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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

A Fisheries Officer is a government officer who regulates, manages and administers fisheries in a district or region. They issue fishing licences for ponds, reservoirs and rivers, curb illegal and destructive fishing, enforce closed-season and net-mesh rules, check water pollution, and ensure conservation of fish resources. They also implement departmental schemes, subsidies and fishermen's welfare programmes. It is a stable, respected government job that serves both environmental protection and rural livelihoods.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	B.F.Sc after Class 12 (Science) + State PSC/RPSC exam
Course duration	B.F.Sc 4 years
Starting salary	₹40,000–55,000/month (gazetted post)
Work mode	Full-time government job in State Fisheries Dept

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in water, rivers, reservoirs and aquatic life
- A drive to serve environmental conservation and rural communities
- Interest in enforcing rules, management and administrative work

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina for field inspections
- Good communication and report-writing ability
- Fair judgement, integrity and firmness in enforcing rules

KEY SKILLS

- Fishing licensing, lease management and regulation
- Fish species identification and knowledge of fish biology
- Administering government schemes, subsidies and records
- Basic computer, GIS and data reporting
- Water quality, pollution testing and reservoir surveys
- Enforcement and raid action against illegal fishing
- Coordination and outreach with fishermen and cooperatives

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 Science with Biology/Physics/Chemistry subjects.
- 2 Earn a 4-year Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc) from an agricultural university, e.g. College of Fisheries, MPUAT Udaipur.
- 3 For higher posts/specialisation, do an M.F.Sc or a postgraduate diploma from ICAR-CIFE.
- 4 Appear for the Fisheries Officer/Assistant Fisheries Development Officer recruitment exam held by the State PSC (RPSC/other state PSC).
- 5 After the written exam, interview and document verification, get appointed as a gazetted officer in the State Fisheries Department.

MAIN EXAMS

- RPSC Assistant Fisheries Development Officer / Fisheries Officer recruitment exam (Rajasthan)
- Fisheries Officer/Inspector exams of other State PSCs (KPSC, OPSC, WBPSC, etc.)
- UPSC/central specialist recruitments linked to agriculture and fisheries science

5 Where to study**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES**

- कॉलेज ऑफ फिशरीज़, एमपीयूएटी (College of Fisheries) — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.cofudaipur.ac.in/>)
- महाराणा प्रताप कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय (MPUAT) — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.mpuat.ac.in/>)
- आईसीएआर-केंद्रीय मत्स्य शिक्षा संस्थान (ICAR-CIFE) — Mumbai, Maharashtra (<https://www.cife.edu.in/>)
- आईसीएआर-केंद्रीय समुद्री मत्स्य अनुसंधान संस्थान (ICAR-CMFRI) — Kochi, Kerala (<https://www.cmfri.org.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Testbook – RPSC AFDO / Fisheries Officer प्रवेश तैयारी — Private paid coaching — this portal does not endorse any institute. Look at the free options first: the Chief Minister Anuprati coaching scheme, and the recruiting board's own syllabus and past question papers. Check fees, facilities and success claims for yourself; no one can guarantee selection. (<https://testbook.com/rpsc-afdo>)
- PW (Physics Wallah) State PSC – Fisheries — Private paid coaching — this portal does not endorse any institute. Look at the free options first: the Chief Minister Anuprati coaching scheme, and the recruiting board's own syllabus and past question papers. Check fees, facilities and success claims for yourself; no one can guarantee selection. (<https://www.pw.live/state-psc>)

ONLINE

- राष्ट्रीय मत्स्य विकास बोर्ड (NFDB) – प्रशिक्षण व योजनाएं — Online / Hyderabad (<https://nfdb.gov.in/>)
- मत्स्य पालन विभाग, भारत सरकार (Department of Fisheries) — Online (<https://www.dof.gov.in/>)
- राजस्थान लोक सेवा आयोग (RPSC) – आधिकारिक पोर्टल — Online / Ajmer (<https://rpsc.rajasthan.gov.in/>)

FEES

B.F.Sc fees at government agricultural universities (e.g. MPUAT Udaipur) are roughly ₹20,000–60,000 per year; SC/ST and economically weaker students get concessions. The RPSC/State PSC exam application fee is usually ₹350–600.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (National Scholarship Portal) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- आईसीएआर राष्ट्रीय प्रतिभा छात्रवृत्ति (ICAR National Talent Scholarship) (<https://icar.org.in/>)
- SJE राजस्थान – छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study – कृषि/मत्स्य विज्ञान छात्रवृत्ति (<https://www.buddy4study.com/scholarships/agriculture-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

District and state fisheries offices, ponds and reservoir sites, rivers, fish hatcheries, markets and landing centres, and field inspection sites.

