

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU INAUGURATED 12TH INDIAN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FORUM (IFAF) ORGANIZED BY TAMIL NADU DR. J.JAYALALITHA FISHERIES UNIVERSITY AT IMAGE AUDITORIUM, R.A.PURAM, CHENNAI, TODAY (05.05.2022)

Thiru.R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 12th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (IFAF) is being held from 05th to 07th May 2022, organised by Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalitha Fisheries University at IMAGE Auditorium, Chennai, today (05.05.2022).

Hon'ble Governor in his inaugural address said that while our Nation is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and commemorating our freedom fighters for their selfless sacrifices for the Nation, India is in need to attain enormous growth in all fields for its overall development.

India while moving from its past of having formal five year plans, is now looking ahead with vision and mission in the golden age of next 25 years that is called Amrit Kaal for attaining its destiny of becoming world leader by the year 2047, 100th year of our India's independence. Under dynamic and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister our Nation is marching ahead with confidence and determination of achieving more with motto of Sabka Saath – Sabka Vikas, All inclusive Development for all.

All inclusive growth ensuring all citizens to have all basic ingredients of a healthy citizenship, viz, food, education, health, potable water, electricity and shelter. Under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, India has attained some of its incredible targets well ahead of the target time by dedicated efforts and devoted contributions of our youth and the people.

Our Nation is now having start-ups over 68000 in 2021 against 400 in 2014, attaining 100 GW clean energy as well as green energy in the half of the target period, distribution of free vaccination at free of cost to about 150 countries to counter pandemic standing with our culture of considering the world people are one family, while other Nations were making profit in the ibid business.

Hon'ble Governor highlighted that the Fisheries Sector has been given special attention by creating a separate department by Central Government in the year 2019 with special funds to raise fish production to 22 million MTs and to enhance the sector's activities. Governor hailed Tamil Nadu as the spiritual capital of India and urged the delegates from outside the state to visit some of the living spiritual heritage of India. He wished the scientists, experts, research scholars, entrepreneurs, representatives of various agencies across the country should bring good outcomes and research findings with innovative ideas, improvised strategies and new technologies to meet the challenges envisaged in the sector to make the sector more profitable and for betterment of fishermen.

In the conclusion, he urged the stakeholders of this Meet to find and formulate a pragmatic road-map towards progress incorporating all new skills and knowledge and to ensure that reach up the fishermen society to reap more benefits in building strong and developed Nation. In the function, Hon'ble Governor released souvenir for the Forum and presented cash prizes and awards to achievers in the field.

Thiru. Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Thiru. Anitha R. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry, Tamil Nadu, Dr.Joykrushna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi, Thiru T.S.Jawahar, I.A.S, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Dr.P.Keshavanath, Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Branch (AFSIB), Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, TNJFU, esteemed dignitaries, distinguished invitees, scientists, experts, entrepreneurs, scholars across the Nation and officials participated in the function.

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