

AWARDS IN FISHERIES SECTOR

Fisheries is sunrise sector which plays a vital role in the national economy through its contribution in the form fish production, employment generation and exports. National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), under Department of Fisheries Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India, has institutionalized awards in selected categories to felicitate and honor fish farmers and fishers who contributed to the growth of the fisheries sector by adoption of improved technologies and practices in aquaculture and fisheries activities on World Fisheries Day (21st November).

The awards to be conferred for World Fisheries day, 2023 has been categorized into Three Categories. To get the visibility at National level and to create competitive spirit among States and Union Territories, the national level awards for best performing States of Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North Eastern regions and Best Union Territory were categorized under **Category "1"**. Best performing District of Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North Eastern States and Best district from UTs has been categorized under **Category "2"**. Best performing Enterprise/Entrepreneur comprises of the Best Fish Farmers shortlisted throughout the Country (2 awards), Best Fisheries Co-operative Societies / FFPOs (2 Awards) and Best Fisheries Enterprises/Entrepreneur (01 award) has been categorized under **Category "3"**

The details of the awards proposed to be conferred on World Fisheries Day (21st November, 2023) are detailed below:

Category of awards proposed:

Sl.No	Category of Award	Award
	CATEGORY - 1	
1	Best State / UT Category (04 wards)	Rank Basis
1.1	Marine State	a) Ranking as Best State b) Trophy of Best State c) Certificate of Merit
1.2	Inland State	
1.3	Himalayan and North Eastern State	
1.4	Union Territory	
	CATEGORY - 2	
2	Best District (04 awards)	
2.1	Best Marine District	a) Ranking as Best District b) Trophy of Best District c) Certificate of Merit
2.2	Best Inland District	
2.3	Best Himalayan and North Eastern District	
2.4	Best District in Union Territories	
	CATEGORY - 3	
3	Best Enterprise/Entrepreneurs (5 awards)	
3.1	Best Fish Farmer shortlisted throughout the Country (2 awards) (Inland & Marine Category)	a) Certificate of Merit b) Cash Award of Rs.1.0 lakh each
3.2	Best Fisheries Cooperatives / FFPOs (2 awards)	a) Certificate of Merit b) Cash Award of Rs.1.0 lakh each
3.3	Best Fisheries Enterprises/Entrepreneur (01 award)	a) Certificate of Merit b) Cash Award of Rs.1.0 lakh each

By considering the nature of fishing operations and geographical features, the entire country is divided into Four regions such as Inland, Marine, Himalayan & Northeastern states and Union Territories. Awards at Category 1 & 2 in the above table are conferred for each region.

Category 1 - Best State/UT & Category - 2 - Best District

States, UTs and Districts covered for each region, eligibility criteria and nomination process are detailed below:

Marine States: States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal shall be eligible to apply for the Best Performing Marine State in fisheries. [One award for the Best Performing Marine District is also earmarked under this category from the mentioned States.](#)

Inland States: States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh shall be eligible to apply for the best performing Inland State in fisheries. [One award for the Best Performing India District is also earmarked under this category from the mentioned States.](#)

Himalayan and North Eastern States: Himalayan & NE States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim shall be eligible to apply for the best performing Himalayan & North- eastern state in fisheries. [One award for the Best Performing Himalayan & North Eastern District is also earmarked under this category from the mentioned States.](#)

Union Territories: - UT of Delhi, Chandigarh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh are eligible to apply for the Best Performing Union Territory. [One award for the Best Performing District is also earmarked under this category from the mentioned UTs.](#)

Nomination for best performing Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North-eastern states and Union Territory:

For the purpose of identifying best performing State and UT Award under each category of Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North eastern regions and UT, the Commissioner/ Director of State/UT Fisheries Department has to apply as per the prescribed formats given at Annexure-I to IV.

Nomination for best performing district from Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North-eastern states and Union Territory:

For the purpose of identifying best performing district Award under each category of Inland, Marine, Himalayan & North eastern regions and Union Territory District, nominations for one district from each State/UT from the Commissioner/Director of Fisheries of the State and UT Fisheries Department is accepted as per the prescribed format given at Annexure- V to VIII.

Eligibility Criteria for submitting the Nominations under the Category - "3" of Best Fisheries Enterprise/Entrepreneur

Best Fish Farmer:

Inland Fish Farmer: Farmers those belonging to Marine/Inland/Himalayan & NE States/ UTs who are involved in the **culture of fresh water finfish** are eligible under this category.

Marine Fish Farmer: Farmers those who are involved in the culture of marine/ brackish/saline water finfish / shell fish are eligible under this category.

The farmers fulfilling the conditions mentioned below are eligible under this categories:

- Must be in the culture field at least for the last 5 years
- Farmers with their ponds registered with state/UT departments are only eligible, wherever applicable
- Farmers with minimum of 1 ha culture area are eligible. (A minimum of 0.5ha culture area for the farmers from Himalayan & NE state / UT)
- Nominations to be submitted as per the prescribed format.
- The nominations received with incomplete information for any of the parameters will summarily be rejected

Fisheries Co-operative Societies/ FFPOs:

Fisheries Co-operative Societies formed as per the i) respective State/UT Co-operative Societies Act or Autonomous Cooperative Societies' Act or Multi -State Co-operative Societies Act (central Act) and ii) FFPO registered as per Society Registration Act, 1860 or PART IX A of the Companies Act, 1956 or Cooperative society Acts of Individual State/ Autonomous Cooperative Societies' Act/ Multi State Cooperative Societies' Act (central Act). FCS/FFPOs registered as per the said criteria and fulfilling the conditions mentioned below are eligible under this category: FCS/FFPOs should be active /functional as on the date of submission of nomination

- Must have contributed in fisheries sector for enhancing fish production, employment generation, increasing the income levels of fishers and taken up projects with an annual turnover of Rs.25 Lakh and above.
- The Co-operative Societies/FFPOs those who have convened General Body meeting regularly.

