

Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031

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Why in News?

Vice President recently released Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031, a Strategic Action Plan for ornamental fisheries development, in Lakshadweep.

About

- **Objective** - To promote sustainable ornamental fisheries, livelihoods and the Blue Economy.
- **Focuses on** - development of ornamental fisheries.
- **Promotes** -
 - Ornamental fish breeding and rearing.
 - Hatcheries and rearing units.
 - Sustainable fisheries-based livelihoods.
 - Value addition and market development.

*Fisheries and aquaculture is a **sunrise sector***

Lakshadweep potential

- It has a 4,200 sq km lagoon area and an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of nearly 4 lakh sq km.
- Fisheries potential - Greater than 1 lakh tonnes/year.
- Tuna and tuna-like species account for 94,000 tonnes of potential.
- **Ornamental Fisheries** -
 - Lakshadweep has 300+ ornamental fish species.
 - Ornamental fish hatchery established at Agatti.
 - 3 rearing units approved under PMMSY.
- **Tuna Fisheries** - Major resources-Yellowfin Tuna and Skipjack Tuna.
- Government aims to develop a global "Lakshadweep Sustainable Tuna" brand.
- **Seaweed** - Lakshadweep notified as a Seaweed Cluster.
 - Seaweed Bank approved in collaboration with ICAR-CMFRI.
 - 575 seaweed cultivation units being promoted.
 - Expected to benefit women, youth and SHGs.

Government Schemes/Initiatives

- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)** – fisheries development and infrastructure.
- **Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)** – fisheries infrastructure.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY)** – fisheries value chains and livelihoods.
- **Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs)** for fishers.

Reference

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