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Introduction

- Globally, women in fishing communities play multidimensional roles that include livelihood, household, reproductive and community ones.
- Their involvement in fisheries value chains are often considered as invisible inspite of being active in a wide range of pre-harvest, harvest and post-harvest activities both in capture and culture fisheries.



Out of the total
population
depending on
capture fisheries



47%



(World Bank, 2012)

- The female workforce, particularly in the small scale fisheries sector tends to be high.
- In aquaculture, one of the fastest growing primary production sector, women's contributions is increasing.

Fisheries in India is growing and is considered as the sunrise sector providing livelihood security to millions of people both men and women.



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Development Will Not Cure Gender Inequality, Policy Will: Examining the Economic Survey 2017-18

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Fisheries Policies and Gender

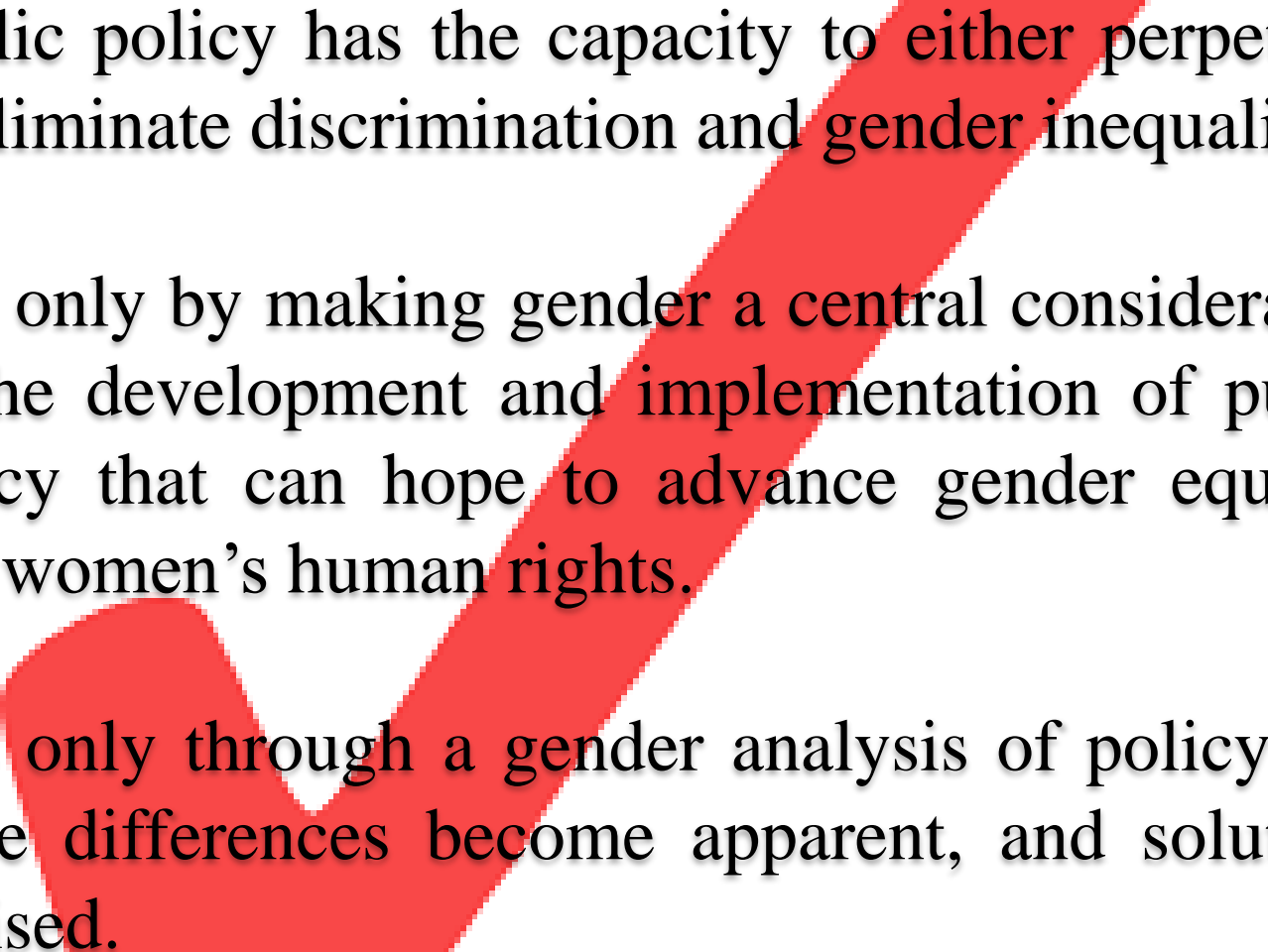
Are issues of women being considered and given importance in the policies, schemes and programmes?

