



# Best Inland State Award for Fisheries

## Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on November 18, 2022, Chhattisgarh has been selected for the Best Inland State Award in the field of fisheries in the country. The award will be given to Chhattisgarh on November 21 in the Union Territory of Daman.

## Key Points

- According to information received from the Fisheries Department, this award is given by the National Fisheries Development Board on the occasion of World Fisheries Day.
- It is known that the fisheries industry in the state is based on fisheries, in which 'major carp' fish plays an important role. The state's 91,928 ponds (1.094 lakh hectares) are the mainstay of culture fisheries. 92 percent of its water area is under fisheries.
- In the year 2020-21, there was 5.77 lakh tonnes of fish production in the state, which was 1.39 lakh tonnes in the year 2007-08. From the year 2007-08 to 2020-21, a total increase of 315 percent was registered in fish production.
- Interest among farmers in fisheries has increased. While a small number of farmers took the help of the government to build ponds for fisheries in 2012-13, thousands of people have shown interest in it in the last few years.
- At present, 2.20 lakh people of the state are engaged in fisheries and 318 lakh man-days of employment is being created.
- In the state, 88,671 rural pond water area 1.094 hectare and 1,770 irrigation reservoir 0.826 lakh hectare water area, total 1.920 lakh hectare water area is available for fish farming in 2021-22. Out of the available water area till the year 2021-22, 1.812 lakh hectare water area, rural pond 1.011 lakh and irrigation reservoir 0.801 lakh hectare water area have been brought under fisheries.
- It is worth mentioning that the Fisheries Department is working to provide training to the rural people of the state by giving technical guidance to make them financially self-reliant. The fish also provides seeds. The schemes of the government are giving a new shape to the nature of the village today.

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