



Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum

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Why in News?

The **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying** inaugurated the **14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF)** at New Delhi.

What is the Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF)?

- **About:**
 - **AFAF** is a **global fisheries and aquaculture conference** held every 3 years by the **Asian Fisheries Society (AFS)**.
 - **AFS**, a **non-profit scientific body**, was founded in **1984** in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.
 - It brings together **scientists, researchers, and industry experts** to discuss challenges, trends, and innovations in the sector.
 - The forum encourages **international cooperation** to develop better practices for the **future of fisheries and aquaculture**.
- **Headquarters:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- **India as Host:** India hosted AFAF for the **2nd time** (1st : **8th AFAF in Kochi in 2007**).
- **Organisers:**
 - **AFS** in collaboration with [ICAR](#), the **Department of Fisheries, GoI**, and **Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch (AFSIB)**, Mangalore.
- **Theme for 14th AFAF:** “Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific”.

What is the 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**.
- **Top fish-producing states:** Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka.
- **Inland fisheries** account for **over 75%** of total output.
- **Government's Initiatives:**
 - [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#)
 - [Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund \(FIDF\)](#)
 - [Kisan Credit Card \(KCC\)](#)
 - [Marine Products Export Development Authority](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. Which one of the following is a filter feeder? (2021)

(a) Catfish

- (b) Octopus
- (c) Oyster
- (d) Pelican

Ans: (c)

Q. Under the Kisan Credit Card scheme, short-term credit support is given to farmers for which of the following purposes? (2020)

1. Working capital for maintenance of farm assets
2. Purchase of combine harvesters, tractors and mini trucks
3. Consumption requirements of farm households
4. Post-harvest expenses
5. Construction of family house and setting up of village cold storage facility

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Ans: (b)

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