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Preface

Centre for Education and Communication (CEC), a labour-support organisation based in Delhi is privileged to be involved in Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan campaign that began from May 1-June 27, 2008 along the coastal belt of India. CEC contributes and engages by providing conceptual and logistical inputs. The compilation towards this Dossier is one such step forward as part of advocacy and campaign. This Dossier charts out the route taken by the Abhiyan through all the coastal states and maps out the media coverage received during this period. It includes press clippings, press releases and photographs from various states.

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We dedicate this document to all the courageous fisher people who embarked on this ambitious yet proved to be successful campaign. We urge the government to respond by withdrawing the CZM Notification.

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New Delhi*

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Introduction

*The Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan commenced from May 1, 2008 in **Jakhau** in the Kutch region of Gujarat with ceremonial plantation of mangrove by the local fishing community. The Abhiyan traversed and campaigned along 7000 kilometers of coastland passing through the coastal states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal. The main thrust of this campaign is to prevent replacement of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification 1991 with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) by the Government of India. The Campaign concluded in Kolkata in a citizen's meet on June 27, 2008. This massive mobilisation was made possible with the concerted efforts of National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF), registered as a trade union representing about 3.5 million maritime fishworkers living along the coastline.*

The fisher communities contest that such an imposition of the CZM would legitimise the rampant destruction of the marine ecosystem caused by unrestricted capital intensive development and cause massive displacement of the fishers from their natural livelihood systems. 'Save the Coast-Save the Fishers' yatra is an expression of dissent as well as assertion of the livelihood rights of fishers, in the context of the ever increasing external incursions into the coasts in the names of establishment of industries, SEZs, tourist centres, nuclear and petrochemical processing centres, airports etc. Increasing marine pollution, coastal aquaculture, destructive fishing methods used by many, incursions by industrial foreign fishing vessels and lopsided ecology conservation policies that denies access to fishers are other issues that threaten the livelihood rights of marine fishers.

A second and important demand placed by the National FishWorkers' Forum is for a national legislation with the ILO's Work in Fishing Conventions (C 188) that is adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2007. The Work in Fishing Convention attempts to regulate the working conditions of marine fishers and provides for their occupational health and safety measures as well as social security. The demand raised by NFF on this seeks a comprehensive legislation that includes not just the rights of the marine fishers but also the traditional fishers, engaged in shore based activities, inland fishers and women fishers.

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SAVE THE COAST: SAVE THE FISHERS
Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan
Kutch - Kanyakumari - Kolkata
1st May - 27th June 2008

Abhiyan Itinerary

The campaign will start from 1st May 2008 and carry on for two months till 27th June 2008. The whole of the Indian coast will witness mass mobilizations with agitations, demonstrations, rallies, reception, public meetings, seminars and press conferences all along its stretch in the months of May and June 2008.

On 1st of May, the international day of labour, the campaign will commence at Jakho in the Run of Kutch in Gujarat and will end in Kolkata in West Bengal on 27th June 2008.

A central campaign team comprising of eminent leaders of National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF), National Coastal Protection Campaign (NCPC), peoples movements and civil society organizations will spearhead the campaign. .

The state wise itinerary of the central campaign team is as follows:

State	Dates
Gujarat	1 st to 9 th May
Maharashtra	10 th to 18 th May
Goa	19 th to 20 th May
Karnataka	21 st to 24 th May
Kerala	25 th to 31 st May
TamilNadu+Pondy	1 st June to 9 th June
Andhra	10 th June to 15 th June
Orissa	16 th June to 21 st June
West Bengal	22 nd June to 27 th June

During the course of the campaign there will be state level seminars on ILO Convention on work in fishing sector and national legislation for fishworkers at the following places and dates:

Gujarat: Ahmedabad - 6th May
 Maharastra; Mumbai - 12th May
 Nagercoil: 2nd June
 Tamilnadu: Chennai- 9th June
 Andhra Pradesh: Ongole- 11th June.

Detail Campaign Plan for Gujarat

Date	Place	Time	Programme
01/05/08	Jakho	10:30 am	Inauguration of the campaign & rally
01/05/08	Mandvi Layja Vill	4:00 pm	Public meeting and interaction
02/05/08	Junabander/ Ujjas	9:00am	Visit hot spot and citizens meet
02/05/08	Bhadreshwar	11:00am	Meeting with social activists, fishers
03/05/08	Dwaraka, Rupen Bander	10:00am	Meeting and interaction with fishing community and civil society leaders
03/05/08	Harshed	4:00pm	Meeting & rally at fish landing centre
04/05/08	Porbander	9:00 am	Meeting at fishing Harbour
04/05/08	Mangrol	3:00 pm	Public meeting at Machhimar Hall
04/05/08	Veraval	7:00 pm	Reception& meeting at community hall
05/05/08	Veraval	9.00am	Travel to Ahmedabad
06/05/08	Ahmedabad	10.00am	ILO seminar at Awaj Kunj, Ambavadi
07/05/08	Jambusar	4:00pm	Meeting with fishing Community
08/05/08	Umarsadi	10:00am	Indoor general meeting
08/05/08	Valsad	4:00pm	Mass meeting and press meet
09/05/08	Daman	9:00am	Informal meeting with community
09/05/08	Umargaon	4:00pm	Mass meeting and halt

Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan : Maharastra - Goa itinerary

Date	Time	Programme
10 May 2008	8.30AM	Zai (Umbergaon) - - Bordi -- Chikhla
	10.00AM	Dahanu Port
	11.30AM	Dhakti Dahanu-Gungwada (lunch) Wadhavan-Varore-Chinchani-Tarapore-Ghivali- Ucheli.
	2.00PM	Popharan Dandi
	3.30PM	Murbe-Alewadi-Navapur- via- Boisar - Palghar.
	5.00PM	Satpati (Shri Rajendra Meher and Shri Vinode Patil, Chairmen Satpati Machhimar and Satpati Fishermen Society)-Vadarai - Mahim (Tembhi) - Kelva - Dativara -via- Kore - Edwan - via- Safala.
	7.00PM	Arnala - via - Virar and halt (Arnala Fishermen Society, Shri Vaity, Shri Dhaki, Shri Koli, Shri Patil & other colleagues.
11 May 2008	8.30AM	Arnala (Four Machhimar Co-op.Societies) - From Nala to Bassi(Pachubandar) - Shri Philip Mastan - Khochiwada-Naigaon-via- Bassain Road.
	12.30PM	Uttan-Dongri Chawk- Sri Leo Collaso and others - via-

		Dharavi Pali Marg
	1.30PM	Gorai (participation in NAPM State Convention) - Manori - Malvani -via- Marve (by boat).
	4.30PM	Madh-Bhati (Shri Kiran Koli and colleagues).
	6.00 PM	Varsova (Shri Motiram Bhawe and other fishermen leaders
	7.30 PM	Mahim-Sulup - Machhimar Colony - Mahim Mahikavati Society, Mahim Machimar Co-op Society & Nakhoa Co-op. Sangh, Mahim. Dinner (Shri Dinkar Tandel, Sri Dilip Pagdhare and other colleagues. Halt.
12 May 2008	9.00 AM	Worli Koliwada - GosfaDevi Sea face via Mumbai Central.
	10.30AM	Bhaucha Dhakka (Kasara port) Shri Karsan Bhai and Shri Dilip Pagdhare, Shri Keluskar , Shri Vasant Mahulkar & other colleagues.
	12.30 PM	Crawford Market - Sason Dock: Shri Dattaram Meher, Shri Keshav Koli, Shri Pradip Nakhwa and others
	1.30PM	Cuffe Parade(Colaba) - Shri Moreswar Patil, Shri Ramesh Meher, Shri Raghunath Bohir, Shri Laxman Dhanur & others. Machhimar Sarvodaya Sahakari Society, Cuffe Parade - Lunch.
	4.00PM	Shivaji Mandir (Dadar) via Trombay - Mahul.
	9.00 PM	Karanja (via Vashi - Uran). Night halt. Dinner: Shri Ravi Koli, Karanja.
** 12 May 2008	10.30AM - 4.30 PM	There will be Seminar on ILO Convention on Work in Fishing Sector at Rajashri Shahu Sabhagrah, Shivaji Mandir, 3rd floor, Dadar, Mumbai. - Maharashtra Machimar Kriti Samiti.
13 May 2008	8.30 AM	Karanja- Bodani by boat (Vehicles at Rawas via Karanja-Vadkhal in the morning) Shri Datta Hashya Nakhwa, Shri Koli & others.
	9.30AM	Bodani -Sasavane-Thal- Navgaon- Varsoli.
	12.30AM	Alibag (Lunch) Shri Ullash Varkate, Shri Ravikant Parekar & others: Alibag Machhimar Society.
	2.30PM	Akshi - Revdanda - Bheronda - Korlai- Bolai- Bortli- Mandava - Ekdara- Murud.
	7.30PM	Murud: Night Halt and Dinner.
14 May 2008	9.00AM	Dighi - Bharat khol - Masala via Shrivardhan (Jivana Bandar) - Lunch. Baghmabdle via Bankot.
	6.00PM	Harnepaj (Harnepaj - Ade - Utambar-Burandi- Public Meeting, night halt: Shri Pawesha, Chairman Harnepaj Machhimar Sanstha, Shri Chaugule, Shri Narayan Raghuvira and other colleagues.
15 May 2008	8.30 AM	Harne- Dapoli- Dabhol Khadi (Jangal Jetty) via Ajanvel - Navanghar- Veldhur-Dhopave- Nari Bandar -Lunch: Shri Datta Vankar and others.
	7.30PM	Guhaghar- Night halt
16 May 2008	8.30AM	Asgoli via Guhaghar - Palshet-Konkarul-Velneswar -Ade Agar - Hedavi via Katala -via Navanghar Khadi (Jangal Jetty) Chinch Bandar- Varvoda.
	7.30PM	Ganapatipule - dinner & night halt.

