

Sagar Parikrama Phase-III

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In news– The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has launched the Sagar Parikrama Phase-III from Hazira Port, Gujarat.

About Sagar Parikrama Phase-III-

- **Sagar Parikrama is a program that reflects the far-reaching policy strategy** of the government leading to the **direct interaction with fishers and fish farmers to understand the issues of coastal areas and problems related to fishermen.**
- **Phase I&II have brought initiation of Artificial Reefs and Sea Ranching**, among many other innumerable benefits.
- The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, and National Fisheries Development Board, along with the Department of Fisheries, Government of Gujarat, Commissioner of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra, Indian Coast Guard, Fishery Survey of India, Gujarat Maritime Board, and fishermen representatives, takes part in the event.
- **The main objectives of 'Sagar Parikrama' are**
 - To facilitate **interaction with fishermen, coastal communities** and stakeholders so as to disseminate information of various fisheries related schemes and programs being implemented by the Government.
 - Demonstrating **solidarity with all fisher folk**, fish farmers and concerned stakeholder as a spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
 - To **promote responsible fisheries with focus on sustainable balance** between the utilization of marine fisheries resources for the food security of nations and livelihoods of coastal fisher communities.

- **Protection of marine ecosystems.**
- **Phase I Programme of 'Sagar Parikrama' was organized in Gujarat, started on 5th March, 2022** from Mandvi and ended on 6th March 2022 at Porbandar, Gujarat.
- **Phase II The voyage Sagar Parikrama as Phase -II** programme started on 22nd September 2022 from Mangrol to Veraval and ended at Mul Dwaraka, on 23rd September 2022 from Mul Dwaraka to Madhwad.
- Phase III Program of 'Sagar Parikrama' starts from today i.e., 19th Feb 2023 from Surat, Gujarat, and ends on 21st Feb 2023 at Sasson Dock, Mumbai.
- The journey of Sagar Parikrama focuses on the sustainable balance between the utilization of marine fisheries resources for the food security of the nation and livelihoods of coastal fisher communities and the protection of marine ecosystems, to bridge the gaps of fisher communities, and their expectations, **development of fishing villages, upgradation and creation of infrastructure such as fishing harbours & landing centers** to ensure sustainable and responsible development through an ecosystem approach.
- Sagar Parikrama program is celebrated in all coastal States/UTs.
- To improve the quality of life and economic well-being of fisheries and fishermen in rural areas and to create more livelihood opportunities, a holistic approach has been adopted.