

Report on “World Fisheries Day – 2020” celebration and Release of FSI publications

Globally the World Fisheries Day – 2020 was celebrated on 21st November, 2020. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, New Delhi has celebrated the world fisheries day at NASC Complex, New Delhi. The programme was co-ordinated by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad. During the event, Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon’ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Hon’ble Minister of Fisheries, Uttar Pradesh was also present in the celebration programme. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Shri Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries & Admin) and Dr. C. Suvarna, Chief Executive, NFDB were also present in the event. Dr. L. Ramalingam, Director General (I/C) and Dr. Vinodkumar Mudumala, Sr. Fisheries Scientist from Fishery Survey of India were also participated in the celebration.

The celebration started with the inaugural address by Shri Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and off the dais and enlightened the significance of world fisheries day. Thereafter, five publications of Fishery Survey of India(FSI) was released by the Hon’ble Minister along with the Mission Action Plan – Cold water fisheries and six booklets of NFDB on Recent Trends of Aquaculture.

While releasing the FSI publications, Shri Mukesh, Director (Statistics), Department of Fisheries, New Delhi highlighted the contents of each publications of FSI as detailed below:

1. Bulletin No. 33: “Decadal observations of exploratory surveys for ocean tuna and allied resources in the Indian EEZ”, wherein the FSI has analysed the geo-referred data for 30 years for tuna and allied resources in the Indian EEZ are presented.
2. Extension Series No. 03: The extension activities carried out by FSI for the past five years are presented in the series.
3. Special publication No. 07 (Vol.I&II): “Scientific Contributions of Scientists of FSI” were presented in both the volumes.
4. Special publication No. 08: “Record of Rare species, new species and first records of the Indian EEZ”, wherein the rare specimen, new specimens collected during the exploratory surveys have been presented.

All the dignitaries on the dais expressed happiness on the publications of FSI being released during the World Fisheries Day.

Thereafter, Dr. C. Suvarna, Chief Executive, NEDB briefed about the awards chosen by the NFDB for best Marine States, Inland States, Hilly North East States, Marine Districts, Inland Districts, Best Entrepreneurs and Best Co-operative Societies etc. Accordingly the Chief Guest presented the awards and felicitated with cash prize, shawl and mementos.

Later, Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Uttar Pradesh delivered the address by greeting the participants on the occasion.

Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Govt. of India has delivered Chief Guest address by conveying the greetings to the participants in the celebrations. He also highlighted the activities of the Govt. of India in introducing PMMSY and the benefits to the fishing industry. He also emphasised that, special focus on deepsea fishing and aquaculture need to be given to enhance the fish production.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (MF). While thanking all the dignitaries on the dais and off the dais he also congratulated all the awardees and thanked all the participants in the celebration.

