

Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Meet 2025

Why in News?

The **Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** organized the **"Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Meet 2025,"** focusing on the development of inland **fisheries and aquaculture** in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- Inauguration of Key Fisheries Projects under PMMSY:
 - The Union Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for major fisheries projects under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**.
 - The Minister launched the Reservoir Fisheries Cluster at Halali Dam and laid the foundation for various PMMSY-supported initiatives aimed at enhancing aquaculture infrastructure, boosting fish production, and generating livelihoods in inland regions.
- Support to Beneficiaries and Technological Integration:
 - The Minister distributed certificates to a range of beneficiaries including fisheries cooperatives, Fish Farmers Producers Organisations (FFPOs), and fisheries start-ups.
 - Fishers received <u>Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs)</u> and aquaculture insurance, targeting marginalized communities with integrated digital access and focused insurance coverage.
- Growth of Inland Fisheries Since 2015
 - Since 2015, the Government invested **Rs 38,572 crore** under various flagship schemes to strengthen the fisheries sector.
 - As a result, **India's fish production grew by 104%**, rising from 95.79 lakh tonnes in 2013–14 to 195 lakh tonnes in 2024–25.
 - Inland fisheries and aquaculture contributed over 75% of this output, growing by 140% to reach 147.37 lakh tonnes in 2024–25.
 - This sector enables year-round production, efficient resource use, and transforms underutilised land into income-generating assets, supporting livelihoods of rural and small-scale farmers.
- Technology-Driven Growth and Innovation:
 - Under PMMSY and <u>Blue Revolution</u>, the Government approved 45,000 inland units boosting productivity by up to 20 times.
 - A pilot initiative with <u>ICAR-CIFRI (Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute)</u> was also launched to explore the use of <u>drones</u> for fish transport, monitoring, and sustainable fisheries management.
- State of India's Fisheries Sector:
 - India is **the 3rd largest fish producer** and **2nd largest aquaculture** nation in the world after China.
 - India ranks 4th globally in fish exports, contributing 7.7% to global fish production.
 - Inland fisheries account for over 75% of total output.
 - **Top fish-producing states:** Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka.

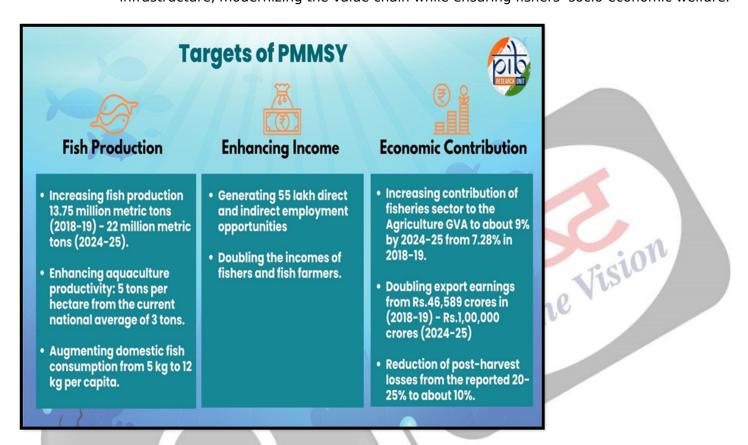
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

About:

- The Department of Fisheries is implementing the PMMSY, a scheme aimed at ushering in a Blue Revolution through the sustainable and responsible development of India's fisheries sector.
 - It focuses on the comprehensive growth of the sector while ensuring the welfare of fishers.
- PMMSY is being implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

Objective:

• PMMSY **addresses gaps** in fish production, productivity, quality, and post-harvest infrastructure, modernizing the value chain while ensuring fishers' socio-economic welfare.



Blue Revolution

- The **Blue Revolution** refers to the **integrated** and **sustainable development of the fisheries sector** to boost fish production and productivity through inland, marine fisheries, and aquaculture.
- The Government restructured all ongoing fisheries schemes into a single umbrella programme called "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries."
- Implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the scheme ensures targeted support across the sector.
- Objectives:
 - Boost fish production sustainably and responsibly.
 - Modernize the sector by adopting new technologies.
 - Ensure food and nutritional security.
 - Generate employment opportunities and boost exports.
 - Promote inclusive growth and empower fishers and fish farmers.

