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Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana: Driving India's Blue Grow

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The fisheries sector has emerged as one of the fastest-growing segments of Indian agriculture, contributing significantly to nutritional security, export earnings, and rural employment. Recognizing its vast potential, the Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in 2020 with a vision to usher in a sustainable “Blue Revolution” and strengthen the livelihoods of fishers and fish farmers across the country.

With a financial outlay of around ₹20,050 crore, PMMSY focuses on holistic development of marine, inland, and aquaculture resources. The scheme emphasizes enhancing fish production and productivity through scientific aquaculture, cage culture, ornamental fisheries, seaweed cultivation, and integrated farming systems. By promoting modern technology and best management practices, the scheme aims to increase fish production while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Infrastructure development forms a key pillar of PMMSY. Investments are being made in fishing harbours, fish landing centres, cold storage units, ice plants, processing facilities, and value-addition units to reduce post-harvest losses and improve market access. Quality assurance, traceability, and hygienic handling practices are also being strengthened to boost domestic consumption and exports.

Importantly, PMMSY adopts a cluster-based and entrepreneurship-driven approach. It promotes Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs), supports hatcheries and feed mills, and encourages youth and women participation in fisheries enterprises. Welfare components such as insurance coverage and livelihood support during fishing ban periods further enhance social security for fishing communities.

For rural India, PMMSY represents more than a sectoral scheme—it is an opportunity for income diversification, employment generation, and nutritional improvement. By integrating production, infrastructure, marketing, and welfare measures under a single



framework, the scheme is paving the way for a resilient and globally competitive fisheries sector.

As India advances toward sustainable agricultural growth, PMMSY stands as a vital catalyst in transforming fisheries into a dynamic engine of rural prosperity and blue economic development.

