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1 About this career

A Fisheries Development Officer (FDO) is a government officer who plans, drives and monitors the growth of fish farming in a district or region. Their core work is to implement government schemes (like the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana) on the ground, arrange pond construction and fish-seed distribution, provide subsidies, training and technical support to fishers and fish farmers, and set targets to raise fish production. It is a stable, respected government job in bodies like the Rajasthan Fisheries Department, tied directly to rural livelihoods and India's Blue Revolution.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc) + State PSC exam
Degree duration	B.F.Sc — 4 years
Starting salary	₹40,000–62,000/month (Pay Level 11)
Work mode	Permanent gazetted officer in state government

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in fish farming, water resources and rural development
- Liking for planning, coordination and field work
- Desire to create change through government schemes and helping farmers

ABILITIES

- Ability to plan and manage projects
- Scientific and analytical thinking
- Communication and leadership skills

KEY SKILLS

- Technical knowledge of aquaculture, pond management and fish-seed production
- Understanding and implementing government schemes (PMMSY etc.)

- Knowledge of fish diseases, water quality and fish feed
- Managing project reports, subsidy proposals and target monitoring
- Proficiency with computers, data and government portals
- Training and extension work for fishers and farmers
- Budgeting, record-keeping and office administration skills

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 10+2 with science (biology/agriculture) subjects.
- 2 Complete a 4-year Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc) from a recognised institute (e.g. College of Fisheries, MPUAT Udaipur or ICAR-CIFE); admission is via ICAR AIEEA / state entrance exam.
- 3 Apply when the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) issues the Assistant/Fisheries Development Officer recruitment notification.
- 4 Clear the RPSC/state PSC written exam (Fisheries Science paper) and interview.
- 5 After selection, complete the probation period and take up your posting as an officer.
- 6 With experience and departmental promotions, rise to Assistant Director, Deputy Director and on to Director of Fisheries.

MAIN EXAMS

- RPSC Assistant/Fisheries Development Officer recruitment exam (Rajasthan)
- ICAR AIEEA (all-India entrance exam for admission to B.F.Sc)
- Other State Public Service Commission (PSC) fisheries officer exams

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- मत्स्य महाविद्यालय (College of Fisheries), MPUAT — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.cofudaipur.ac.in/>)
- महाराणा प्रताप कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय (MPUAT) — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.mpuat.ac.in/>)
- मत्स्य विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://fisheries.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- ICAR-केंद्रीय मात्स्यिकी शिक्षा संस्थान (CIFE) — Mumbai, Maharashtra (<https://www.cife.edu.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Kufos / निजी मत्स्य विज्ञान महाविद्यालय (राज्यवार) — Various states (<https://www.kufos.ac.in/>)

ONLINE

- ICAR शिक्षा पोर्टल (प्रवेश व छात्रवृत्ति) — Online
- राष्ट्रीय मत्स्य विकास बोर्ड (NFDB) प्रशिक्षण — Online / Hyderabad (<https://nfdb.gov.in/>)

FEES

At government universities (e.g. College of Fisheries, MPUAT Udaipur) B.F.Sc annual fees are roughly ₹20,000–50,000, much lower than private institutes. ICAR scholarships and state fee concessions reduce this further. The RPSC exam application fee is separate (a few hundred rupees).

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ICAR राष्ट्रीय प्रतिभा छात्रवृत्ति (National Talent Scholarship, UG)
- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (National Scholarship Portal) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study – ICAR NTS-UG Scholarship (<https://www.buddy4study.com/scholarship/nsp-icar-undergraduate-national-talent-scholarship-nts-ug-2026>)
- SJE Rajasthan छात्रवृत्ति (सामाजिक न्याय विभाग) (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

District and block-level Fisheries Department offices, government fish farms and hatcheries, pond and reservoir sites, and fishing villages. The work is partly in the office and largely in the field (villages, ponds, hatcheries).

WORK CULTURE

Standard government office hours (5–6 days a week), but field visits and extra work are common during scheme targets, inspections and seasonal fisheries activity. It is a responsible, public-service-oriented post offering both job security and respect.

WHO HIRES

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| • Rajasthan Fisheries Department (state government) | • Fisheries departments of other states |
| • National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad | • Department of Fisheries, Government of India and PMMSY project units |
| • ICAR fisheries research institutes (CIFE, CIFA, CIFRI etc.) | • State Fisheries Federations and District Fisheries Development Agencies |

DEMAND (2026)

India is among the world's top fish-producing nations, and the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is driving heavy investment in the fisheries sector. States like Rajasthan are also expanding pond, reservoir and inland fish farming, sustaining steady demand for trained Fisheries Development Officers to plan and implement schemes. It is a growing and stable government career field.

7 Career growth

- 1 Fisheries Development Officer / Assistant Fisheries Development Officer (FDO/AFDO)
- 2 Assistant Director (Fisheries)
- 3 Deputy Director (Fisheries)
- 4 Director of Fisheries

EARNINGS

Starting	₹40,000–62,000/माह
Mid level	₹70,000–95,000/माह
Senior level	₹1,20,000–1,60,000+/माह

In Rajasthan the Assistant/Fisheries Development Officer post is in Pay Level 11 (grade pay ₹4,200, basic ~₹37,800); during probation a fixed pay of about ₹24,570/month applies, and once confirmed the gross with DA, HRA etc. reaches roughly ₹56,000–62,000/month (2026 estimate per DoF/RPSC pay matrix). Pay rises considerably at Assistant Director, Deputy Director and Director levels. Figures are indicative and change per government notifications.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- A stable, respected gazetted government job with pension security
- Direct contribution to rural livelihoods and the Blue Revolution
- A clear promotion path — growth possible up to Director level

The challenges

- Recruitment is for limited posts through a competitive exam
- Field visits, remote postings and seasonal work pressure
- Accountability for government procedures, targets and paperwork

9 Real-life journeys

Dr. Joykrushna Jena

Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Dr. Joykrushna Jena is one of India's leading fisheries scientists. On the strength of deep research in freshwater aquaculture and fish genetics, he served as Director of the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture and the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, and rose to Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science) at ICAR, from where he shapes the country's fisheries development policies and research direction. He has received honours including the Pillay Aquaculture Award and served as President of the Asian Fisheries Society. His journey shows how a student who begins with fisheries science can go on to lead fisheries development at the national level.

National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) · <https://naas.org.in/detail.php?id=192>

Dr. C. Suvarna

Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB); Indian Forest Service officer

Dr. C. Suvarna is an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer who was appointed Chief Executive of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in 2020. Earlier she served as Commissioner in the Telangana Department of Fisheries. With advanced degrees in agriculture and forest management and a PhD in rural development, she led NFDB's work in implementing nationwide fisheries development schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, raising fish production and improving fishers' livelihoods. Her example inspires girls who want to become Fisheries Development Officers and drive change through schemes and public service.

PSU Watch · <https://psuwatch.com/dr-c-suvarna-ifs-appointed-as-chief-executive-in-nfdb/>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Fisheries Officer
- Fisheries Extension Officer

11 Sources & further reading

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3. Fisheries Department, Government of Rajasthan — <https://fisheries.rajasthan.gov.in/>
4. Department of Fisheries, Govt of India (PMMSY) — <https://dof.gov.in/>
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