Policies impact lives of both men and women in one way or another.

Questions ?

- Why policy?
- Why fisheries policies?
- Why gender concerns matter in fisheries policies?



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- Public policy has the capacity to either perpetuate or eliminate discrimination and gender inequality.
 - It is only by making gender a central consideration in the development and implementation of public policy that can hope to advance gender equality and women's human rights.
 - It is only through a gender analysis of policy that these differences become apparent, and solutions devised.

(Broderick, 2012)

How to apply a gender perspective in public policy?

- Asking the woman question
- Asking the man question
- Interrogating institutions and structures for hidden gender implications

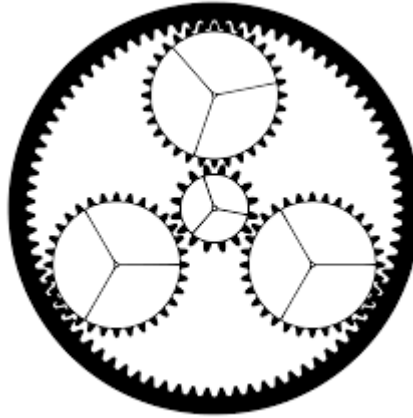


A "feminist perspective" in fisheries builds on the fact that women of fishing communities take on multidimensional roles that straddle both production and reproduction.



OBJECTIVES

- To review fisheries policies of National/Centre and States of India.
- To locate the context of gender in the fisheries policies of National/Centre and States of India.



Methodology

Policies at National Level



National Policy
for Marine
Fisheries



National Inland
Fisheries
& Aquaculture
Policy (Draft)



National Scheme
for Welfare of
Fishermen



Blue revolution
Scheme

National Policy for Marine Fisheries



- Enacted in 2017
- **Vision:**

“A healthy and vibrant marine fisheries sector that meets the needs of the present and future generations.”

- **Mission:**

“While keeping sustainability of the resources at the core of all actions, the policy framework will meet the national, social and economic goals, livelihood sustainability and socio-economic upliftment of the fisher community and is intended to guide the coordination and management of marine fisheries in the country during the next ten years.”

National Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Policy (Draft)



- *Under draft phase*

- **Vision**

“Ecologically healthy, economically viable and socially inclusive inland fisheries and aquaculture that generates sustainable income, livelihoods and fish for all”

- **Mission**

“Inland fisheries and aquaculture resources are developed, managed, conserved and sustainably utilised for improving livelihoods, food and nutrition security, and economic wellbeing through appropriate strategies and legislations, stakeholders’ participation, public-private and community partnership, market support, and strengthening research, extension and their linkages”

National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen



- Implemented in 2015-16
- Three broad components:
 - i. Development of Model Fishermen Villages
 - ii. Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen
 - iii. Saving-cum-Relief

Blue Revolution Scheme



- Implemented in 2016.
- **Vision:**

“Creating an enabling environment for integrated development of the full potential of fisheries of the country, along with substantially improvement in the income status of fishers and fish farmers keeping in view the sustainability, bio-security and environmental concerns.”

