



## **Vice President launches national programme for issuance of Letters of Authorisation for Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the High Seas**

**High Seas represent a new chapter in India's maritime journey: Vice-President**

**Youth should view fisheries as a modern profession driven by science and technology: Vice-President**

**Sustainable fishing is a moral responsibility; growth must go hand in hand with conservation: Vice-President**

**India ready to harness the untapped potential of its Exclusive Economic Zone and High Seas: Vice-President**

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The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, launched the national programme for issuance of Letters of Authorisation (LoAs) for Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the High Seas at Bhubaneswar today. On the occasion, he also launched the Odisha Deep Sea Fishing Mission Document and presented Letters of Authorisation (LoAs) for High Seas Fishing to ten Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FPPOs) and fishermen from across the country.

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Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President said that the initiative marks the beginning of a new chapter in India's maritime journey by enabling Indian fishermen to sustainably harness the vast potential of the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the High Seas. He observed that the programme reflects

the collective resolve of the Union Government, the State Government and fishing communities to usher in a new era of growth, sustainability and prosperity in the fisheries sector.

The Vice-President noted that India possesses over 11,000 kilometres of coastline and an Exclusive Economic Zone of nearly 24 lakh square kilometres, with immense marine wealth that remains largely untapped. He said that while fishing activities have traditionally remained close to the shore, the new framework would enable Indian fishermen to confidently venture into deep waters for the sustainable harvesting of high-value species such as tuna.

Highlighting the rapid growth of India's fisheries sector, the Vice President said that India is today the world's second-largest fish-producing country, contributing around eight per cent to global fish production. He noted that the sector supports the livelihoods of nearly three crore fishermen and fish farmers and that seafood exports crossed ₹73,000 crore during the last financial year. He expressed confidence that the High Seas initiative would further strengthen India's export potential and generate employment in harvesting, processing, cold chain, transportation, packaging, logistics and export services.

The Vice-President said that the new framework gives priority to fisheries cooperatives, Fish Farmer Producer Organisations and Indian fishermen for the issuance of Letters of Authorisation. He described the initiative as a significant step towards empowering coastal communities and emphasised that collective efforts can bring about transformational change in the fisheries sector.

Emphasising that sustainable fishing is a moral responsibility, the Vice President said that economic progress must go hand in hand with conservation of marine resources. He underlined the importance of digital authorisation systems, vessel tracking, international certification and strict compliance with measures against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. Urging young people to view fisheries as a modern profession driven by science, technology, innovation and global opportunities, he called upon institutions to continue supporting fishing communities with knowledge, technology and finance to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The programme was attended by the Governor of Odisha, Shri Hari Babu Kambhampati; the Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Mohan Charan Majhi; Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh; Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel; Odisha Minister of State for Fisheries & MSME, Shri Gokulananda Mallik; senior officials of the Union and State Governments, representatives of fisheries institutions, fishermen's organisations and other stakeholders.

Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan received a warm welcome on his arrival at Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneshwar today.

The Vice President was received at the airport by Governor of Odisha Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Mohan Charan... [pic.twitter.com/QbjmPsuroD](https://pic.twitter.com/QbjmPsuroD)

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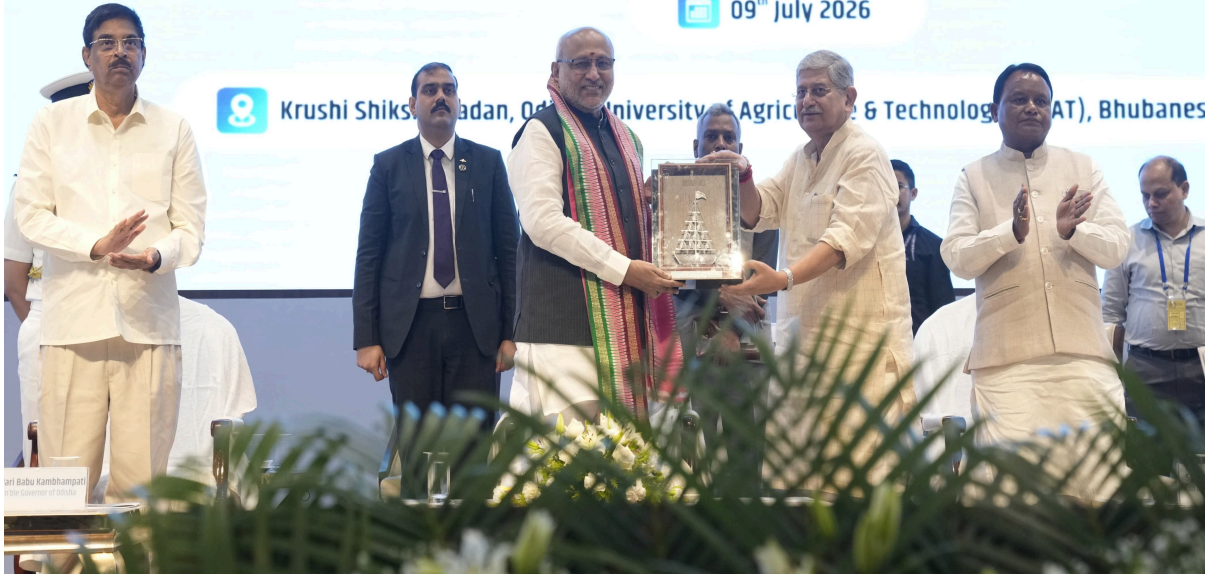


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Hon'ble Vice President of India

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