

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1974
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

Celebration of National Fish Farmer Day, 2025

1974 Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan:

Will the Minister of *Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has celebrated National Fish Farmer Day, 2025 recently;
- (b) if so, the programmes and events organized during the celebration;
- (c) whether Government has launched new fisheries clusters under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location wise;
- (d) the details of total expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of these fisheries clusters and the time by when work will start on it;
- (e) the key features of these new fisheries clusters launched in the event; and
- (f) the details of other key fisheries initiatives launched/announced by Government to foster the growth of fisheries in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)

(a) to (f): The National Fish Farmers Day is observed every year on 10th July to commemorate the successful induced breeding of Indian Major Carps (IMC) in 1957 by the renowned scientists namely Dr. Hira Lal Chaudhury and Dr. K.H. Alikunhi. The intent of celebrating this day is to recognize the contributions made by fish farmers, entrepreneurs, and fishermen to the development of the nation's fisheries sector and to create an ecosystem to collectively think and discuss the ways to sustainably manage our fisheries resources. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day, 2025 (NFFD-2025) at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar on 10th July 2025. During the said NFFD-2025, several key initiatives were launched including the announcement of new 17 fisheries production and processing clusters in addition to the already notified 17 clusters, ICAR Training Calendar on Fisheries, Guidelines on Hatchery Accreditation and Seed Certification of Freshwater Finfishes and Shellfishes. Beneficiaries were felicitated under various schemes such as the Kisan Credit Card (KCC), aquaculture crop insurance, fisheries cooperatives and Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs), and fisheries start-ups. In addition to the above, 70 fisheries projects were virtually inaugurated and foundation were laid supported under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an outlay of Rs.105 crore, marking a strong push towards infrastructure development, entrepreneurship promotion, and inclusive growth in the sector. The State-wise details of locations of these clusters are furnished at Annexure-I. These clusters are strategically identified for their region-specific potential and are aimed at enhancing fish production, promoting value addition, improving market access, and creating livelihood opportunities through fisheries cooperative development and private investment.

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) is designated to assess the gap analysis of all the aforesaid production and processing fisheries clusters with end-to-end solutions. The budgetary requirements for gap filling projects are undertaken from the ongoing schemes of Government of India like Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC) etc. and Schemes and programs implemented by the respective States.

Statement referred to reply to the Rajya Sabha untarred Question No. 1974 put in by Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan, Members of Parliament for answer on 6th August, 2025 regarding Celebration of National Fish Farmer Day, 2025: State-wise details of total 34 Fisheries Clusters notified under PMMSY

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Name of the Cluster	Leading District	Partnering District
(i)	(iii)	(ii)	(iv)	(v)
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	Coldwater Fisheries	Anant Nag	Kulgam & Shopian
2.	Haryana	Saline Water Aquaculture	Sirsa	Rohtak, Hissar & Fatehabad
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Reservoir Fisheries	Bhopal (Halali Dam)	Khandwa (Indira Sagar Dam)
4.	Chhattisgarh	Tilapia Cluster	Raipur	Dhamtri & Kanker
5.	Bihar	Wetland Fisheries	Siwan	Gopalganj & Chapra
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Pangasius Cluster	Sidarth Nagar	Maharajganj and Kabir Nagar, Basti
7.	Odisha	Scampi Cluster	Balasore	Mayurbhanj & Bhadrak
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Brackish water Aquaculture	West Godavari (Bhimavaram)	Krishna, Elluru & Nellore
9.	Karnataka	Sea Cage Cluster	Uttara Kannada	Badkal & Kumta
10.	Sikkim	Organic Fisheries cluster	Soreng	-
11.	Jharkhand	Pearl Cluster	Hazaribagh	-
12.	Tamil Nadu	Ornamental Fisheries Cluster	Madurai	-
13.	Lakshadweep Islands	Seaweed Cluster	-	-
14.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Tuna Cluster	--	--
15.	Telangana	Murrel Cluster	Mancherial	Peddapalli
16.	Kerala	Pearl Spot Cluster	Kollam	Kottayam
17.	Gujarat	Fishing Harbour	Veraval	Mangrol fishing Harbour
18.	Punjab	Saline water Aquaculture	Muktsar Sahib	Fazilka
19.	Uttarakhand	Cold water Fisheries	Pithoragarh	Chamoli Bageswar
20.	West Bengal	Dry Fish Cluster	Purba Mednipur	Sagar Island
21.	Puducherry	Fishing Harbour	Karaikal Fishing Harbour	Thengaithitu Fishing Harbour
22.	Nagaland	Integrated fish farming	Mokokchung	Chumoukedima
23.	Manipur	Pengba fish cluster	Bishnupur	Loktak Lake
24.	Assam	Riverine Fisheries	Goalpara	Kamrup & Darang
25.	Mizoram	Paddy cum fish cluster	Kolasib	Serchhip
26.	Arunachal Pradesh	Aqua-tourism cluster	Ziro	Tawang, West Kameng & Shi-Yomi
27.	Ladakh	Coldwater fisheries	Kargil	Leh
28.	Goa	Estuarine cage culture	North Goa	South Goa
29.	Himachal Pradesh	Coldwater Fisheries	Kullu District	Mandi
30.	Tripura	Pabda fisheries cluster	Unakoti	North Tripura
31.	Rajasthan	Saline water aquaculture	Churu	Hanumangarh
32.	Maharashtra	Fisheries Cooperatives	Raigad	Ratnagiri
33.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu	Fishing Harbour	Diu (Vanakbara)	--
34.	Meghalaya	Organic fish farming	West Khasi Hills	East Khasi Hills