- **Mission**
 - i. Formulation of a Neel Kranti Mission Plan (Blue Revolution Mission Plan) for tapping the full potential of the inland and marine culture fisheries of the country by developing it as a professional modern world class industry.
 - ii. Ensure doubling of income of fishers and fish farmers of the country.
 - iii. Ensure sustainability of, bio-security and address environmental concerns for enabling sustainability of the fishing industry

- Various programmes undertaken by the Department of Fisheries of 29 states were reviewed from the information available on their official websites.
- The gathered information was supplemented through telephonic contacts with Department of Fisheries Officials.
- Qualitative assessment of the collected information was done by employing content analysis.
- Context of gender was located in the Indian fisheries policies and programmes at national and state level



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NATIONAL INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE POLICY 2018

The Draft document has been prepared by the Commission, constituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry, Government of India, New Delhi, for the purpose of formulating a National Policy on Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries

Home: National Livestock Commission Sponsored National Scheme of welfare of Fishermen

Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of welfare of Fishermen

Introduction

The Centrally Sponsored 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' envisaging to provide financial assistance to fishers for construction of house, community hall for recreation and common working place and installation of tube-wells for drinking water and assistance during lean period through asset cum relief component was in operation till the terminal year of the 10th Plan. This welfare scheme has been continued during the 11th Plan. The Plan Outlay approved for the scheme for the entire

is operated as a Centrally Sponsored Insurance component only and has the

Guidelines in Brief

Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Government of India, New Delhi - 110 002, September 2017



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Results

National Policy and Schemes

Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
1.	National policy for marine fisheries	<p>Gender equity mention in the 48 point which highlighted role of women in fisheries sector which include fish retailing, fish drying and other value addition activities. The government will continue to support its contribution to the roles played by the women and further enhance and support by way of forming women cooperatives, women friendly financial support schemes, good working conditions that would include safety, security and hygiene and transport facility for rural marketing encouragement to take a small scale fishing, value addition activity ad also play an active role in fisheries management.</p>

Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
2.	National inland fisheries and aquaculture policy (Draft)	Gender sensitive and precautionary approaches has mentioned in part of the first objective. A separate chapter discussed about the Gender and equity issues.



Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
3.	National Scheme of Welfare of fishermen (50:50), Central & State) - DAHDF (Inland & Marine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishermen / fisherwomen of the eligible age under the Policy are sponsored in this scheme. • Insurance Premium on behalf of the fishermen / fisherwomen is sponsored in liaison with the FISHCOPFED.



Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
4.	Blue Revolution (Marine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 % grant- in aid to SHGs of Women for creation of modern hygienic fish marketing infrastructure of worth of 1cr. • 75 % grant- in aid to SHGs of Women for transportation infrastructure for fish marketing. • 1.25 Lakhs back ended subsidy to Women SHGs, entrepreneurs on capital & recurring cost as assistance for Mussel/ Oyster/Clam culture/other commercial shellfishes.



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Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
4.	Blue Revolution (Inland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% of unit cost subsidy to women SHGs and fisherwomen co-operative entrepreneurs for aquarium fabrication.• 50% of unit cost subsidy to women SHGs for backyard hatchery for ornamental fishes.• Training up to 5 days for women SHGs with provisions for TA, DA and other benefits on ornamental fish farming.• 30% subsidy to SC/ST, Women and NE beneficiaries for development/ construction of new retail markets, complexes and retail outlets of worth 50L to 1Cr.• 40% subsidy on the project cost to Fisherwomen who are involved in fish marketing and fisherwomen who are from fishermen community and members of local fishermen or fisherwomen co-operative societies.

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Sr. No	Name of Fisheries policies / Program	Description
4.	Blue Revolution (Inland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30% subsidy on capital cost to SC/ST, women and NE beneficiaries for cold chain development and processing of value added products.• 25% subsidy to fishermen/ fisherwomen/ SHGs/ entrepreneurs for setting up of Solar drying of fish units• Training and demonstration to fisherwomen on hygienic handling of fish and processing /value addition with facility of daily allowance of 150/day/trainee to and fro travel.

- All the maritime states of India have adopted marine fisheries policy.
- Inland fisheries and aquaculture policy in states is questionable.
- Only Odisha state has its comprehensive fisheries policy.



