

Rajiv Ranjan Singh Inaugurates Fisheries Summer Meet 2024 in Tamil Nadu

Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying today (12<sup>th</sup> July 2024) inaugurated the Fisheries Summer Meet 2024 by lighting the lamp in the presence of Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Prof. S.P Singh Baghel and Shri George Kurian.

The event, which is organized by the Department of Fisheries (GoI) aims to strengthen collaboration with States/UTs, showcase the contributions of fish farmers, entrepreneurs and fishermen in developing the fisheries and aquaculture sector and raise awareness about various initiatives undertaken by the Government of India.

The Fisheries Summer Meet 2024 aims to gather fish farmers, researchers, industry experts, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to exchange insights and explore opportunities for sustainable fisheries development.

## **Key Highlights**

- Fisheries exhibition
- State-wise discussions led by ministers
- Virtual inauguration of fisheries projects
- Interaction with fishermen/fisherwomen
- Distribution of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)

• PMMSY achievement awards & recognition of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi during his welcome address at the Fisheries Summer Meet 2024 highlighted the importance of contribution FFPOs and ONDC in the Fisheries Sector. On the other hand, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh met and interacted with the entrepreneurs and scientists at the exhibition during walkthrough of exhibition.

The event will facilitate discussions on progress, challenges and future strategies among all states and UTs, with officials expected to outline achievements, share insights and propose future plans. Moreover, the findings from the Fisheries Summer Meet 2024 is expected to define key focus areas for the Department of Fisheries (GoI) and state/UT fisheries departments, setting a direction for growth initiatives moving forward.