



World Fisheries Day



21 November 2019

Venue: NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi

PRESS NOTE

World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21st November every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisherfolk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the world. It started in 1997 where “World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers” meet at New Delhi leading to formation of “World Fisheries Forum” with representatives from 18 countries and signed a declaration advocating for a global mandate of sustainable fishing practices and policies. The event aims to draw attention to overfishing, habitat destruction and other serious threats to the sustainability of our marine and freshwater resources. The celebrations serve to focus on changing the way the world manages global fisheries to ensure sustainable stocks and healthy ecosystems.

The Government of India is in the forefront in transforming the economy and has envisioned to double farmers’ income. Reducing costs, improving production and productivity, quality and thus increasing farmers’ income has been the maxim of the Government. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Blue Revolution” - Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries launched in 2016 for a period of 5 years made vital contributions towards the development of fisheries sector both in terms of fish production and productivity and harnessing of the fisheries resources.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is celebrating the World Fisheries Day on 21st November 2019 at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh will be the Chief Guest while Hon'ble Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr Sanjeev Balyan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi will be the Guests of Honour.

During the event, the Government of India will be felicitating outstanding fish farmers, aquapreneurs & fisher folks in recognition to their accomplishments in the field and their contribution into the growth of the sector. Fisher and Fish farmers across the nation are expected to participate in the event apart from officials, scientists, professionals, entrepreneurs and stakeholders. There will be a technical sessions to discuss on best practices and frontier technologies in aquaculture and fisheries. The celebration will create awareness among the fishers / farmers for better utilization of resources and sustainable fishing/farming practices while enhancing fish production and productivity towards achieving the Blue Revolution target.