- **Odisha Fisheries Policy**

- Enacted in 2015

- **Vision**

- “To be a pioneer in aquaculture development & fisheries extension for ensuring food security, livelihood, welfare of fishers and employment generation”*

8. Support for implementing policy

Not secure | www.odishafisheries.com/File/tender/2015/Gazette-Resolution-for-Fishery-Policy-2015.pdf

8.4. Equity and Gender budget :

The Government will address issues relating to equity in employment and business opportunities; and ensure equity in the access, tenure, participation and sharing of benefits that accrue in fisheries. The gender concerns will be integrated in fisheries planning, decision making and implementation, to ensure sustainable social and economic development. Training and capacity building of the women fishers and fish farmers will be given adequate importance.

Fisheries Governance in India

Ministry of Agriculture &
Farmers' Welfare



Department of Animal
Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries



State Department of Fisheries

State Scheme/Programmes/Policy (Marine Capture Fisheries)



State	Scheme/Programmes/Policy	Details
Odisha	Matshyajibi Unnayana Yojana (MUY)	Financial Assistance to Fisherwomen SHGs under State Plan Scheme of MUY with the provision for revolving fund of Rs 5000/-.
Tamil Nadu	Savings-cum-Relief Scheme for Marine Fisherwomen (State Fisheries Policy - 2016)	This scheme is implemented under state plan. For the year 2015-16, the Government sanctioned an amount of Rs.34.98 crore as its share, Rs.34.56 crore has been disbursed to 1,92,020 marine fisherwomen of 13 coastal districts.
	Issue of Biometric Identity Cards to marine fisherwomen (State Fisheries Policy - 2016)	The Government has accorded sanction to issue biometric identity cards to fisherwomen. Under this scheme, 34,130 cards have been distributed to the marine fisherwomen.

Value addition and marketing: (Marine and Inland)

State	Scheme / Programmes / Policy	Details
Assam	Assistance to Women SHG For production of value added fish product	Entrepreneurship in fisheries post-harvest activities. Women empowerment. Promotion of value added fish products.
Bihar (Draft policy)	Marketing and Value Addition	Federations of fisher co-operative societies, SHGs of women and entrepreneurs would be motivated to establish cooperative marketing network of skilled farmers, transporters and retailers. Women SHGs would be trained and financially supported for value addition of fish and their marketing.



State	Scheme / Programmes / Policy	Details
Karnataka	Matsya Mahila Swavalambana Yojana	<p>The main objective of scheme is to help the fisherwomen by providing them financial support to enable to take up new post-harvest activities with no dependency on the money lenders.</p> <p>The quantum of assistance per beneficiary/group has been revised upwards thrice. The maximum Revolving Fund amount was Rs.1 lakh per group or Rs.10,000/- per beneficiary.</p>





Ornamental Fish Culture



<i>State</i>	<i>Scheme / Programmes / Policy</i>	<i>Details</i>
Bihar (Draft policy)	Diversification of Aquaculture	Specialized training programme for fisher and especially women shall be arranged for identification and culture of ornamental fishes.
Jharkhand	Technical Support for Fish Culture And Ornamental Fisheries	Fisheries Research Centre at Ranchi Conducts Water and soil testing for technical scientific support to pisci - culturists. Women entrepreneurs can avail technical training and “start- up” facilities for ornamental fish rearing.

<i>State</i>	<i>Scheme / Programmes / Policy</i>	<i>Details</i>
Tamil Nadu	Creating employment opportunities to rural women by establishing ornamental fish hubs	25 units of ornamental fish rearing units is to be established in 10 selected districts of Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs 2.13 crore with an aim of creating employment opportunities to rural women in ornamental fisheries.

Welfare Oriented Schemes

State	Scheme / Programmes / Policy	Details
Bihar	Bihar (Draft policy)- Fishers Livelihood and Welfare	Fisher women and children would receive greater attention.
Andhra Pradesh	Fisheries Development schemes	Revolving fund assistance to fisherwomen.
Tamil Nadu	Post - Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Programme for the Coastal Communities of Tamil Nadu (2007-2016)	Gender specific (Women) addressed part of one objective in the programme - Small scale fish vendors and processors (mainly women)

State	Scheme / Programmes / Policy	Details
Kerala	Maternity Benefit Scheme (2017)	This scheme provide financial assistance for the marriage of daughters and for family planning operation , this scheme also aims at giving moral support to the social development among the womenfolk of the fishermen community . The wives of the fishermen and the fisherwomen's who are above 19 years are eligible for financial assistance under the scheme. They are granted Rs.750/- for each of the two live births, for the pre post maternity care.
	Widow Pension (2017)	This scheme envisages giving pension to the widows of fishermen . The rate is Rs. 400/- Per month.
	Financial assistance for the marriage of daughters of fishermen	This is one of the prestigious schemes introduced by the Board to help. The poor fishermen who find it very difficult to raise funds for the marriage of their daughters. Financial Assistance @ Rs.1,500/- is paid as ex-gratia as per this scheme for the marriage of all daughters of fishermen.