17 May 2008	8.00AM	Karla - Bhata: Shri Nisar Borkar and others
	11.30AM	Mirak khada (Ratnagiri): Lunch: Mirak Khada Adarsha Machhimar Co-op. Society. Purnagad via Pawas.
	7.30PM	Sakhari Nate: night halt & dinner: Sakhari Nate Machhimar Co-op. Society: Shri Amjad Borkar and other collegues
18May 2008	9.00AM	Vijay Durg
	12.00 AM	Deogarh : Lunch - Deogarh Machimar Society & leaders.
	6.30PM	Malwan : Public meeting - Nathpai Sevangan : Malwan Taluka Sramik Machhimar Sangha and Machhimar Sahakari Society. Night halt & Dinner: Guruji Shri Jnanesh Deulkarji and other collegues.
19 May 2008	8.30 AM	To Panjim via Malwan- Goa Road.
	12.30 PM	Panjim: General Meeting of All Goa Fishworkers' Union. Night halt in Panjim: Shri Matanhy Saldanha
20May 2008	9.00 AM	Visit to fishing villages, fishermen socity and ecological hotspots: Shri Matanhy Saldanha
	Afternoon	Press Conference: Timings to be finalized by Shri Matanhy
		To Karnataka

East Coast States' Itinerary: Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan

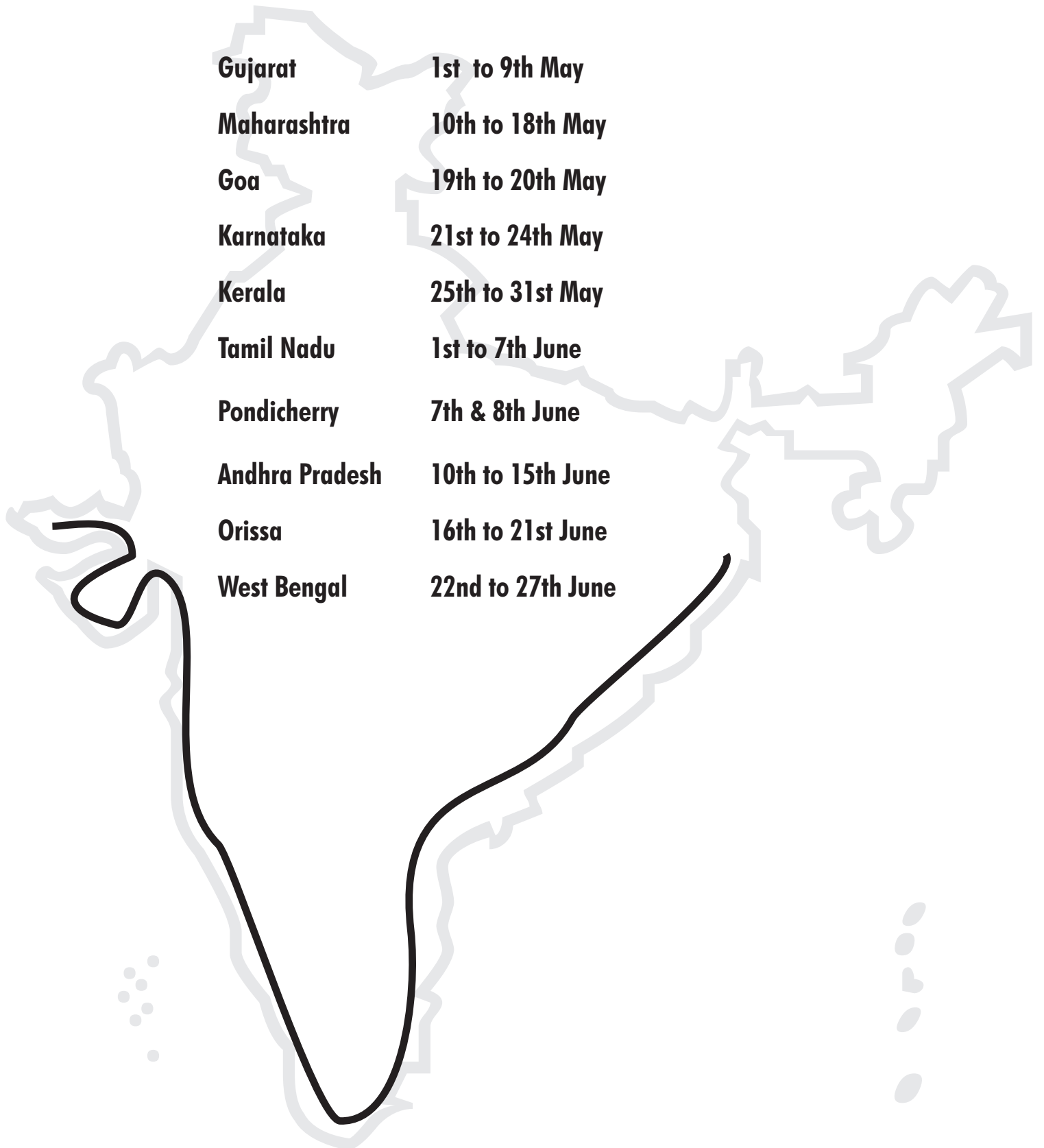
Date	Place	District
Tamilnadu		
01.6.08	Nirodi	Kanyakumari
	Marthandamthurai	Kanyakumari
	Velupillai	Kanyakumari
	Eravi Puthenthurai	Kanyakumari
	Chinnathurai	Kanyakumari
	Thoothoor	Kanyakumari
	Eramanthurai	Kanyakumari
	Mulirthurai	Kanyakumari
	Enam puthenthurai	Kanyakumari
	Helen Colony	Kanyakumari
	Kurunpanai	Kanyakumari
	Vaniakudi	Kanyakumari
	Colachel	Kanyakumari
	Kottilpadu	Kanyakumari
	Periavillai	Kanyakumari
	Manvalakurichi	Kanyakumari
02.6.08	Wadia-Muttam	Kanyakumari
	Rajakamangalthurai	Kanyakumari
	Puthenthurai	Kanyakumari
	Pallam	Kanyakumari
	Malamankudi	Kanyakumari
	Kepamanakudi	Kanyakumari
	New Kanyakumari	Kanyakumari
	Kanyakumari	Kanyakumari
03 .6.08	Uvari	Tuticorin
	Periathurai	Tuticorin

	Periathalai	Tuticorin
	Allanthalai	Tuticorin
	Amlinagar	Tuticorin
	Punyakayal	Tuticorin
	Teracepuram	Tuticorin
04.6.08	Kilakarai- Public meeting	Ramanathapuram
	Ramnad RFTU office (Press meet)	Ramanathapuram
	Dargavalasai – group meeting	Ramanathapuram
	Thangachimadam - Hail meeting	Ramanathapuram
	Rameswaram - Public meeting	Ramanathapuram
05 .6.08	Jagadapatnam	Pudukottai
	Manalmelkudi	Pudukottai
	Sethu Chettunam	Pudukottai
06 .6.08	Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam
	Seretoor	Nagapattinam
	Karaikal	Nagapattinam
	Kilinjalmadu	Nagapattinam
	NambiarNagar	Nagapattinam
07.6.08	Killai	Cuddalore
	Cuddalore town (press meet)	Cuddalore
	Putchikuppam	Cuddalore
Pondicherry		
07.6.08	Naramanill	Pondicherry
	Gingev Salai- Public Meeting	Pondicherry
08.06.08	Pondicherry Press Club (Press Meet)	Pondicherry
Tamilnadu		
08.6.08	Nedu Kupam	Villipuram
	Anumanthai	Villipuram
	Kadapu pakkam Kuppam	Kanchipuram
	Cuddalore Peria Kuppam	Kanchipuram
	Mahabalipuram	Kanchipuram
	Ualikuppam	Kanchipuram
	Kannathuradi Kuppam	Kanchipuram
09.6.08	ICSA, Chennai. ILO Convention Seminar	Chennai
10.6.08	Pazavarkadu (Pulicut)	Thiruvallur
Andhra Pradesh		
10.6.08	Ramalingapuram	Nellore
11.6.08	Ongole (ILO seminar)	Praksham
12.6.08	Wadarevu (Press & public meet)	Praksham
	Ramnagar (Public meeting)	Guntur
	Surya Lanka(Special Tourism	Guntur