WORK CULTURE

Along with office work, it involves significant field travel; early-morning inspections, and strict enforcement and raids during closed seasons are common. Usually a 6-day work week, with emergency duty during floods, pollution or illegal-fishing incidents. The department offers equal opportunities to women and persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- State Fisheries Departments (e.g. Fisheries Department, Government of Rajasthan)
- National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and PMMSY projects
- Reservoir and irrigation departments, fisheries cooperative federations
- Department of Fisheries, Government of India
- ICAR fisheries research institutes (CIFE, CMFRI, CIFRI)
- Indian Coast Guard and inland fisheries enforcement agencies

DEMAND (2026)

India is among the world's largest fish producers and schemes like PMMSY are boosting the 'Blue Revolution', keeping demand for Fisheries Officers to regulate and conserve resources steady. In Rajasthan, growing reservoir-based and inland fisheries expand the State Fisheries Department, which recruits periodically, making it a stable government career.

7 Career growth

- 1 Fisheries Officer / Assistant Fisheries Development Officer
- 2 Fisheries Development Officer
- 3 Assistant Director (Fisheries)
- 4 Deputy Director (Fisheries)
- 5 Director, Fisheries Department

EARNINGS

Starting	₹40,000–55,000/माह
Mid level	₹65,000–90,000/माह
Senior level	₹1,00,000–1,40,000+/माह

In Rajasthan the Assistant Fisheries Development Officer post is at Pay Matrix Level L-11 (Grade Pay ₹4200), and Fisheries Inspectors/Officers sit around 7th Pay Commission Level 7 — starting gross pay with allowances is about ₹40,000–55,000/month. With promotions to Assistant Director, Deputy Director and Director, pay rises considerably (source: RPSC, 7th Pay Commission).

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A stable, gazetted government job with respect and security
- Meaningful contribution to conservation and fishermen's livelihoods
- Good pay scale, allowances, pension and a clear promotion path

The challenges

- Long field tours, exposure to weather and duty at remote reservoirs
- Pressure and confrontation while enforcing rules against illegal fishing
- Limited posts make recruitment competitive and irregular

9 Real-life journeys

Dr. B. K. Mahapatra

Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFE and former Assistant Director of Fishery, West Bengal

Born in a modest West Bengal village, Dr. Bijoy Kali Mahapatra studied science and built his career in fisheries. He served in government as Assistant Director of Fishery in West Bengal (1997–2000), then rose to Scientist-in-Charge and senior-most Principal Scientist at ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Kolkata. He published over 125 research papers on fish diversity, breeding and ornamental fisheries and won honours such as the ZSI Gold Medal. His journey shows that the B.F.Sc/fisheries-science route can lead to both a government fisheries officer role and a top scientist position.

Wikitia · https://wikitia.com/wiki/Bijoy_Kali_Mahapatra

Dr. Imelda Joseph

Principal Scientist & Head-in-Charge, Mariculture Division, ICAR-CMFRI

Dr. Imelda Joseph is a leading woman fisheries scientist from Kerala who serves as Principal Scientist and Head-in-Charge of the Mariculture Division at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi. After a Master's in Mariculture and a Ph.D. in marine microbiology, she developed and popularised cage-culture and high-value fish-seed production technologies across India's coastal regions. Her achievements inspire girls who want to become officers, scientists or administrators managing water resources through a career in fisheries science.

ICAR-CMFRI · <https://www.cmfri.org.in/staff-popup/imelda-joseph>

10 Sources & further reading

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3. College of Fisheries, Udaipur (MPUAT) — <https://www.cofudaipur.ac.in/>
4. Department of Fisheries, Government of India — <https://www.dof.gov.in/>
5. Fisheries Inspector/Officer Salary (PW State PSC) — <https://www.pw.live/state-psc/exams/fisheries-inspector-salary>



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