- Co-operative Societies/FFPOs should have completed auditing of their accounts during FY 2020 - 2021, 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023
- The nominations received with incomplete information for any of the parameters will summarily be rejected.

Fisheries Enterprises (Partnership Firm/LLP/Private Ltd):

Enterprises under this category should be a partnership firm registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 or Limited Liability Partnership Firm registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 or Private Limited Company registered under Companies Act 1956 amended as Companies Act 2013. Firms registered as per the said criteria and fulfilling the conditions mentioned below are eligible under this category:

- Enterprise should be active /functional as on the date of submission of nomination.
- The entity should be a recognized / registered micro, small, medium enterprise in fisheries sector with an annual turnover of Rs.50 lakh and above.
- The entity must have directly/or indirectly contributed in fisheries sector for enhancing fish production, employment generation, increasing the income levels of fishers, etc.
- The entity must contain all applicable registrations such as MSME, FSSAI, GST Registration, etc.
- Enterprises should have completed audit of accounts for FY 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023
- There should not have been any default in the last three years (FY 2020-21, 2021-22 and 22-23) by the entity or any of its promoters or any of their group entities.
- The nominations received with incomplete information for any of the parameters will summarily be rejected.

Entrepreneurs (Proprietary firms):

A firm run by a single individual registered under Proprietorship firm having a current account opened with a bank for handling day to day business operations. Entrepreneur registered as per the said criteria and fulfilling the conditions mentioned below are eligible under this category:

- The firms should have at least two documents as proof of business location in the form of government registrations such as shop act license, GST etc to open a current account with the bank.
- Annual turnover of the firm should be minimum Rs.10 Lakhs and above.
- The entity must have directly or indirectly contributed in fisheries sector for enhancing fish production, employment generation, increasing the income levels of fishers etc.
- The entity must have all applicable registrations, whatever necessary.

- Enterprises should have completed auditing of their accounts during FY 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023
- The nominations received with incomplete information for any of the parameters will summarily be rejected.

Documents to be submitted:

1. Copy of Certificate in support of recognition/registration
2. Proof of ownership of proprietary firm
3. PAN card for founder/ co-founder
4. Trade specific registrations, if applicable
5. Audited financial statements for the past 3 years starting from 2020-21 to 2022-23 (P&L Statement + Balance Sheet + IT return)
6. Self-declaration on free from disciplinary action / litigation, not received similar award from DoF/NFDB, etc
7. Documents pertaining to standards/quality control and GST
8. Documentary evidence for eligibility criteria specified.
9. Aadhar details of individuals such as entrepreneurs/ fish farmers
10. Recently taken high resolution photos and 3 minutes video of activities under taken (applicable to all categories)

NOTE:-

Awardees of World Fisheries Day, 2022 are not entitled to submit their nominations for World Fisheries Day, 2023 for the Category "3".

Awards Scrutiny Committee:

For Category 1 & 2

Preliminary Scrutiny of the nominations for all the award categories will be taken up at National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad through the evaluation tool developed. A committee jointly chaired by both the Joint Secretaries under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Fisheries) at the Department of Fisheries, New Delhi, technical officials at Department of Fisheries, New Delhi and others will be constituted to finalize the awards under categories of 1 and 2.

For Awards under Category "3"

Awards under the Category "3" shall be scrutinized and finalized at NFDB, Hyderabad under the Chairmanship of CE (i/c) and Co-Chairmanship of SED (i/c) and Executive Director (F&A) of NFDB. Final list of the awardees for Category "3" will be further communicated to DoF, New Delhi for further approval.

Calendar for finalizing the awards at National Level event:

Sl.No	Timeline	Activity
1	11 th October, 2023	Notification for inviting the nominations for various Category Awards
2	11 th October to 25 th Oct, 2023	Receipt and entry of the Nominations received under various category awards
3	26 th to 31 st of October, 2023	Scrutiny of all the nominations received under different categories at NFDB, Hyderabad
4	1 st week of November, 2023	Finalization of the Awards for the categories of 1 & 2 by the DoF, New Delhi and submission of the final list of awardees for Category "3" by NFDB for DoF, New Delhi approval
5	10 th November, 2023	Intimation to the awardees.
6	21 st November, 2023	Award Ceremony organized by DoF & NFDB

Procedure for submission of nominations:

Prescribed nomination forms for various category of awards which are made available on the NFDB website <http://nfdb.gov.in> and can be downloaded for submission of the nominations. Filled-in formats for all the parameters specified may be submitted to the following address by speed post within the prescribed time limit along with the mail copy at info.nfdb@nic.in.

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National Fisheries Development Board Department of Fisheries
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India
"Fish Building" Pillar No: 235, PVNR Expressway
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The nominations received for various category of awards will be scrutinized, initially by NFDB and subsequently by the Committee constituted for the purpose at DoF, New Delhi. The nominations will be evaluated as per the details submitted for various parameters specified and as per internal assessment criteria and evaluation tool developed for this purpose.