Reservoir Fisheries



<i>State</i>	<i>Scheme/Programmes/Policy</i>	<i>Details</i>
Karnataka	Supply of Fishery Requisite kits scheme- 2017	<p>Under this scheme a kit consisting of fishing net, coracle and other fishery requisites are given to inland fishermen involved in traditional capture fisheries.</p> <p>This scheme also given to fisherwomen who are registered and received identity card from fisheries department.</p> <p>The unit cost of each kit would be Rs. 10000.00 and it would be provided as 100% subsidy to the beneficiary.</p>

Skill Development



<i>State</i>	<i>Scheme / Programmes / Policy</i>	<i>Details</i>
Andhra Pradesh	Socio-economic Survey- by planning department, Andhra Pradesh (2016- 17)- Training and Capacity Building to fishers	A State institute of Fisheries department) to upgrade the professional skills among fishers, aqua farmers, fisherwomen , technocrats, academicians, entrepreneurs in the fields of Capture, Culture and Post- harvest fisheries sectors in the state.



Conclusion

- The national level fisheries policy documents of India have considered gender issues in their documents.
- The Blue Revolution scheme, an integrated scheme for fisheries development and management, has interventions from the government side in terms of financial support with due consideration to socio-economical and geographical backwardness.
- These interventions reflect the supportive environment provided by central government for strengthening women's participation in fisheries.

- At State level, women specific Schemes / Programmes/Policy were found to be concentrating more on conventional women activities i.e. processing/value addition, marketing, and ornamental fish culture.
- State level policies seem to overlook the opportunities available for women participation outside these conventional sub components.
- In some states, collective approach has been taken up for empowering women in fisheries as well as to encourage them to take up fisheries related enterprise.
- Provisions in schemes are made to financially support these women collectives and support to SHGs is an example in this regard.

- At both state and central level, women specific support measures were found to be skewed towards post-harvest activities like marketing and value addition questioning enforcing stereotypes.
- Women's participation has been good in ornamental fisheries due to favorable policies.
- The review of the central and state policies have clarified that if we are aiming for gender equality, it can be done only by making gender a central consideration in the development and implementation of public policy.

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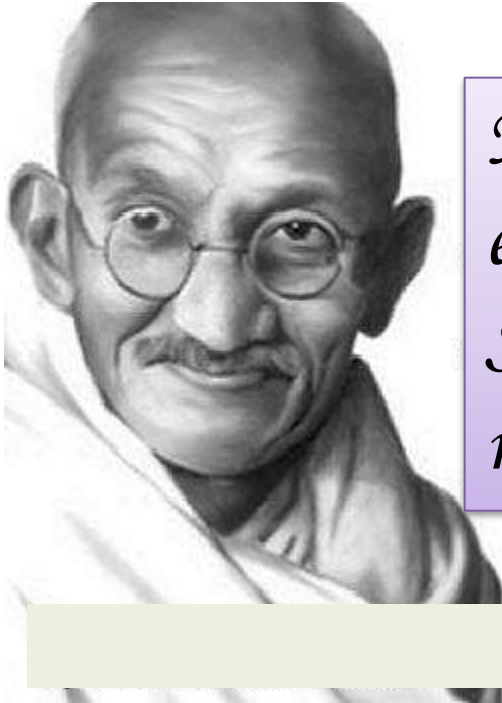


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*Man can never be a woman's
equal in the spirit of
Selfless Service with which
nature has endowed her.*

...Mahatma Gandhi



No country in the world can yet say they have achieved gender equality

Emma Watson

Thank You