

**LAUNCHING OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT ON
“MARINE MAMMALS STOCK ASSESSMENT STUDIES”
IN THE EAST COAST OF INDIA ONBOARD FSI SURVEY VESSELS**

On 23.07.2021, the Visakhapatnam Base of Fishery Survey of India has launched the project on “**Marine Mammals Stock Assessment studies**” in the east coast of India onboard Fishery Survey of India vessels in the presence of collaborative institutes such as Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) along with the officials from CIFNET and NIFPHATT, Visakhapatnam. The dignitaries on the Dais were Dr. Subhadeep Ghosh, Scientist-in-Charge, CMFRI-RC, Visakhapatnam, Shri R. Prasad Naik, Asst. Director, MPEDA and Shri D Bhami Reddy, Mechanical Marine Engineer, FSI. Shri A. Uday Kumar, Stenographer welcomed the gatherings. In the inaugural speech, Shri Prasad Naik briefed on the background and importance of the project, Dr. Subhadeep Ghosh described the methodologies to be followed during the course of the project and Shri D. Bhami Reddy spoke on the role of FSI in this National Project. The inaugural function came to an end with vote of thanks from Dr. A. B. Kar, Fisheries Scientist, Visakhapatnam.

Subsequently, the vessel MFV. Matsya Shikari was flagged off for her survey programme on “Marine Mammals” in the Andhra Pradesh waters from Jetty No.6, Fishing Harbour, Visakhapatnam.