	Zone visit)	
13.6.08	Vishakhapatnam(Press meet and agitation at the collectorate)	Vishakhapatnam
14.6.08	Vizianagaram Coleectorate March and public meeting at Krishi Bhavan	Vizianagaram
15.6.08	Bhavani peta and Srikakulam	Srikakulam
Orissa		
15.6.08	Enter Orissa and halt at Chatrapur	Ganjam
16.6.08 r -Do-	Mass rally and Dharna before the collector Press meet at Berhampur (4.00 pm)	Ganjam
17.6.08	Nairi (Chilika) village meeting	Khurda
18.6.08	Puri Durga Bari - Fishers meet	Puri
18.6.08	Bhubaneswar Red Cross Bhavan Press meet	BBSR
19.6.08	Chandra Bhaga, Konark	Puri
	Paradeep - 5.00 pm	Jagatsingpur
20.6.08	Kharinashi (public meeting)	Kendrapara
	Rajnagar	Do
21.6.08	Bideipur	Bhadrak
	Dhamra	
West Bengal		
22 .6 .08	Sonakhali (Sundarban)	South 24 Parganas
	Jharkhali Public meeting and halt	South 24 Parganas
23.6.68	Mass dharna at Canning tiger reserve office	South 24 Parganas
24 .6.08	Kakdwip – Hall meeting	South 24 Parganas
25.6.08	Digha	East Midnapore
	Chewasuli – Public meeting	East Midnapore
	Dadanpatrabar – reception and meeting	East Midnapore
26.6.08	Public meeting and civic reception at Contai	East Midnapore
27.6.08	Citizens meet and reception in Kolkata	Kolkata
	Concluding meet in Kolkata	Kolkata

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Gujarat

1st to 9th May

Jakao



Jakho
Mandvi Layja Vill
Junabander/ Ujjas
Bhadreshwar
Dwaraka
Harshed
Porbander
Mangrol
Veraval
Ahmedabad
Jambusar
Umarsadi
Valsad
Daman
Umargaon

Gujarat

- *Large-scale destruction of mangroves*
- *Scarcity of drinking water*
- *Establishment of SEZs, cement factories, thermal power plants, salt pans, private board and real estate development*
- *Pollution of the coastal borders and River Daman Ganga caused by ash and waste-water from these factories*
- *Drastic fall in total marine catch*
- *Imprisonment of Indian fishers and capture of Indian boats by Pakistan naval agencies were the major concerns during this campaign*
- *Campaign spearheaded by Machhimar Adhikar Sangharsh Samiti (MASS), Akhil Gujarat Machhimar Mahamandal (AGMM) and Gujarat NFF jointly*
- *State level seminar on ILO Convention of Work in Fishing was held in Ahmedabad on May 6, 2008*

Maharashtra

10th to 18th May

Maharashtra



Zai (Umbergaon), Bord, Chikla, Dahanu Port
 Dhakli Dahanu-Gingvada, Vachavan, Vatore, Chindhari
 Tarapore, Ghivli, Uthdi
 Poparan Dand, Murbe, Alwad, Navapur, Bisar, Palghar
 Satpati, Vadarai, Mahim (Tenthi), Kelva, Dativara, Kore
 Eelvan, Safala, Anad, Virar, Anala, Nala, Bassi (Pachubander)
 Krodhivada, Nigao, Bassin Road
 Utan, Dongri Gawk, Dherai Pali Marg
 Gori, Manori, Malveri, Mave (by boat)
 Mach, Bhati, Versova, Mahim Slup
 Worli Ktiivada, Gofa Devi Seafare, Mumbai Central
 Bhadra Dhakka (Kasarapoti), Crawford Market, Sasson Dock
 Cuffe Parade (Gleba), Shivaji Mandir (Dadar), Trombay, Mharu
 Karanja (via Vashi-Utan), Karanja, Bodari by boat
 Bodari, Sasavane Thal, Navgaon, Versoli, Aibag
 Astri, Padaroda, Bheronda, Korai, Boli, Borli, Mandava, Eklara
 Murud, Dighi, Bharat khd, Hanepaj, Hane, Dapodi
 Dabhd Khed (Jangal Jetty), Ajamal, Navanghar
 Ghaghar, Asgdi, Palshet, Konkarnul, Varesvar
 Ache Agar, Hedai, Katala
 Navanghar Khed (Jangal Jetty), Girin Bander, Vavoda
 Ganapatipule, Katala - Bhata, Mirak kheda (Patnagiri), Runagad
 Paves, Sakhari Nete, Vijay Durg, Degerah, Malwan

Maharashtra

- *Enormous depletion of coastal environment*
- *Setting up of industries (particularly Container Port Project of Reliance in Raigarh)*
- *Captive Jelly Project in Alewadi, Taluk Palghat in Thane district to affect more than 40,000 fisher people*
- *Sharp depletion of fish stock along the coast due to discharge of industrial effluence*
- *Large scale sand-mining for the construction industry seriously affects the ornamental fishes in the Creek*
- *Declared SEZs (covering Gorai, Uttan and Manori) threaten to displace more than one lakh people including fishermen, adivasis, artisans and farmers*
- *State level seminar on ILO Convention of Work in Fishing was held in Mumbai on May 12, 2008*
- *Maharashtra Machhimar Kriti Samiti organised this campaign successfully*

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Centre bows to greens on CRZ norms

Restricts Construction Activity Close To The Shore By Redefining The Setback Line

Nasser Sharada | 105

Mumbai: After concern raised by environmentalists last year, the Union environment ministry has amended the proposed draft notification on coastal zones, redefining the setback line.

The proposed notification will supersede the existing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms that restrict construction activity close to the shore. It was issued by the ministry on May 1.

The earlier setback line proposal, issued in 1992, was an attempt to follow the stringent CRZ regulation which, currently, prohibits construction activity 300 metres from the high tide line to the landward side.

Experts had feared that if the government's proposal decided that



CRZ: The environment ministry has given 60 days for people to make any objections or suggestions on the proposal in the draft notification.

a road offers a sufficient level of protection, the cut-back behind it could be used for construction even

if it is less than 100 metres from the shore. Or if the Marbas Dike sea wall provides enough protection,

there will be no restriction on construction on the land behind it.

Now, the ministry has suggested that the setback line will be fixed after mapping the vulnerability of the coast by taking into account four parameters—erosion, change in the coastline due to manmade factors, sea level trends and horizontal shoreline displacement.

Sources said the objections raised by the greens could possibly be the reason for the environment ministry to redefine the vulnerability line proposed in the amended notification issued last week.

"The Central government proposes to bring into force a new framework for managing and regulating activities in the coastal and marine areas for conserving and protecting the coastal resources and environment, coastal population

and structures from risk of inundation due to natural hazards...," said the draft notification, a copy of which is available with TUI.

Instead of the earlier four categories of CRZ, the ministry has proposed Coastal Management Zones (CMZ) 1 to 4.

For instance, CMZ 1 will be defined as the most ecologically sensitive areas and all activities will be regulated by the state with the help of the National Institute of Sustainable Coastal Management zone while in the CMZ II, activities on the seaward side of the setback line will be regulated to ensure that no further development takes place other than basic infrastructure.

The ministry has given 60 days for people to make any objections or suggestions on the proposal in the draft notification.

THE TIMES OF INDIA, MUMBAI
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

Greens wary of new coastal zone notification plan

BY NIRMAL MEHTA

Mumbai: Environmentalists voiced their concerns over the proposed draft of the Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) Notification 2009, which is supposed to supersede the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Rules 1989, at a meeting of the draft held at Maharashtra Nature Park on Sunday.

"The proposed CMZ Notification is a gross distortion of the existing CRZ Rules. We are now planning to reject it outright," said environmentalist G. J. Vora, adding that the CMZ was a complete violation of CRZ rules.

The environmentalists are now planning to demand that the existing CRZ Rules (1989) be

repealed and fresh rules and regulations. Another concern is that development projects could be given a go-ahead without any hindrance. It looks as if developers and builders have facilitated this draft," Vora said.

Environmentalists said the high tide line (HTL), which had been used as the parameter till now, should be included in the parameters to define the setback line.

"These terms are vague and have scope for various loopholes," said transport activist Rishi Agrawal, adding that if debris was to be dumped into a creek and a new land mass created, it would not violate either of the above parameters.

The environmentalists were also concerned about the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) and said that ecologically sensitive areas would be reserved keeping in view the safety and livelihood needs of local communities. "There is a need to define the scope of the term 'livelihood'," said Vidya Vaidya from Citizens, adding that in the definition could also permit aquaculture.

Environmentalist Debajit Ghosh said the draft, which the ministry of environment and forests, said was drafted by M S Dhanraj, had not been signed by him because a chapter was added by the Maharashtra State Government without his permission.

DRAFT READING

made more stringent in order to plug the loopholes created due to the 12 amendments.

One of the concerns raised was the ambiguity in the parameters which defined the concept of a setback line. The draft said that the parameters would include elevation, geomorphology, sea-level trends and horizontal shoreline displacements.

