

World fisheries day, 2021

November 22, 2021

In news- World Fisheries Day was observed on 21st November 2021.

About World Fisheries Day-

- The main purpose behind this day is to **highlight the importance of sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world.**
- It **recognises the contributions of millions of fisher folks, fish farmers, and people involved with the fishery trade across the globe.**
- It also focuses on other related factors such as the necessity of healthy oceans, balance in ecosystem and surroundings.
- In 2020, the theme focused on 'Social Responsibility in the fisheries value chain'.
- **In 1997, the World Fisheries Forum (WFF) was established as a forum for the World Fisheries Consortium.**
- A global consensus document that indicated standardisation of fishing operations was signed by 18 countries.
- **The first World Fisheries Day was celebrated on November 21, 2015, during the opening of the International Fishermen's organisation in New Delhi.**

Awards given during the event-

- **Balasore, Odisha** was awarded as the Best Marine District in the country.
- **Andhra Pradesh** was awarded the Best Marine State while Best Inland State Award was given to **Telangana.**
- **Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh** received the Best Inland District award.
- Best Hilly and Northeastern State and District awards were taken away by **Tripura and Bongaigaon, Assam**

respectively.

World Fisheries Forum (WFF)-

- **The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish workers (WFF) is an international non-governmental organization** that works towards the establishment and upholding of fundamental human rights, social justice and culture of fish harvesters and fish workers.
- It was founded in Quebec, Canada in 1995.
- The WFF **currently represents 48 national organizations of traditional small-scale fishing communities in 42 nations**, whose livelihoods depend directly on the sustainable management of fisheries resources.
- **It acts as a world body representing the concerns of traditional fishing communities** whose survival is directly threatened by the reduction of the role of governments in regulating fisheries.