



Matsya Setu

Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** has launched the Online Course Mobile App “**Matsya Setu**” for fish farmers.

- The app was developed by the [Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture](#) (ICAR-CIFA) and **National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It **aims to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies** to the aqua farmers of the country, thus increasing the productivity and income.
 - Aquaculture is **breeding, raising, and harvesting fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants**.
 - **India is the second major producer of fish** through aquaculture in the world.
- It has a focus on **grow-out culture of commercially important fishes** like carp, catfish, scampi, murrel, ornamental fish, pearl farming etc.
- It can be used **to disseminate the latest information on different schemes among the stakeholders**, especially fishers, fish farmers, youth and entrepreneurs across the country, and **facilitate ease of doing business**.

▪ Other Related Initiatives:

- [Shaphari: Certification Scheme for Aquaculture Products](#): It is a market-based tool for hatcheries to adopt good aquaculture practices and help produce quality antibiotic-free shrimp products to assure global consumers.
- Establishment of [Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund \(FIDF\)](#) during 2018-19.
- [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#): The programme aims to achieve 22 million tonnes of fish production by 2024-25. Also, it is expected to create employment opportunities for 55 lakh people.
- Focus on [Blue Revolution](#): Creating an enabling environment for integrated and holistic management of fisheries for the socio-economic development of the fishers and fish farmers.
- Extension of [Kisan Credit Card \(KCC\)](#) facilities to fishers and fish farmers to help them in meeting their working capital needs.

Source: PIB