The greens said the CMZ notification was overambitious as it did not have well-defined rules in place and was clear, consistent and riddled with loopholes. "It is a step in the wrong direction and will lead to the destruction of





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THE TIMES OF INDIA, MUMBAI
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

Vilasrao seeks PM's help on CMZ rules

Says They'll Stall Development



Mumbai The threat of making Mumbai a world-class city will now be jeopardised if the Central Government does not agree to amend the CMZ rules, says a statement released by the chief minister's office on Tuesday.

Pointing out that CMZ will be a setback for the development of the state, Deshmukh has urged Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to intervene.

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Deshmukh has repeatedly called Singh to cancel the CMZ as it will be a setback for the development of the state. He has also urged the PM to call a meeting with the CMs of all concerned states before implementing the CMZ provisions. The release said Deshmukh has also to be met before July 15, 2014.

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'New coastal rules may hinder development'

Agencies say it restricts the use of additional FSI, which may stall major projects

Sandeep Gupta

The state is worried about the Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) notification in front of the coastal governments.

Officials from various agencies including Greater Mumbai District that CMZ restricted the use of additional FSI, which could hinder major projects like Thane development, MTR, 25th and International Airport project and other FSI projects would also come to a halt.

After NCP chief Nared Power approved recently in the meeting with ministers in Mumbai. District on Thursday demanded proper representation to the state government while discussing CMZ. In the letter to the prime minister, District asked for extension to the deadline for submission of objections regarding CMZ notification.



In a report by MMRDA, BMC and CEDCO, the agencies expressed opposition to the notification and might start its own case. The water body is for back lake. "Mumbai-Overseas states that the development plans (RDC) and development control rules (DCR) are broken over CMZ zones. In effect, most of developmental activities are stopped in DCR and DCR. It is to be developed slowly, but being guidelines. Fortified about the development," said urban development project secretary TC Bhatnagar.

THE TIMES OF INDIA, MUMBAI
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

MMRDA to protest against CMZ draft plan

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Mumbai: The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has decided to take up with the state and central government, the newly constituted draft of coastal management zone (CMZ) rules as they were "arbitrarily framed," and might adversely affect their projects including the BRT.

MMRDA, commissioner. Bhatnagar disclosed that the draft rules were such that the setback line, if drawn, might affect the BRT. The draft sent by the centre is ambiguous about its true life depth and inaccessibility.

Gill's report's remarks come close on the basis of the chief minister's statement asking prime minister Manmohan Singh to intervene on the issue of the CMZ as it would retard the development of the city. The rules are such that medium and small projects would be hampered.

The notice for the CMZ rules was issued on June 4 and the objections have to be collected by July 8. The chief minister, however, has asked for an extension so that it can be discussed with the state legislature. The CED notification is expected to replace the existing Coastal Regulation Zone Act 1961 after it is finalised.

Gill said that, "In the case of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) the definition was clear. Any space up to 500 metres from the waterline could not be developed. In this case it is not clear." He said the ministers would be met shortly and asked off the state government on the matter and has asked them to take it up with the Centre.

२ लोकसत्ता
मुंबई, बुधवार, १८ जून २०१६

मुंबई आंतरराष्ट्रीय शहर बनण्यात 'सीएमझेड'चा अडथळा - मुख्यमंत्री देशमुख

मुंबई, १७ जून / खास प्रतिनिधी
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Goa

19th to 20th May

Goa – Karnataka Border



Panjim – Goa



Panjim via Mawa - Goa Road
 Panjim General Meeting of All Goa Fishworkers Union
 Night halt in Panjim Sri Marya Saldanha

Goa

- *Successfully fought against the imposition of eight SEZs in the state*
- *The fisher communities here strongly object to the imposition of the CZM notification*
- *Goenchea Rampar Karancho Ekvot organised the campaign events in Goa*
- *Campaign received tremendous support in Panjim and other places*

THE TIMES OF INDIA, GOA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

NFF to oppose CMZ notification

Around 50,000 Activists To Meet In Delhi

THIS NEWS SERVICE

Panaji: The fishing and coastal communities of India will march to the Parliament during the monsoon session of July 2008 to oppose the Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) notification and to press for the implementation of the Coastal Regulation

SAVING COAST & FISHERMEN

Zone notification of 2001.

"We expect more than 50,000 people to converge on Delhi to oppose the CMZ and to demand the CRZ notification. The new CMZ notification is designed to condone all violations of the CRZ and accommodate the so-called development like SEZs and STEs," said Harekrishna Hiremath, chairman of the National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF). Hiremath addressed a press

conference here on Tuesday along with Mathany Saldanha, president of the Goencao Ramponkaroncho Ekant and former cabinet minister.

Hiremath arrived in Goa on Tuesday as part of the "Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan" with the slogan "Save the Coast, Save the Fishers." The march started from Kutch, Gujarat on May 1, 2008 and covered the entire coastline of Gujarat, Maharashtra and entered Goa yesterday.

Hiremath said the coastal communities, environmental activists and all others apprehend that the new CMZ notification will facilitate destructive activities along the coast. It will jeopardise natural resources and livelihood of the fisherfolk and other coastal communities. Ultimately this will result in a crisis of food and nutritional security of the masses, Hiremath said.

The NFF has a long list of demands: recognise the rights of fishermen over coastal lands and waters; provide for natural growth of fishermen in coastal areas for residences not for commercial purposes; protect the coasts by disallowing SEZs and other polluting projects; prevent destruction of mangroves and enact legislation for conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity.

The NFF also demands stopping foreign vessels from fishing in their waters, waiving all debts of poor fishermen, along with farmers, and a total ban of trawling and purseining from fishing within 10 to 20 kilometres from the shore along east and west coast accordingly. Said Hiremath, "The govt is auctioning our coastline. It has failed miserably to protect our livelihood. Notification of the Goval SEZ has excited 50,000 people."





Mangalore- Jagadapatnam



Karnataka
21st to 24th May

Karnataka

- *Mega tourist project in Uttar Kannada coast*
- *Various defence installations in the coastal zones*
- *And real estate developments are major environmental concerns of the coastal zones*
- *Siltation, drazing of the creeks and the approach channels of major fishing harbours has been a long standing demand of the fishing communities.*
- *Abhiyan received tremendous support and participation of fisher people in Karwar, Tadari and other places*
- *Akhil Karnataka Fishermen Parishad organised this campaign*



**ಸಿಎಂಝುಡ್ ಕಾನೂನು
ವಿರೋಧಿ ಪಾಗ್ಯತಿ ರ್ಯಾಲಿ**

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Syuktiya Karnataka
ಸಂವತ್ಸರ 2008

ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಜಾಫಾ: ಜುಲೈದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸತ್ ಚಲಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆ



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Sethusamudram project poses threat to biodiversity in Gulf of Mannar: expert

Special Correspondent

MANGALORE: The proposed Sethusamudram project, if implemented, will adversely affect marine biodiversity in the "protected" Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve, according to Director of Coastal Studies Centre for Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), N.G.R. Pillai.

Mr. Pillai was inaugurating a seminar on "biodiversity regime and emerging challenges and opportunities" organised by Mangalore Research Centre of CMFRI here on Thursday. He said the Gulf had 1,000 species, including 300 species that were endemic to the region.

He gave the example of how projects such as Kochi shipyard had affected the marine biodiversity in Kochi estuary. He had studied illegal activity in 2012-23 and there was 90% or so development activity. But another study he guided recently had revealed a biodiversity loss of 80 to 85 per cent.



CREATING AWARENESS: N.G.R. Pillai, Director, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, releasing a CD on biodiversity at a national seminar on 'biodiversity regime emerging challenges and opportunities' in Mangalore on Thursday.

— BY P. S. SURESH

His own study by the World Wide Fund had revealed that a quarter of wildlife had been lost since 1970 and the maximum loss was reported in freshwater aquatic regions (29 per cent). The phenomenon of vanishing wildlife had reached alarming proportions, he said. Unless strict regulations were enforced, biodiversity loss would reach a staggering 60 to

70 per cent in the next three decades, he said. Despite lack of political will to intervene effectively, he regretted that enforcement of many regulations left much to be desired. The only regulation adhered to was fishing holidays of 47 to 60 days. Although development activities could not be done away with, proper advice to policy makers had to be given

and they might not be able to implement them for various reasons. Describing the use of trawl fisheries as "destructive fishing practices," he said strict regulations had to be strictly enforced.

The note brought a lot of knowledge home to the officers and this was something in a "significant" biodiversity loss. Recalling that India was home to three of the 37 global biodiversity hotspots, Mr. Pillai said more 600 species have had disappeared.

Mr. Pillai released a CD on biodiversity.

H. Shivarama Murthy, Director of Extension of the Barwaha Veterinary, Animal Sciences and Fisheries University, called for strict implementation of regulations regarding fishing nets. B.K. Vankar, Director, Zoological Survey of India, spoke. R. Vijayakumar, Senior Scientist with the Mangalore Research Centre of CMFRI, said the seminar was organised to coincide with the World Biodiversity Day on Thursday.

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23rd May 2024

ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ

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ಸಿಎಂಝುಡ್ ಬೇಡ, ಸಿಆರ್ ಝುಡ್ ಬರಲಿ ಮೀನುಗಾರರ ವೇದಿಕೆ

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SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008

TIMES CITY

Team visits fishing villages in Uttara Kannada

FREE NEWS NETWORK

Uttara: A team of the National Fishworkers' Forum has visited several fishing villages in the Uttara Kannada coast, to study the problems of the fishermen in the district.

