

**DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES,  
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
ANNUAL ADMINSTRATIVE REPORT, 2025-26**

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**1. INTRODUCTION:**

Fish is the staple diet of majority of people in the State. Since time immemorial, majority of people in Manipur developed fondness for fish as a favourite delicacy. Fisheries provide income and livelihood for lakhs of people besides generating employment. Inland fisheries constitute a major sector in Manipur's economic development. To make self-sufficiency in table fish production in the state, the Fishery Department implements various plan schemes/programmes including Centrally Sponsored Schemes for improvement of fisheries infrastructural facilities, development of inland fisheries and aquaculture for augmenting production of fish from the natural resources as well as from private fish farms.

**2. PRESENT PRODUCTION AND POTENTIALS:**

The present annual fish production in the State is estimated at 37,125 MT against annual consumption requirement of 55,000 MT (estimated as per projected population released by MoHFW). The shortfall is partially met by bringing in fish from other states of India such as Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Assam by private businessmen. At present dry fish/smoked fish has also been imported from the neighbouring states and country of Myanmar.

On the basis of the National Level of production, Manipur has got a production potential of about 60,000 metric tonnes of fish per annum if harnessed the un-tapped fisheries resources through judicious exploitation and application of modern scientific fish culture techniques.

### **3. RESOURCES:**

Manipur is endowed with fisheries resources of about 56,461.05 ha. water areas in the form of lakes, seasonal and perennial swampy beels, rivers, tanks, ponds, reservoir, low lying paddy fields etc. which can be developed on scientific lines of fish culture for production of more fish. So far, 22,000 ha. of water areas have been brought under fish culture operation by the end of 2021-22. Loktak Lake, the largest fresh water lake in the entire North East Region having an area of 287 km<sup>2</sup> and its adjoining catchment area of 980 km<sup>2</sup> constitutes about 50% of the total production of the State.

### **4. FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT POLICIES:**

In order to increase fish production in the state, proper and judicious utilization of all the aquatic resources deserves proper attention. This will help in enhancing fish production and to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the poor fishermen by generating self employment opportunities and fight malnutrition problem in the State at large.

### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP:**

The Department is headed by a Director who is assisted by an Additional Director, one Joint Director, 9 Project Officers, a Deputy Registrar Co-operative Societies (Fishery), 18 Fishery Officers, one Administrative Officer, one Finance Officer (MFS), one Superintendent and other technical- and non-technical staffs.

In the districts, there are 2(two) offices viz. (a) Office of the District Fishery Officer headed by a Project Officer (as District Fishery Officer) and (b) Office of the Fish Farmers' Development Agency headed by a Chief Executive Officer (FFDA) of the rank of a Fishery Officer of the Department.

## 5.1 Staff Strength:

The Department has a total sanctioned staff strength of 623 posts thereby only 264 staffs are working in different categories. In addition, there are 21 employees under Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) and another 16 Contract employees who were regularized/ absorbed on 13/12/2019. The details of staff strength of the Department are as shown below:

### STAFF STRENGTH OF FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MANIPUR

Sl. No.	Category of Post.	Technical (Present staff strength)	Non-Technical (Present staff strength)	Total
(A) SANCTIONED POST				
1.	Class – I	20	1	21
2.	Class – II	2	-	2
3.	Class – III	96	45	141
4.	Class-IV	58	40	98
<b>Total</b>		<b>176</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>262</b>
(B) CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ABSORBED/ REGULARIZED ON 13/12/2019				
1.	Class – III	4	-	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
(C) FFDA STAFF:				
1.	Class -I	4	-	4
2.	Class – III	2	3	5
3.	Class – IV	-	5	5
<b>Total :</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Grand Total :</b>		<b>186</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>280</b>

## 6. BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE YEAR, 2025-26:

The details of budget allocation and Expenditure for the year 2025-26 under Fisheries are as below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Budget Estimate, 2025-26	
		Budget Estimate	Expenditure
1.	Budget Estimate	3660.42	2455.68

### 6.1 SCHEME-WISE ALLOCATION OF FUND:

The Department has been implementing the following Fisheries developmental schemes during the year, 2025-26 with a total approved outlay of Rs. 3660.42 lakhs. The details are as follows:

#### Provisions for Annual Plan, 2025-26

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars of the Scheme	Budget Estimate (2025-26)
1.	Direction and Administration.	1933.42
2.	Inland Fisheries:	
	1. Strengthening of Fish Feed Firm	10.00
	2. Development of Fisheries	150.00
3.	Processing , Preservation and Marketing	8.00
4.	Extension and Training	41.00
5.	Mechanisation and Improvement of Fish Crafts	20.00
6.	Other Expenditure	1403
7.	Capital Outlay on Fisheries	95.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3660.42</b>

## **A. ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCHEMES :**

### **1. Inland Fisheries Development:**

**1.1) Fish Seed Production:** The most important programme implemented by the Department is fish seed production. Presently, it is targeted to produce 315 millions of fish seed (fish fry) both from public and private sector and the State could produce the 304.3 millions.

