

Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh to Inaugurate Fish Festival, Lay Foundation for 42.4 Crore Integrated Aquapark in Tripura

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Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, **Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh** will lay the **foundation stone for the Integrated Aquapark (situated in Kailashahar, Tripura) and inaugurate a one day Fish Festival from Agartala, Tripura on 18th May 2025**. This Integrated Aquapark is being setup with an investment worth ₹42.4 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). The event will also be graced by **Shri George Kurian**, Minister of State, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Minority Affairs along with **Shri Sudhangshu Das**, Minister of Fisheries, Government of Tripura.

On this occasion, certificates/sanction orders will be distributed to various beneficiaries in the fisheries sector that entails disbursement of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to eligible fishers and fish farmers. Best performing Cooperatives, Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs), and fisheries start-ups will also be recognized for their contributions to the sector and beneficiaries supported under PMMSY will receive certificates, highlighting the government's continued commitment towards inclusive and sustainable development.

The Department of Fisheries, MoFAH&D is prioritizing the establishment of **Integrated Aquaparks** as a flagship intervention under PMMSY. These aquaparks are conceptualized as **integrated hubs that offer services ranging from hatcheries and feed mills to cold storage, processing, training, and marketing, all under one roof**. These facilities are not merely physical structures; they are catalysts for value chain development, innovation, and livelihood generation, particularly for youth and women in the region. The parks will operate on a hub-and-spoke model, customized to address regional needs and specific thematic areas. This integrated approach ensures that all facets of fisheries and aquaculture value chain, from production and processing to retail, are supported by providing end-to-end solutions, maximizing output and fostering sustainable growth. Tripura has emerged as a frontrunner in this effort. The state with its high fish consumption rate of over 29 kg per capita per year, has made significant progress in the fisheries sector in the recent years. Under PMMSY and Blue Revolution, the state has received projects worth Rs. 319 Crores during last 10 years to support aquaculture expansion, infrastructure, technology infusion, fishers welfare and market intervention.

The Integrated Aquapark in Kailashahar, Tripura will serve as a backbone for modernising infrastructure for fish production, processing and marketing in the state, benefiting a wide range of stakeholders across its value chain.

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