The 20-member team, under the programme 'Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan', with a motto 'Save the Coast, Save Fishermen', visited Majali, Karwa, Thadari, Honnavar and Bhalvali, before arriving Udupi on Friday.

Harikrishna Debnath, chairperson of NFF along with N D Kulkarni, general secretary, Adhikar Karnataka Fishermen Parikshid, after interacting with the fisher folk in the district, subsequently originated the authorities' move to replace the CPE notification of 1981 with a new CME notification.

Addressing reporters, Debnath and Kulkarni said that in the opinion of the fishermen, the new CME notification was designed to condone all violations of the CPE and to accommodate SETs and NTAs.

Debnath said if the intention of the authorities is straight, they should publish the draft notification in newspapers and direct the state governments to disseminate it at panchayat levels. According to him, violation of the channels, ban on fishing due to military exercises and the mega tourism project of a real estate business house are among the most serious problems faced by the fishermen.

The team which started on May 2 from Jakkur in Kutch, Gujarat, will now travel towards Kanyakumbh.

Deccan Herald 25/5/08

Withdraw CMZ draft notification: NFF

DH News Service

MANGALORE: Kolkata based National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF) has urged the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) to withdraw its Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) draft notification immediately.

Addressing journalists here on Saturday, Forum Chairman Bhanubrata Debnath strongly criticised the government's move to replace the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification of 1981 with the new CMZ, stating that the new notification would jeopardise the natural resources and livelihood of the fisherfolk and other coastal communities, if implemented.

He said the people across the Indian coastline consider the new CMZ notification as a design to eradicate all violations of the CRZ and a mechanism to satisfy the greed of big companies and rich classes. "Ultimately, this would result in a crisis of food and nutritional security of the people," he pointed out.

Stating that the MoEF is "imposing the coastal pro-

NFF DEMANDS

- Develop all silted fishing harbours
- Implement of CRZ notification 1981
- Fishworkers should not be made victims of maritime boundary disputes
- Waive all debts of poor fishermen
- Provide sufficient cheaper fuel
- Stop import of fish
- Repeal marine fishing regulation Acts
- No SEZs, nuclear plants, intensive aquaculture, desalination of mangroves on our coast

ple with a deceptive and manipulative approach", Mr Debnath said the government has put up the draft notification on the Internet in order to collect objections and comments from the public, in a situation where majority of the fishermen do not know what is Internet.

"If the government is sincere in protecting the coastal zone, it should enact a national legislation for conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity that in turn protects traditional fisher people's preferential zones," he pressed.

The fishing harbours on the Karnataka coast are

heavily silted leading to reported accidents and boat capsize.

The mega tourism project proposed for Uttara Karnataka coast is also a potential threat, he observed.

The fishing communities will carry out a Parliament Chain in the 3rd week of July to press for a 10-point charter of demands, under the banner of Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan, he added.

Akhila Karnataka Fishermen Parishad Secretary Vasudev Bokoo, NFF General Secretary N D Kulkarni, Ahmed Elyas Marjetia, a fisherman from Kutch were present in the press meet.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29 | 2008 | MADURAI

● MOVE TO REPLACE CRZ

NFF to launch campaign against Coastal Zone Management

Captive ports would put country boats and fibreglass boats out of work

Express News Service
Madurai, May 28

The National Fish Workers' Forum (NFF) is organising a two-day campaign in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu seeking to protect the rights of the fisherman from June 1.

Addressing a joint press meet organised by the Coastal Action Network (CAN) and the NFF here on Wednesday, CNN State convener Jeeva said that the campaign was aimed at protecting the proposed move to replace the existing Fishermen Friendly Coastal Regulation Zone - 1996 (FFCRZ) with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and against the Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project (SSCP).

The move to implement the CZM was to bring the entire coastal region under the control of the Union Ministry of Forests and Environment from the purview of the traditional fishermen community so that 'developmental projects' like beach resorts, hotels and industries could be started in coastal areas, prohibited by the CRZ.

Expressing apprehensions about the construction of small captive ports and private fishing harbours under the CZM, the executive committee member of NFF, T Perceles, said that these harbour projects were aimed at making fishing a port based industry.

"If this materialises, around 40,000 country boats and vallams plus 11,000 fibreglass boats in Tamil Nadu would go out of the fishing industry." This would adversely affect the harvesting of fish as 70 percent of catch in the State was now brought ashore by country craft, vallams and fibreglass boats.

These leaders were also disappointed over the intransigence of political parties as none came forward to speak in their favour. According to Perceles, politicians consider the fishermen community as a weak vote bank.

The campaign starts from Manavalakurichi in Kanyakumari district on June 1 and goes through the coastal districts of Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Thiruvellar, Nagapattinam, Karaikal, Coimbatore, Paludicherry, Kanchipuram, Villupuram and Chennai.

NFF executive committee member Paulusamy and CAN joint secretary-senior K. Senthilnathan were also present during the press briefing.

THE HINDU • FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2006

Withdraw notification on coastal zone: fishermen

Special Correspondent

MADRAS: Representatives of fishermen organisations have called for the withdrawal of the Coastal Management Zone Notification, 2008, as it "threatened the livelihood of fisherfolk."

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, representatives of National Fishworkers' Forum said that the Government, instead of "imposing" the CMZ Notification, should attempt to implement the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. It should recognise the irreplaceable traditional and customary rights of fisherfolk and protect the coast from special economic zones, nuclear power plants and polluting industries.

T. Peter Das, of Kanyakumari

district described the 2008 notification as an attempt to marginalise small fishermen, who owned country boats and catamarans. The new categorisation of the shore would make it a dumping yard as building activity would be allowed.

M. Jeera of Madurai said that the notification facilitated seaside tourism and industrial activity, making the seaboard vulnerable to commercial interests. It also sought to legalise all illegal constructions along the coast. The construction of private harbours, he felt, would marginalise small fishermen further.

The 'setback line' proposed by the notification, to be drawn on the basis of a scientific study, would push the fishermen already affected by

the tsunami further away from the shore. Mr. Jeera alleged.

A Fisheries of Ramanathapuram called for the withdrawal of the Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project as it would further add to the problems of fishermen who had been affected by shrimp farms along the coast. Any new alignment for the project would reduce marine life, he added.

Campaign from June 1

The Tamil Nadu leg of the National Campaign for Protecting Fisher People Rights, that calls for withdrawal of the 2008 notification will begin from Kanyakumari on June 1. It will reach Pondicherry on June 10 after passing through the coastal districts of Tirunelveli and Pudukottai.

Udaywani 14/6/2013

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Kerala
25th to 31st May

Kerala

- *Sand-mining*
- *Foreign fishing vessels off-shores waters*
- *Discrepancy in tsunami relief measures*
- *Fish-bending women's problems were important concerns during the seven day long campaign from Kasargod to Trivandrum*
- *Massive demonstration of fishworkers in front of the AG's office, Trivandrum on May 31st 2008*
- *This demonstration was the historic culmination of the Abhiyan in Kerala*
- *Kerala Swatanthra Matsya Thozhilali Union was responsible for the campaign in Kerala*



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
THE HINDU • SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008

Fish workers oppose reforms

Special Correspondent

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Hundreds of fish workers took out a march to the office of the Accountant-General here on Saturday in protest against the proposed reforms in the fisheries sector and the government's move to replace the Coastal Regulation Zone policy with the Coastal Zone Management policy.

The stir was organised as part of a nation-wide campaign by the National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF) urging the Central and State governments to take steps to ensure the livelihood security of fisherfolk. Inaugurating the march, Pannian Kevin-

dran, MP, said the government had a responsibility to protect coastal and marine resources.

NFF leaders alleged that the proposed reforms in the fisheries sector would expose traditional fishermen to unhealthy competition from multinational companies and lead to plunder of marine resources. They said the Coastal Zone Management policy and the decision to permit the operation of foreign trawlers would affect the livelihood of traditional fishermen all over the country.

NFF leaders Harakrishna Debnath and Motanby Saldanha, State president of Kerala Swathantra Matsya

Thozhilali Federation T. Peter, and general secretary A. Andrews, were among those who spoke.

The NFF national campaign for the rights of fish workers began in Gujarat on May 1. During the Kerala leg of the campaign, the team visited fishing villages and landing centres along the coast from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram and addressed public meetings.

