

Launch of Handbook on Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs)



Snapshot of release of Handbook by Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri. Parshottam K. Rupala, Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, DoF, GoI and Shri. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri. Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala launched first-of-its-kind handbook for “Formation and Promotion of the Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs)” on 17.08.2021. The handbook provides a roadmap for setting up a FFPO as a cooperative and explains steps taken by CBBOs who are engaged in FFPO formation.

2. The handbook was released in presence of Shri. Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India and Shri. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC. In this occasion, Hon'ble Minister Shri. Parshottam K. Rupala informed that Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY), is a flagship scheme for fisheries sector which provides financial and technical assistance for setting up FFPOs to economically empower the fish farmers in enhancing their bargaining power to make them Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) as envisaged by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi.

3. Shri. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC highlighted NCDC's role in creating awareness of PMMSY –FFPO scheme by conducting a series of awareness and training programs for fishermen and women across the country at state and district levels through Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development and Regional Training Centres of the Corporation.

4. NCDC, as an End Implementing Agency (EIA) under PMMSY will play a key role in business development of fisheries cooperatives through formation of FFPOs under PMMSY scheme which would economically empower fishermen across the country.