



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 **Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs)** 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 **Blue Revolution**, the Government approved 45,000 inland units boosting productivity by up to 20 times.
 - A pilot initiative with **ICAR-CIFRI (Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute)** was also launched to explore the use of **drones** 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.

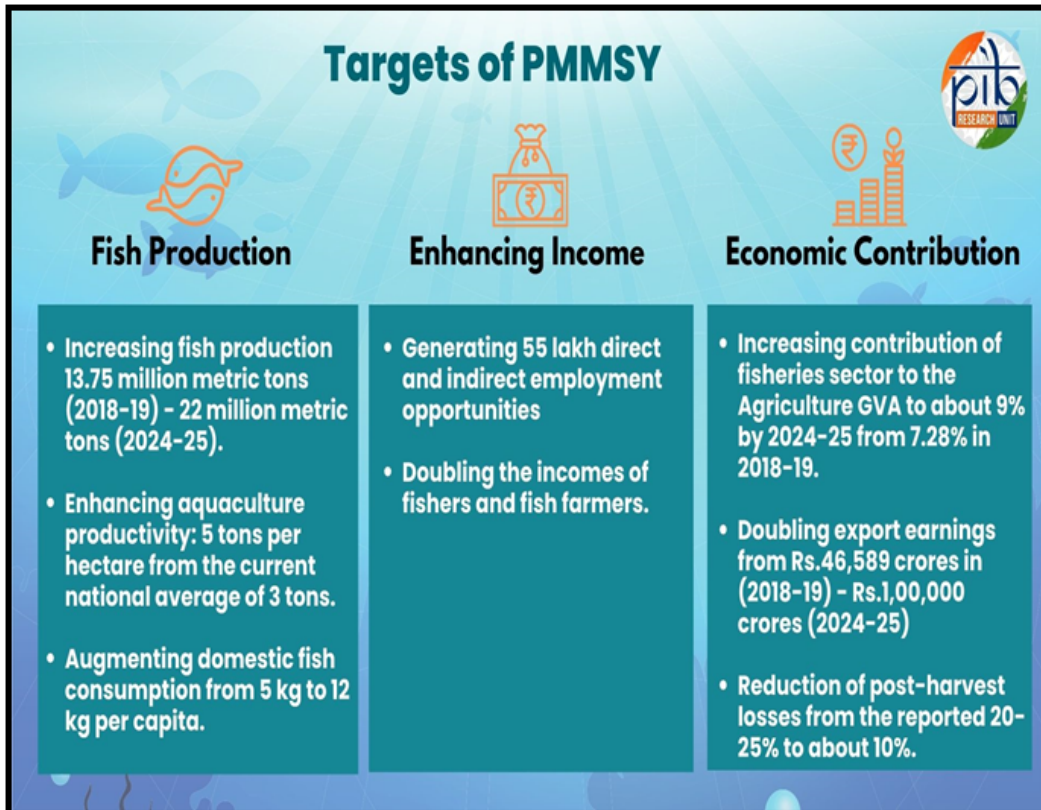
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

▪ **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.