Mr. Debnath said the team had received complaints from fish workers against sand-mining, import of fish, inadequate supply of kerosene for outboard engines and discrepancy in utilisation of tsunami rehabilitation funds.

sunday express



Kerala Karmadalkhi - 1st June 2008



Manorama - 1st June 2008 (Kerala)





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Chennai, ILO Convention



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| Thoothoor | Kepamanakudi | Manalmelkudi |
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| Mulirthurai | Kanyakumari | Nagapattinam |
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| Helen Colony | Periathurai | Karaikal |
| Kurunpanai | Periathalai | Kilinjalmadu |
| Vaniakudi | Allanthalai | Nambiar Nagar |
| Colachel | Amlinagar | Killai |
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Tamil Nadu

- *Tourism*
- *Sand-mining*
- *Deficiency of tsunami relief*
- *Nuclear and thermal power plants*
- *Commercial ports and harbour, the Seeth Samudram Shipping Canal Project*
- *And ban on shark, sea cucumber and sea weed harvesting were important concerns in the 10 day long campaign*
- *State level seminar on ILO Convention in Fishing held in June 9, 2008, Chennai*
- *Tamil Nadu Fishworkers' Union (TUF), Ramnad District Fishworkers' Trade Union (RFTU) and Vangakadal Meen Thozilalar Union (VMTU) organised the campaign*

DHINA THANTHI 04-08.2008

**குமரி மாவட்டத்தில் தேசிய அளவிலான
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மேர மீனவர் கிராமங்களில்
கடந்த 2 நாட்கள் பயணம்
செய்துவிட்டு இறதிலில் கள்
ளிகாடுமார் காத்ரில் மண்டபத்
தில் தனது குமரி மாவட்ட
பயணத்தை திறப்பு செய்
கது.

இந்த திழ்ச்சியில் தமிழ்
நாடு மீன் தொழிலாளர் தூனி
வர் தலைவர் பிட்டத்தால்
உஸ்ட. பவர் காத்ரில் கொள்
டனர்.

300 கிராமங்கள்...

தேசிய பிரசார குழு நாடு
முழுமதம் 300 கட. மேர கிரா
மங்களில், 300 கிராம பிட்ட
தரம் பயணித்த மாதிரி
27-9 தேதி கொல்கத்தாவில்
திறப்பு பெற்றிருந்தது.

ஜூலை 22ல் 50 ஆயிரம் மீனவர்கள் பார்லிமென்ட் முற்றுகை போராட்டம்

மாநாடுகள் துவக்கம் - கட்சியை மீளமைப்பு மசூதி

2009 ஆகஸ்டில் நடைபெறும் மாநாட்டில் கட்சியை மீளமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து முடிவெடுக்கப்படும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது. கட்சியை மீளமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து மாநாட்டில் முடிவெடுக்கப்படும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது. கட்சியை மீளமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து மாநாட்டில் முடிவெடுக்கப்படும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது.

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நாடாளுமன்றம் முன் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம்

தேசிய மீனவர் போராட்ட முடிவு

மாநாட்டில் கட்சியை மீளமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து முடிவெடுக்கப்படும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது. கட்சியை மீளமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து மாநாட்டில் முடிவெடுக்கப்படும் என எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது.



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CHENNAI

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“New coastal management plan jeopardises livelihood of fishermen”

Special Correspondent

CHENNAI India's 8,114-km coastline and the livelihood of 3.5 million people who depend on fishing in its waters will be threatened if the government presses ahead with its plan to replace the protective measures of the coastal regulation laws of 1991 with a new management concept, the National Fishworkers Forum has said.

The Coastal Management Zone draft notification, which is posted on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests for public comment till June 29, splits coastal zones into four categories: ecologically sensitive, of particular concern (population dense or economically and strategically significant), open areas (including water) and island areas such as Andaman and Lakshadweep.

The new plan gives too much power to the State authorities to waive the rights of

fishermen and hand over coastal land and water to big business interests engaged in tourism, mariculture, mineral mining, shipping, energy processing and defence-related projects. Harshkrishna Divlath, chairman of the forum, said here on Thursday.

Furthermore, he said, the plan would legitise thousands of violations that took place under the 1991 coastal regulation zone notification, many of which were pending in court.

“Facing crisis”

“Our coastal zone is facing a crisis. In all States, fishermen are experiencing a drastic reduction in their catch owing to pollution, the destruction of mangroves and industrial effluents,” he said. Yet, the fisheries sector contributed Rs 30,000 crore to India's gross national product but little or no investment from the government.

Flanked by representatives

from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh who are leading a fisherfolk yatra that has moved through two-thirds of India's coastline from the State of Kutch to Chennai through Kanyakumari, he demanded that the government withdraw the draft management notification and implement the 1991 notification until comprehensive legislation that takes into account the perspectives of all parties is in place.

The Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan, which will move on from Chennai up the east coast to Kolkata, is calling for a National Day of Action on June 20 to enable the fisherfolk to voice their concerns and petition the Environment Ministry.

In the absence of any response, thousands of fisherfolk may go to Delhi on the opening day of Parliament on July 22 for an indefinite agitation.





MALAIMALAR 19.06.08

உடனடி வேலையை ஓர் விபரணைக்கு எதிர்ப்பு

குமரிமில் மினவர்கள் 17 இடங்களில் போராட்டம்

குமரிமில், குமரி மின் ஆட்சயகம் குமரிமில் சி.பி.ஐ. கோவிலில் அமைந்துள்ளது. இங்கே 17 இடங்களில் மினவர்கள் போராட்டத்தை ஆரம்பித்துள்ளனர்.

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DHINA MALAR
20.06.2008

கடற்கரை மேலாண்மை மண்டல அறிவிப்பாணையை கைவிடக்கோரி இன்று 17 இடங்களில் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம்

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இது குறித்து தமிழ்நாடு கடற்கரை மேலாண்மை மண்டல அறிவிப்பாணை 2008-ம் ஆண்டு இடங்களில் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.

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குமரி மாவட்டத்தில் மீனவர்கள் 17 இடங்களில் இன்று ஆர்ப்பாட்டம்

தாள்சேலில் துவிக 10 நடுநாடு மீன் தொழிலாளர் துவிகம்
என்பது கன்னியாகுமரி மாவட்டத்தில் 17 இடங்களில் வெள்ளியில்
முன்புதான் 20 மீனவர்கள் பங்கேற்று ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் நடைபெற்ற
கிறது.

இது போல 194 மீன் தொழிலாளர் துவிகம் மாநில தலைவர் த.
பி.உ.சிதம்பரத்திலும் நடைபெற்றது.

உ.பெரூர் கோமண்டல மாவட்டம் அறிவிப்பின்மேல் 2008-ஆம்
வகையில் வெள்ளியில் 10 மீனவர்கள் 100 கிராம அளவில்
கொண்டுவந்து நடைபெற்றிருந்தனர்.

அதன் ஒரு பகுதியாக கன்னியாகுமரி மாவட்டத்தில் 17 இடங்களில்
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மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகத்தில் கன்னியாகுமரி புத்தக துறை
பாதுகாப்பகத்தில் துறை முட்டில் கழகக்கட்டிடம், குமரி
கொழுவகம், பாண்டிச்சேரி, குறுங்குளம், கதவார்த்தாண்டம்,
இலையடி இலையடித்தித்தி துறை, ஆலிவ் உ.பெரூர் கிராமங்களில்
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அதன் விளைவாக துவிகம் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் நடைபெற்றிருந்தது. தகவல்
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வெள்ளியன்று மாலை 4 மணிக்கு இலையடித்தி துறை குறுங்குளம்
ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் செய்து இடம் குறித்து துறை கழகம் துறை
வந்தனர். இது அங்கு செய்து கொண்டுவந்து நடைபெற்றது என்பது அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

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மீனவர்கள் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம்



மாநில அரசின் உ. சேலா மீனவர்களின் ஆட்சிக்கு ஆதரவாக எதிர்ப்பு தெரிவித்து மூலம் மலையாள மீனவர்கள் இன்று 15 இடங்களில் ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் செய்தனர். தலைமையில் எம்.கே. சி. அழகவேலி உள்ள ஆர்ப்பாட்டம் தலை சேலா மீனவர்கள்.











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Fishermen stage protest in Kumari

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Kumari, June 20

THOUSANDS of fishermen belonging to the Tamil Nadu Fish Workers Union (TFWU) affiliated to the National Fish Workers Union staged a massive protest in 17 places in Kanyakumari District, including Palani, Kanyakumari, Thiruvananthapuram, protesting against the implementation of Coastal Regulation Zones (CRZ) notification, 2002.

Perry Das, state president of TFWU which has over 12,000 members, presided over the gathering in front of the college here, demanding that the government withdraw the implementation of CRZ notification as it was harmful to the interests of the fishermen, who have been enjoying traditional rights of the sea since ages.

Noting that the fishermen living in 1,200 fisherman villages have not been asked land permits for their habitations, he said that if the CRZ notification was implemented, the fishermen may have to leave their traditional rights and would be evicted from the sea front habitations.

Arguing that the implementation of CRZ notification might affect the interests of MNCs who will exploit the marine resources, the agitators said that the sea side resorts, beach resorts, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other facilities would not only spoil the sea front (a natural ecology) but also the fishing trade, which is a major foreign exchange earner, earning Rs 1,200 crore annually for the country in total.

The fishermen complained of inconveniences due to the CRZ notification which has not allowed fishermen to set up their traditional systems near the sea front. The CRZ notification seems to restrict fishermen from the usual busy style of the ghee fishing village and also limits their access to the sea front.

The agitators demanded that the government should withdraw the notification and implement the Coastal Regulation Zone notification, 1986, taking into consideration the livelihood dependence of 1.2 million fishermen in the country.



