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Sagar Parikrama

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Why is in news? Sagar Parikrama Phase VII starts from Madakkara, Kerala

Sagar Parikrama is a testament to the transformative power of visionary leadership for welfare of fishing community and coastal development.

It is an initiative taken by Government of India, with an **aim to resolve the issues of the fishers, other stakeholders and facilitate their economic upliftment through various fisheries' schemes and programs** being implemented by the Government of India such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Kisan Credit Card for Fisheries (KCC).

Sagar Parikrama is a program reflecting the far-reaching policy and strategy of the Government leading to the **direct interaction with fishers and fish farmers and other stakeholders** to understand the issues of coastal areas and problems related to fishermen.

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.

Sagar Parikrama program during **Phase I to Phase VI** have brought massive changes in the development strategy of fishermen and have given a deep insight into the understanding the problems of fishermen.

Sagar Parikrama Yatra will be **empowering coastal communities and fishermen** by disseminating information on fisheries related schemes/programs implemented by government, showcasing the best practices, promoting responsible fisheries, and demonstrating solidarity with all fisher folks and concerned stakeholders.

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.

The impact of this Sagar Parikrama will be **far reaching on the livelihood and holistic development** of fishermen and fisher folks including climate change and sustainable fishing.

As India continues to make strides in this sector, it is expected to strengthen its position as a global leader in fish production and contribute to the well-being of its citizens.

Status 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.

Also, India ranks **1st in inland capture fish production and 3rd in overall fish production** in the world.

Currently, this sector provides livelihood to more than 2.8 crore people within the country.

Initiatives related to Fisheries Sector:

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Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

Palk Bay Scheme

Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

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