



5th Aqua Aquaria India 2019

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Recently, the Vice President of India inaugurated the **5th Aqua Aquaria India, 2019** in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The **theme** for the 2019 edition is **“To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland”**.
- It is the largest aquaculture exhibition in India.
- It is a **biennial** exhibition organised by the **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**.

Fisheries Sector in India

- India is the **second-largest fish producer in the world**.
- Fish constituted about **10% of total exports from India and almost 20% of agriculture exports** in 2017-18.
- India is the **4th largest exporter of fish in the world**.
- Contribution of **fisheries to the GDP is about 1%** and about **5.37% to the Agricultural GDP**.
- Thus, India has the potential to emerge as a leading **Blue Economy** in the world.

Notified existing potentials in the Fisheries sector are:

- **Shrimp Culture:** Recently, the government has permitted the regulated introduction of Pacific White Shrimp with the objective of utilizing the potential of the species to cater to the global markets.
- **Cage Culture:** It involves the growing of fish in existing water resources while being enclosed in a net cage which allows free flow of water.
- **Pen Culture:** It is the system of culturing fish within a fixed net enclosure either at the bank or in a water body

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** is a nodal coordinating, state-owned agency engaged in fishery production and allied activities.

- It was established in 1972 under the **Marine Products Export Development Authority Act (MPEDA), 1972**.
- It functions under the **Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.
- It is headquartered in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- Its mandate is to increase exports of seafood including fisheries of all kinds, specifying standards, marketing, processing, extension and training in various aspects.

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