

**Q.33. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is necessary to bring about ecologically healthy, economically viable, and socially inclusive development of the Fisheries sector of India. Do you agree? Give arguments to justify your opinion. (15 M)**

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#### APPROACH

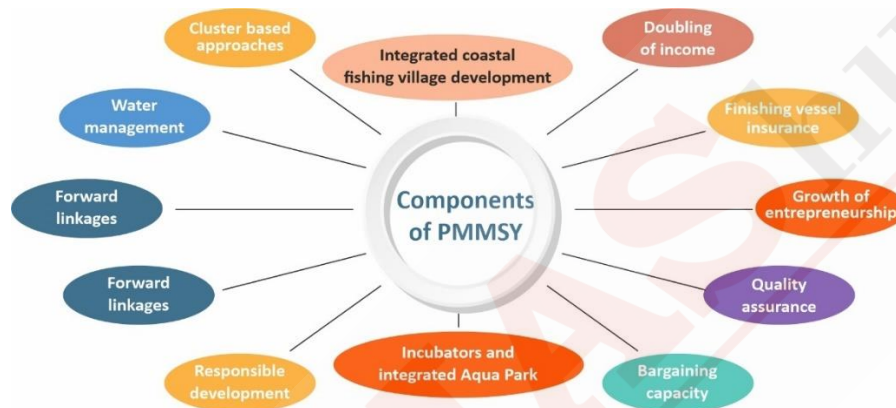
**Introduction:** Write about PMMSY

**Main Body:**

- Advantages of the PMMSY for the fisheries development
- Challenges faced by the fisheries sector

**Conclusion:** Conclude with a relevant statement

PM Matsya Sampadayojana is a centrally sponsored scheme to bring about blue revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries in India.



#### Advantages of the PMMSY:

- **Economic benefits**
  - **Cluster based approaches:** This promotes 9% growth in fisheries.
  - **Quality assurance:** This increase exports by Rs.1 lakh crore by 2024-25.
  - **Encourages forward linkages:** This reduces losses from 25% to 10%.
  - **Growth of entrepreneurship:** It encourages fisheries and Aqua culture start-ups.
  - **Bargaining capacity:** collectivisation of fisheries and fish farmers through fish Farmer producer organisation
- **Social benefits**
  - **Fishing vessel insurance:** This will protect fishermen from facing losses in the event of disaster.
  - **Responsible development:** Beneficiary-oriented activities
  - **Incubators and integrated Aqua Park:** This generates 55 lakh direct and indirect employment.
  - **Doubling of incomes:** By promoting aquaculture in saline/alkaline areas, High-value species etc
  - **Affordability:** major trust is given on urban marketing infrastructure to deliver quality and affordable fish
- **Environmental benefits**
  - **Integrated coastal fishing villages development:** This will Promote sustainable fishing practises.
  - **Water management:** Trust will be on water management by infusing new and emerging technologies in order to utilise water efficiently.
  - **Health management:** This will address antibiotics and residues issues of fishery sector.

#### Challenges of PMMSY:

- It has **neglected coastal states** that are focused in deep sea fishing and inland water fishery.
- **Instead of corporatisation** of the sector, **India needs cooperatisation** for inclusive and overall development of all stakeholder
- The scheme has **not addressed the need of working capital** for the crisis ridden seafood export sector
- The scheme is **silent on rise of MEIS benefit** to remain competitive in export market
- **Limited coverage:** Deep sea exploration, upgrading fish landing centres, etc are not addressed comprehensively.

The government should establish marine culture authority of India-for comprehensive solutions, encourage low carbon fisheries, introduce a market intervention scheme, etc for comprehensive development to make India '**Oyster of Global fisheries Industry**'.