



Sagar Parikrama

For Prelims: Sagar Parikrama, Fisheries Sector, Initiatives related to Fisheries.

For Mains: Government Policies & Interventions, Economics of Animal-Rearing, Significance of Sagar parikrama.

Why in News?

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying will inaugurate the **'Sagar Parikrama'** to know the problems of [Coastal Fisher folk](#).

What is Sagar Parikrama?

- It is a navigation journey to be **conducted in all coastal states/UTs through a pre-decided sea route** to demonstrate solidarity with all fisherfolk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders.
- It is envisioned as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava' **saluting our great freedom fighters, sailors and fishers.**
- The Parikrama will start from Mandvi, Gujarat in 1st phase and will be organised in other districts of Gujarat and other State/UTs in subsequent phases.
 - The **first leg of 'Sagar Parikrama'** shall start on 5th March 2022 from **Mandvi and end at Porbandar** on 6th March 2022.
 - The entire distance will be covered **from the coastline of Mandvi** on the coast of the [Arabian Sea](#) in the Kutch district of Gujarat, situated at the estuary where the **river Rukmavati meets the Gulf of Kutch.**
 - The **Rukmavati River** is a south flowing river originating in the central Kutch District and empties into the Arabian Sea
- It will also conduct **interaction programmes with fishermen, fisher communities and stakeholders in these locations** and districts in order to know the problems of Coastal Fisher folk.
- It is envisaged in the sea across the coastal belt demonstrating solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders as a spirit of [Atma Nirbhar Bharat.](#)

What is Significance?

- It will focus on **sustainable balance between the utilisation of marine fisheries resources for food security of the nation** and livelihoods of coastal fisher communities and protection of marine ecosystems.
- Oceans are vital to the economies, security and livelihoods of Indian coastal states.
 - The Country has a **coastline of 8118km**, covering 9 maritime States/4UTs and providing livelihood support to millions of coastal fisher folk.

What is the Scenario of the Fisheries Sector in India?

- India is the **second major producer of fish** through aquaculture in the world.

- India is the **4th largest exporter of fish in the world** as it contributes 7.7% to the global fish production.
- Currently, this sector provides **livelihood to more than 2.8 crore people within the country**. Nevertheless, this is a sector with untapped potential.
- The fisheries sector has demonstrated double-digit average annual growth of 10.87 % since 2014-15 with record fish production of 145 lakh tons during 2020-21 as per the [Economic Survey for 2021-22](#).
- Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture sector registering an average annual growth of 7.53% during the last 5 years. The country exported 12.89 lakh metric tons of fisheries products valued at Rs 46,662 crore (USD 6.68 billion) during 2019-20.
- Despite challenges pertaining to infrastructure, the measures by the Central government in the past recent years ensured that the **fisheries sector continued to register an annual growth rate of more than 10%**.

What are the Initiatives related to Fisheries?

- [Fishing Harbours](#)
- [Seaweed Park](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#)
- [Palk Bay Scheme](#)
- [Marine Fisheries Bill](#)
- [Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund \(FIDF\)](#)
- [Kisan Credit Card \(KCC\)](#)
- [Marine Products Export Development Authority](#)

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