**1.2) Production of table fish:** The main objectives of the fisheries development in the state is to increase production of fish from fresh water resources through extensive/ semi intensive/intensive fish farming through adoption of modern scientific techniques. The present target for fish production of the state is fixed as 40,000 tonnes and the State could produce about 37,125 MT only.

### **2. Fishery Extension and Training:**

**2.1) Fish Farmers' Day, 2024:** The Fisheries Department, Manipur has celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> National Fish Farmers' Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at the Directorate of Fisheries, Lamphelpat and honour the Fish Farmers for their outstanding works rendered for development of Fisheries in the State. On this day awards with citation were also distributed to the awardees of Fish Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition, 2023 organized by the Fisheries Department, Manipur.

**2.2) Fish Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition:** The Department successfully organized the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition on the eve of Ningol Chakkouba Festival. In the Annual Fish Fair-cum-Fish Crop Competition, Fish farmers from all the districts of Manipur have participated in the Fish Fair Cum Fish crop competition and produced different varieties of table fishes including indigenous fishes and were sold to the general public at Govt. approved rates. As an incentive to the fish farmers, the highest fish producers participated in the Fish Fair were selected for cash awards with citations.

**2.3) Imoinu Fish Festival:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Imoinu Fish Festival was organized by the Department of Fisheries, Manipur on the day of Imoinu Iratpa. On the festival, the fishes as well as the fruits and vegetables from other Department and private enterprises were made available to the general public at an affordable price providing one-stop solution for the necessary offerings of the Goddess Imoinu.

**2.4) Training:**

1. One Year's Training Course on Inland Fisheries Development and Management is continuing at the Departmental Inland Fisheries Training Centre at Lamphelpat. Altogether 40 candidates including in- service candidates were selected for undergoing training during the year 2025-26

2. The Department nominated 9 (nine) candidates after conducting entrance test for studying 4 years degree course in Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc) at the College of Fisheries, Agartala under Central Agricultural University, Imphal for the academic session 2025-26.

**3. PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana):**

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana – A Scheme to bring about the Blue Revolution through Sustainable and Responsible development of Fisheries sector in India at a total investment of 20050 crores for a period of 5(Five) years from the FY 2020-2021 to 2024-25.

So far, the following scheme activities have been achieved during the period of 5 (five) years under the scheme PMMSY:

Sl. No.	Activities/Components	Units/Ha achieved
1	Backyard Ornamental fish Rearing unit (both Marine and Fresh water)	30
2	Construction of Biofloc ponds for Freshwater areas including inputs	10
3	Construction of fish kiosks including kiosks of aquarium/ornamental fish	16
4	Construction of fish retail markets including ornamental fish/aquarium markets.	2

5	Construction of New Grow-out ponds	85
6	Construction of New Ponds (NE & Himalayan States/UTs)	675
7	Construction of New Rearing ponds (nursery/seed rearing ponds)	560
8	Disease diagnostic and quality testing Mobile labs/clinics	5
9	Establishment of Medium RAS (with 6 tanks of minimum 30m <sup>3</sup> /tank capacity 10 ton/crop)	6
10	Establishment of New Freshwater Finfish Hatcheries	30
11	Establishment of Small Biofloc (7 tanks of 4m dia and 1.5 high) culture system	100
12	Establishment of small RAS (with 1 tank of 100m <sup>3</sup> capacity/Biofloc (7 tanks of 4m dia and 1.5 high) culture system	10

#### **4. Sareng Project:**

The 'Sareng Project' has been officially announced by the Chief Minister of Manipur during the celebrations of National Fish Farmers Day on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 for revival and culture of the fish species in the farm ponds of Manipur. And further announced extension of 50% grant to fish farmers importing Sareng seeds from outside Manipur. The Department of Fisheries, Government of Manipur took up initiative as a pilot project and for the first time in the history of Manipur 500 numbers of Sareng seeds were imported from West Bengal and released at the department farm ponds located at Lamphelpat. Live sareng were displayed and sold in the following Fish-fair cum fish crop competition and Imoinu Fish Festivals. In the month of June, 2024, major breakthrough in India and world in Sareng breeding is achieved by the sareng fish farmers of Manipur. Pioneers of sareng farmers have successfully breed the sareng fish which was cultured in their farm.

