

## NATIONAL SPACE DAY ON AUG 23

**Panaji: August 08, 2024**  
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National Space Day 2024 will be celebrated on **August 23, 2024** commemorating the historic event of India's Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft successfully landing on the southern side of the Moon. The theme of the day is “Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga”. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India will organize a Seminar to commemorate this historic event by bringing together fishermen, fishing vessel owners, Central and State Fisheries Officers and students.

As pre-activities on occasion of “ National Space Day 2024” an Seminar on “ Space based observation improving Fisheries sector” was conducted on 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Ravindra Bhavan, Vasco Da Gama. It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India, Fishery Survey of India, Mormugao Zonal Base, Goa, Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Goa and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Dr. Mahesh Kumar Farejia Director General, FSI was the Chief Guest and during his felicitation address, he briefed the importance of applications of space technology in Fisheries. Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Director of Fisheries, welcomed the gathering and briefed about the event, Dr. S. Ramachandran, Zonal Director, FSI briefed the Transponder project implemented by the DoF, MoF, Govt. of India and requested the fishermen, boat owners and all the participants to utilize this platform. Shri. Chandresh Haldankar, Superintendent of Fisheries offered vote of thanks.

During technical session Dr. Deepika Roy, Scientist –SF delivered a lecture on “space-based observation; improving Fisheries Sector, PFZ, Geofencing, Aqua zoning” and Vibha Kumari, Scientist SF, ISRO, made live demonstration on COM-NAV systems. Shri. Rohit Sankvalkar, Zuari Fishermen Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd, Kharewada, Vasco and user of the transponder had interacted with ISRO scientists and requested to add depth contour line in the app. ISRO Scientists noted the same and ensured the availability of same in the app. Shri. Pratyush Das, DoF, MoF briefed that most of the safety equipment are integrated in the NABHMITRA. About 116 participants including Fishermen, Mechanised boat owner association, Sagar Mitras, staff of Department of Fisheries, FSI, Faculty & Students of Fisheries College Mangalore, Scientists of ISRO, Ahmedabad, The Chairman and Students of dept. of Marine Biology, Karnatak University PG Centre, Karwar, Karnataka participated online and in person.

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