Thousands Fish Workers Union staged an agitation in Kumari demanding the government not to implement the CRZ notification (2002)

Pondicherry

7th to 8th June



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- *Abhiyan was accorded a grand civic reception by the Pondicherry Fishermen Joint Action Committee*
- *Fisher communities here vehemently opposed the imposition of the CZM Notification*
- *Campaign in Pondicherry was brief but highly participatory and sensational*
- *The campaign was organised by United Fishermen Action Committee*

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மின்சாரம் வழங்க கோரி கிராமமக்கள் சாலைமறியல்

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Andhra Pradesh

10th to 15th June

Ramalingapuram

Ongole

Wadarevu

Ramnagar

Surya Lanka

Vishakhapatnam

Vizianagaram

Bhavani peta and Srikakulam



Andhra Pradesh

- *Gross degradation of coastal and environment ecology*
- *Growth of various polluting industries*
- *Large number of aqua-culture farms and tourism establishments, ship-breaking yards, commercial harbours etc*
- *Apprehension among the fisher communities of the proposed Coastal Corridor*
- *Coastal areas of Nellore, Prakasam, Kakinad, Vishakapatnam and Srikakulum appear to be the most hazardous zone*
- *Samudra Teer Matsya Karmikula Union (STMKU) and Andhra Pradesh Traditional Fishworkers' Union (APTFU) jointly led the campaign*

ANDHRA BHUMI : 11-6-2008

ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్

తీరప్రాంతాన్ని కాపాడండి

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వార్త - 11-6-2008

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కాలిడార్ కు వ్యతిరేకంగా ఉద్యమం

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12 జూన్, 2008

గురువారం

16 పేజీలు

మత్స్యకారులను దెబ్బకొస్తున్న ప్రభుత్వాలు

మౌంట్ బ్యాంక్, జూన్ 11 (ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్) - కృష్ణా నదిలో పెరిగిన మత్స్య ప్రాంతాల్లో ఉపయోగపడే మత్స్య కారులను అడ్డంకి చేసే ప్రయత్నం చేసే ప్రభుత్వాలకు మత్స్యకారులు దెబ్బకొస్తున్న ప్రభుత్వాలు అంటూ మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేశారు. మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేసిన ప్రకారం మత్స్యకారులను అడ్డంకి చేసే ప్రయత్నం చేసే ప్రభుత్వాలకు మత్స్యకారులు దెబ్బకొస్తున్న ప్రభుత్వాలు అంటూ మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేశారు. మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేసిన ప్రకారం మత్స్యకారులను అడ్డంకి చేసే ప్రయత్నం చేసే ప్రభుత్వాలకు మత్స్యకారులు దెబ్బకొస్తున్న ప్రభుత్వాలు అంటూ మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేశారు. మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేసిన ప్రకారం మత్స్యకారులను అడ్డంకి చేసే ప్రయత్నం చేసే ప్రభుత్వాలకు మత్స్యకారులు దెబ్బకొస్తున్న ప్రభుత్వాలు అంటూ మత్స్యకారులు ఆరోపణలు చేశారు.

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AP coastal corridor, SEZs disastrous: NFF

By Bureau

Vishakhapatnam, June 13

The National Fishworkers Forum (NFF) has condemned the proposal of the Andhra Pradesh Government to build a coastal industrial corridor from Brikakulam to Kakinda and beyond as "seriously destructive" to the livelihood of thousands of fishermen dependent on the sea and also the coastal ecosystem and ecosystems.

At a press meet here on Friday, Mr Hanvikrishna Debnath, Chairman of NFF, said the organisation was on a campaign from May 1 to June 27 along all the coastal states from the East of Kochi in Gujarat to West Bengal "to educate and sensitize the fishermen and also the general public on the harm being wrought all along

the 8,000 km coastline of India in the name of development."

He said that the NFF had so far covered the west coast states, Tamil Nadu, and parts of Andhra Pradesh till Friday and it would culminate in West Bengal on June 27. "We have called it the Kochi-Kanyakumari-Kolkata campaign. As a part of it, we are holding public meetings in Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Brikakulam districts this week," he said.

CRZ NEEDED, NOT CMZ

Mr Debnath said that the Union Government and the States should sincerely implement the coastal regulatory zone notification, 1991, and give up the draft coastal management zone notification, as

"the latter will open the gates for unbridled profit-making, commercialisation of the coast by the companies, Indian or foreign, and massive displacement of fishermen." The CMZ notification, he said, allowed for exploitation of the sea till 22 km in the territorial waters and would pave the way for setting up SEZs and hazardous chemical industries along the coast.

Giving the example of Mundra port in Gujarat and the cement industries in the vicinity of the port, he said fishermen in seven villages were evicted for the projects and none of them was paid compensation. "They were promised jobs, but not a job, out of 1,000 or so, has been given to a fisherman. The promise of jobs is simply a bait to lure fishermen," he alleged.

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Call to withdraw CMZ notification

Special Correspondent

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March to Parliament

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Public meeting

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Coastal zone notification will ruin livelihood: fishermen

Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI: The National Fishworkers Forum has urged the Centre to immediately withdraw the "ill-conceived draft Coastal Zone Management (CCMZ) notification.

For, it will not only adversely impact the fragile ecological system and marine life but also take away the means of livelihood from the 20-million fishing community, representatives of the forum held a press conference here on Friday.

"The future of millions of subsistence is at stake as the Centre, in league with the governments of coastal States, plans to bring up huge commercial projects along the 8,128-km long coastline."

The forum said the new draft superseded the 1991 Coastal Regulation Zone notification of 1991, but this was done without consulting the fishing community, main stakeholder.

Diverting attention to a national rally of fishermen, which started on May 1, the forum said it would culminate on June 17 after traversing various parts of the country to raise awareness of their issues.

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అధికారి దాడులపై

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'మత్స్యకారులకు జీవించే హక్కు కావాలి'

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యోజనేయింద నిరాశ్రితరాద మీనుగారరు: ఆర్యోప

అధికారి అన్న అభ్యుదయ పథకాలను తప్పి నేరసాహిత్యం పరిషత్తుకు వినియోగించినట్లు ఎవరి ఆధారం అభ్యుదయ పథకాలకు అనుబంధం అవుతుంది అని ప్రకటించారు. అధ్యక్షులు పుస్తకాలను వినియోగించే అర్హత ఉన్నవారికి మాత్రమే అనుబంధం ఉంటుంది అని ప్రకటించారు. ప్రజాసాహిత్య పరిషత్తు అధ్యక్షులు ఈ విషయం ప్రజలకు తెలియజేసారు. అధ్యక్షులు ప్రజలకు తెలియజేసారు. అధ్యక్షులు ప్రజలకు తెలియజేసారు. అధ్యక్షులు ప్రజలకు తెలియజేసారు. అధ్యక్షులు ప్రజలకు తెలియజేసారు.

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Orissa

16th to 21st June

Ganjam, Orissa



Ganjam, Orissa



- Chatrapur
- Press meet at Behrampur
- Nairi (Chillika)
- Puri Durga Bari
- Bhubaneswar
- Chandra Bhaga, Konark
- Paradeep
- Kharinashi
- Rajnagar
- Bideipur
- Dhamra

Orissa

- *Armament testing range*
- *Tourism*
- *Rare-earth, sand-mining*
- *Mega projects like the POSCO and Dhamra ports*
- *Wholesale displacement of more than 10,000 people due to blanket ban on fishing in Gahirmatha*
- *Coastal zones of Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Balasore districts seriously under threat*
- *Orissa Traditional Fishworkers' Union (OTFU) led this campaign*

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'CMZ to deprive 17 lakh fishermen of livelihood'

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The proposed Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) Act by the USA Government would deprive the livelihood of at least 20 lakh people, including the 17 lakh fishermen across the country, stated chairperson of the National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF) HK Devnath.

The fishermen community, as a part of their nationwide protest movement, agitated in front of the Ganjam district Collectorate at Chhatrapur demanding withdrawal of the CMZ and enforcement of the Coastal Regulation Zone of 1991 in the interest of lakhs of people depending on this zero investment sector-fishery across the country.

The fishermen living in 20 coastal States have begun their nationwide protest since May from Kochi, which would end in Kolkata and subsequently there would be a protest rally in front of the Parliament. In these coastal States at least 20 lakh people are engaged in the fisheries sector and due to the act of the Central Government fish production has already decreased by around 40 per cent.

Devnath alleged that the USA Government is encouraging the industrial houses to establish the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) by



providing thousands of acres of land along the sea. The Americans have proposed to establish as many as 10,000 fish stalls across the country and industrialist Vijay Malysa has proposed to establish 30 water sports centres in the country along the coastal areas.

Devnath said the fishery sector is doing a business of more than 22,000 crore dollars and earns around Rs 4,000 crore in foreign exchange for the country. Yet the Government is adamant on enacting such a law affecting the sector seriously. He alleged that the Ministry of Environment has already taken an amount of 107 million

dollars from the World Bank to modify this Act in favour of the big industrial houses.