#### **5. Loktak Livelihood Mission:**

State Government have taken up a scheme - Loktak Livelihood Mission, for enhancing the livelihood of the fishermen staying around the periphery of the Loktak Lake for which an amount of Rs 1464.05 have been sanctioned and released. Initially, Deputy Commissioner, Bishnupur have been implementing the scheme Loktak Livelihood Mission and have completed the Pilot phase of the scheme under which 2 (two) Nos. of Cage culture batteries and 1 (one) No. of Pen culture grow-out have been constructed. Further as per

the advice of the State Government, Fisheries Department, Manipur have anchored the said scheme to implement the remaining phase of the mission. Under the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the mission the followings are being taken up/to be taken up:

- (i) Installation of 47 Nos. of Cage culture batteries
- (ii) Installation of 36 Nos. of Pen culture grow-outs
- (iii) Installation of 01 No. of Feed production unit
- (iv) Installation of 04 Nos. of Seed production unit
- (v) Procurement of 100 Nos. of electric paddle aerators
- (vi) Procurement of 500 Nos. of Water testing kits
- (vii) Procurement of *Wallago attu* (Sareng) seeds

## **6. Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS):**

The New Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS) is being implemented by NFDB as a sub-component of PMMSY. This policy provides Life Insurance coverage under Death/ Permanent disability, Partial disability and hospitalization at the rate of Rs. 5.00 lakh, Rs. 2.5 lakh and Rs. 25,000/- respectively. The scheme started in 2021-22 and so far, this Dept. has enrolled 4942 nos. of farmers from all the districts of the state. The Dept. through concerned District Fishery officers is also organizing awareness regarding the scheme.

## **7. Fabrication of Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Boat:**

Since its inaugurated in the year, 2005 by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi, at the Directorate of Fisheries, Lamphelpat under Demonstration-cum- Production more than 100 nos. of FRP Boats have been constructed so far and sold out to the active fishermen / farmers at the Government approved rate @ Rs.33,352/- each for injing-hee (larger size boat) and @ Rs. 29,295/- each for Lukai- hee (smaller size boat). The Department is procuring raw- materials for fabrication of FRP boats at present. During the year 2025-26, the department had sold 10 nos. of manually made FRP boats to the fishermen/farmers at Government approved rate.

## **8. Kishan Credit Card (Fishery):**

The Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Manipur have been taking up Kishan Credit Card (Fishery) scheme under the instruction of the concerned Ministry. A total of Rs. 630.12 lakh by 513 nos. fishermen/fisherwomen/fish farmer were availed from banks.

## **9. Lease of Govt. Farms and Divested Fisheries:**

Under the instruction of the Govt., this department have taken up the process of leasing out of Govt Fish Farms and Divested Fish Farms under the Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Manipur to interested lessees. During the year 2025-26, the department had extended the lease of various Government Farms covering an area of 7.54 ha. to various lessees.

## **10. Fish Ranching:**

The Dept. of Fisheries, Manipur organizes Fish Ranching programmes in Loktak Lake on Loktak Day, 2025 and various water bodies of the State under various initiative of both Central (CIFRI, CIFA, etc.) and State Government in order to increase fish stock in the natural water bodies in view of the fisherman of the state who are solely dependent on their day to day fish catch for their livelihood.

## **11. NFDB:**

Under NFDB during the year 2025-26, 10 nos. of breeding unit for locally important fish species of the state is under process of construction, 9 batches of one-day workshops and awareness programme @50 trainees per batch at 5 districts of Manipur is being undertaken and also this department had disbursed Rs. 6 lakh out of the released Rs. 22.00 lakh to 11 nos. of fisheries co-operative societies of the state who were selected under "One-Time Grant of Rs 3.00 lakh under NFDB-MARGDARSHIKA action plan".

## **14. Other activities:**

- 1) The Dept. issues fish seed to fish farmer applicants through their concerned District Fishery officers at the Govt. approved rate.
- 2) The Dept. also treat the fish ponds/ water body at Governor's residence, CM Bungalow, Kangla, other public ponds, etc. by the Research Wing of the Dept.
- 3) Fish seed (1500 each seeds) and fish feed (100 kg per farmer) was issued to 200 nos. of fish farmers of the state sponsored by CIFA, Bhubaneshwar.

