14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF)

Why in News?

Recently, the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying inaugurated the 14th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14AFAF) in New Delhi.

- **AFAF –** It is a ***scientific forum*** organized once in every 3 years.
- **Organized by** – Asian Fisheries Society (AFS).
- **14AFAF Theme** – Greening the Blue Growth in Asia-Pacific.
- **Aim** – To address key issues towards developing sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.
- **Purpose** – To provide an *international platform* for eminent scientists, young researchers, and other stakeholders across the globe to share their research experiences and innovative ideas.
- **Global Collaboration** – It focus on fostering cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture.
- It serves as an international collaboration, uniting stakeholders from various nations to discuss innovations in the fisheries sector.
- It highlighted the use of technologies, concentrating on improving fish varieties and production methods.
- **India's contributions** – To fisheries, enhances international relations, and promotes sustainable fish production.
- To enhance partnerships and propel initiatives for a sustainable and resilient fisheries industry.

> *India emerged as the **world's 2nd largest** producer in the total fish and aquaculture production.*

- **Fisheries Initiatives:**
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)** – It is a flagship program aimed at *boosting fish production*.
- **Digital solutions** – National Digital Fisheries Platform are being rolled out, featuring vessel monitoring systems and *emergency alerts for fishermen.*
- **Kisan Credit Card scheme** – It is now available for fishers, providing essential financial assistance.
- **Technological Advancements** – Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed 75 innovative fisheries technologies focused on fostering sustainable and carbon-neutral aquaculture practices.

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