hatchery: Shri. Kailash Ramchandra Varma, Madhya Pradesh
17. Best Shrimp Hatchery: Shri. Ravi Kumar Yellanki - Vaisakhi Bio – Marine Private Ltd, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

MESSAGE ON WORLD FISHERIES DAY-BY MINISTER OF FISHERIES, UTTAR PRADESH

The Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Shri. Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary greeted the audience on the occasion. In his address, he pointed out that development of fisheries sector in Uttar Pradesh was a challenging task. However, in recent years, the State received continuous support from the central government and the fish production in the State increased from 4 lakh tons to 7 lakh tons. The slogan of Blue Revolution inspired many youth to take up fish culture for employment and income generation. The State distributed 5000 motor cycles with ice box having carrying capacity of one quintal fish and during Corona pandemic, the fishers/farmers delivered fish door to door using these vehicles and sold fish at the rate of up to Rs.300/kg. The State government implemented the welfare schemes through web portal to have transparent process.



He said U.P had great potential in fisheries sector. The experimental program on culture of shrimp in inland saline area of Mathura district gave positive result. The government is also

trying to implement ornamental fish project so that a good number of unemployed youth can embrace it as a new venture. The U.P Fisheries Department has acquired around 30 ha land in Lucknow which will be good area to develop a Fish and fish produce marketing Hub. He assured that U.P will continuously work for the development of fisheries sector and requested the central government to provide continuous support.

MESSAGE ON WORLD FISHERIES DAY-BY HONORABLE MINISTER OF STATE, FISHERIES, GOI

Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi conveyed his greetings to the audience and said like other agriculture farmers, fishers and fish farmers are food providers. He recalled the event of the formation the World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers in 1997 to unify the working fishermen and women from all over the globe wherein a declaration was signed for advocating global mandate of sustainable fishing practices and policies. He further added that Our Hon'ble Prime Minister, since 2014, is encouraging the sustainable development of fisheries by empowering fisheries department and through the allocation of 3000 Cr fund under Blue Revolution scheme and Rs. 20,050 Cr under PMMSY. To achieve the desired output requires unshakable determination, effort and spark among all stake holders. Government is putting all efforts to cross the hurdles coming across the path of the aspired goal. He said being the world's second largest fish producer alone is not enough, instead we should focus on increasing national per capita fish consumption. Unless and the target of per capita fish requirement and per capita fish consumption is achieved, the sector will continue to work towards the goal.



He emphasized on digitalization of the sector so that farmers should have all the information about the new trends and technologies along with proper market access. He said 20050 cr. fund is not enough for such a large population and hence, still required investment from other companies and funding agencies. Under PMMSY, the activities of the sector will expand through FFPOs and 3777 Sagar Mitras. He pointed out that there was a need to strengthen FISHCOFED. He also stressed that special focus on deep sea fishing and aquaculture is the need of the hour in order to increase the fish production.

VOTE OF THANKS-DR J BALAJI, JOINT SECRETARY, DOF-GOI



The Guests of the event were honored with a Shawl and Memento and vote of thanks was delivered by the Joint Secretary of the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India, Dr J Balaji. He expressed gratefulness to the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor for gracing the Occasion. He also congratulated the Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for the achievement and awards received. He appreciated the efforts of the officers and staffs of Department of Fisheries and NFDB for the efforts in making the event a grand success. He congratulated all the awardees and thanked all the participants of the events.