

An awareness programme on World Fisheries Day

THEME:

*Social
responsibility in
the fisheries value
chain*



- **Why is it important to celebrate World Fisheries Day?**
According to the United Nations, more than two-thirds of the world fisheries are overfished. Therefore, it is important to celebrate the day to create awareness about sustainable fishing.
- **What is the theme of the World Fisheries Day?**
The World Fisheries Day is to be celebrated under the theme
Theme: Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain
- **Why is the Fisheries sector important?**
Small scale fisheries employ more than 90% of people employed in fisheries. Around 65% of fish caught from inland fisheries are from low-income food deficit countries. More than 25% of world dietary protein is provided by the fish. The total fish consumption in the world is 100 million tonnes. Therefore, it is important to focus on changing the way the world manages global fisheries in order to ensure sustainable fish stocks.
- **How is World Fisheries Day celebrated in India?**
For the first time, the Department of Fisheries operating under the Ministry of Fisheries is celebrating World Fisheries Day. The Department is to confer **best performing states in Fisheries award** on World Fisheries Day. Assam has won the award among Hilly and North East States. The best performing state award among inland states is to be provided to Uttar Pradesh and Odisha.
- **What are the efforts of Govt to develop fisheries sector?**
The Government of India had launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana at Rs 20,050 crores. The programme aims to achieve 22 million tonnes of fish production by 2024-25. Also, it is expected to create employment opportunity to 55 lakh people.
- **How important is Fisheries Sector in India?**
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Assam wins best state award in fisheries sector

➤ What are the four awards won by Assam in Fisheries sector?

Assam received the best state award under the category of best hilly and North Eastern State in Fisheries. Also, the Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Limited (FISHED) won the first place in the category of hilly and North Eastern Government Organization. The Nagaon district of Assam was selected the best hilly and North Eastern district category. Amal Medhi, a farmer from Nalbari district of Assam won first place under the category of hilly and North Eastern fish farmer category.

➤ What were the other fisheries awards received?

The following were the other awards received

- Odisha bagged the best state in marine state category
- Uttar Pradesh won the best state award in Inland State category

All the awards carry Rs 10 lakh prize money, a shawl, a certificate and a memento.

➤ Why are the Fisheries Awards important?

The awards are a great boost to fisheries sector, especially during the COVID-19 times. In 2019, India exported Rs 47,000 crores of fisheries. India is the second largest producer of fish in the world. Therefore, fisheries has a high contribution to the Indian Economy. It is thus, important to focus on fisheries to boost declining economic growth due to COVID-19 pandemic.

➤ What are future goals of India in fisheries sector?

India has plans to increase its fisheries exports by 50% in next five years. In value, it aims to achieve Rs 1 lakh crore of exports in next five years.

➤ What is the current status of fisheries in India?

India produces 13,7 million tonnes of fish annually (as of 2018-19). Of this, the inland fisheries constitutes 65% of the total fish production.

➤ What are the major fishing harbours in India?

There are 23 minor and five major fishing harbours in India. The major harbours are Mangalore, Chennai, Kochi, Vishakhapatnam and Kolkata.

World Fisheries Day: November 21





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Thank you!