To lodge their protest, they are organizing meetings in the coastal States and they are sending at least 10 lakh postcards each having ten signatures to the Central Government demanding withdrawal of CMZ and enforcement of CRZ of 1991. They are observing June 20 as the National Day of Action against CMZ notification demanding lifting of the ban on fishing by traditional fishermen in Orissa's Coastal region and payment of adequate compensation to fishers for loss of work, Devnath said.

Sonakhali (Sundarban)
Jharkali
Kakdwip
Digha
Chewasuli
Dadanpatrabar
Contai
Kolkata



West Bengal
22nd to 27th June

West Bengal

- *Proliferation of tourism in Mangamani*
- *Proposed nuclear power plant at Haripur*
- *Deep sea port in SagarIsland*
- *Mega chemical hub in Nayachar*
- *Eviction of 10,000 fisher people from Jambudeep*
- *and embargo restriction in Sunderbans Tiger Reserve are the major concerns for the fishing community in West Bengal.*
- *The Campaign concluded in Kolkata in a citizen's meet on June 27, 2008*
- *Dakshin Bango Matsajibi Forum organised the state campaign*

Protest against N-power plant after rural poll

Hidalgopur: Even as chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee keeps harping on the need to step up power generation in West Bengal, it has provoked just a few members of the far-left Prachin Socialist Party (PSP) in the region who are preparing to step up their campaign against the proposed nuclear power plant.

Immediately after the municipal polls, thousands of fishermen and business from Haldighati will join an agitation under the banner of Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhijan that has called for the cancellation of all projects that violate the ecological regulations. Meetings and rallies will be held from May 22 onwards to force the government to make any necessary amendments to the law.

"The nuclear power plant will not only drive thousands of fishermen out of their jobs but will also wipe out the fish in the environment of the region. Also, hundreds of farmers will have to give up their land for the project which is unacceptable to us. Even though the power issue has

not been resolved in the field, it has not yet been officially scrapped. Our campaign will go on till the government agrees," said Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee.

Three villages post-royal Haldighati, which is about 10 km from Haldighati, will be affected by the proposed power plant. Haldighati, Mahadighati and Haldighati panchayats will go to the polls on May 11.

In spite of the agitation and the looming tension, there will be no attempt to disrupt the polls. "On the contrary we would like the polls to be held smoothly. People of Haldighati are looking forward to a change of guard in the panchayats. But the PSP is not taking any side. We are only interested in safeguarding the interests of fishermen and farmers," added Bhattacharjee.

West Bengal Socialist Party (WBSP) and the Trinamool Congress have also promised to stand by Haldighati.

"The fate of the parties will hang on the stand they take on the plant," said Bhattacharjee. On May 1, Haldighati leaders will be travelling to Kolkata where the Machhimar Adhikar will kick off its own campaign. It will reach Haldighati on May 22.



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মৎস্যজীবীদের

কালা দিবসের ডাক

কলা দিবসের ডাক — মৎস্যজীবীদের উপলক্ষে বিজ্ঞান মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক উদযুক্ত করা হয়েছে। এই দিনটি প্রতিবছর মৎস্যজীবীদের স্মরণে উদযুক্ত করা হয়। এই দিনটিতে মৎস্যজীবীদের অবদানকে স্মরণ করা হয় এবং তাদের অধিকার রক্ষার জন্য আন্দোলন চালানো হয়।

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Fishworkers forum to demonstrate before Parliament

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KOLKATA, June 27: To protest against the Orissa environment and forest ministry's alleged attempt to replace the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification by a more corporate friendly Coastal Management Zone (CMZ) Notification, members of the National Fishworkers Forum (NFF) will demonstrate in front of the Parliament.

NFF will also submit a petition to the Prime Minister to cancel the new notification, said Mr Harekrishna Debnath, chairman of NFF.

According to Mr Debnath, implementation of CMZ will enable capitalists to explore the coastal area that will destroy the coastal and

aquatic resources. The forum demanded that both state and the union government should not permit setting up of special economic zones, nuclear and thermal power projects, chemical hubs and cottages for tourists within 500 metres from the coast line.

"The setting up of such projects will destroy mangroves and sand dunes that act as natural barriers. Competition among the state governments to bring in more investors in their own state has forced the government to allow capitalists to choose land any where in the state," said Mr Debnath.

Mr Debnath also opposed the Centre's decision to allow Reliance Industries Limited to set up 10,000 outlets to sell fish as

he felt that setting up of these outlets will affect the livelihood of about 17 lakh fish workers.

"The new law is based on Mr M S Swaminathan's report on coastal environment after the Tsunami. Even after the failure of 'green revolution', the Centre is attempting to bring in 'blue revolution' through CMZ," Mr N D Kulkarni, general secretary of NFF said.

He said that the Centre's decision to allow 30 trawlers of countries like Taiwan, Thailand and Mexico to operate in Indian coasts has affected 1.2 crore fishermen in the country. "Each of these ships net large tons of fish everyday thus resulting in over exploitation of the aquatic resources along the Indian coast," said Mr Kulk.

Press Releases

Machimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan

Press Release: May 1, 2008

Today 1st of May, the international day of workers, the Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan has been flagged off from Jakhau in the Kutch region of Gujarat. In Jakhau there are 25,000 fishers. The area suffers from tremendous loss of catch. According to Mitthu Bhai an elderly local fisher the fish catch has come down to 10% of what it was 10 years back. The fisherpeople here are under the threat of extinction due to large cle pollution from Sanghi and Anjan Cement Factories. Fly ash and waste water from these factories have devastated the fish stock. Private jetties built up by these factories have destroyed large areas of mangrove plantation.

Jakhau Salt and Welbrind two salt companies have acquired 300 hectares of land but using only 40 acres. All this land has been acquired by destroying mangroves and fishers are not allowed in the area. The chemical waste released from these salt factories further pollute and devastate the ecology and environment of Jakhau.

The Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan was flagged off by ceremonial and symbolic planting of mangrove saplings by local fishers. Fisherwomen were particularly enthusiastic in planting mangroves. Because mangroves are the symbols of wellbeing of coastal ecology and they are the first victims of so called development efforts that wreck havoc to natural coastal and marine resources. After planting of mangrove saplings Adam Ibrahim Jat, a senior leader of the fishers led the fishers to take an oath in the name of god that they will plant, protect and help regenerate mangroves. That they will fight to the last to protect the water and their livelihood.

The inaugural meeting was attended by around 400 local fisher men and women. Isha Bhai the Sarpanch (President) of local Panchayet, Siddique Bhai, Sakina Bahen, Ahmed Bhai, Abdul Shah - all leaders of local fishers spoke of the desparate situation the fishers are facing and expressed their resolve to fight for justice, for livelihood, for protection of natural resources.

Harekrishna Debnath, Chairperson, NFF said that a state which is only 60years old has no right to encroach upon the traditional and customary rights of the fishers, which are thousands years old. As the land belongs to the tillers, so the coast and coastal waters belong to the fishers. There is no power on the earth which can rob the fishers of this natural right.

He asked the fishers to unite and stand as one from Kutch in Gujarat to Sundarban in West Bengal. He said that not only in Jakhau or Gujarat, but in the whole of India the picture is the same. Everywhere the government is playing in the hands of big business and allowing large scale encroachment of coastal land and devastation of coastal resources by SEZs, large tourism, polluting industries , nuclear power plants. Now the government has allowed the foreign fishing vessels to fish in our waters. He warned the Government that very soon a big wave of protest and agitation will engulf the whole of the Indian coast. The agitating fishers together with the people of India who care to

protect the natural resources of our country will defeat the wrong policies of the government. He called on the fisherpeople of Jakhau to send at least two persons from each coastal village of the area to Delhi in July for a march to the parliament and sitting in demonstration.

NFF national leaders Shri Narendra Patil, Shri Ramesh Dhuri, Smt. Purnima Meher, Shri Noel Kuni, Shri Bharat Patel, Mr. Dharmendra of Yusuf Meherally Centre, Mohd Osman Gani of MASS, Father David and other leaders addressed the gathering.

In the afternoon the Abhiyan reached in Layza fishing village and conducted a public meeting. Hundreds of fisher men and women participated and resolved to fight for their rights and protect the coastal zone from violent encroachments.

The fishers responded with enthusiasm.

Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan

Press Release: May 12, 2008

“Save the Coast, Save the Fisher People”

With this slogan, the *Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan*, a national campaign of fisher people, organized by the National Fishworkers’ Forum (NFF), entered Mumbai on 12 May 2008. The campaign started in Jhekhau, Kachchh, Gujarat, on 1 May 2008. It will cover the entire seaboard of India and reach Kolkata on 27 June 2008.

The Abhiyan held several public meetings and demonstrations in major fishing villages along the Gujarat seaboard such as Mundra, Bhadreshwar, Dwarka, Porbandar, Veraval, Mangrol, Dahez, Umbersari, Jambusar, Daman and Umbargaon before entering Maharashtra.

The campaign demands that the proposed coastal management zone (CMZ) notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF) be scrapped. It advocates the continuous implementation of existing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification, and recognition of the rights of fisher peoples along the Indian seaboard.

In Gujarat, the campaign witnessed disturbing large-scale displacement of traditional fisher peoples in coastal villages to set up industries and special economic zones (SEZ). Hazardous and polluting industries were mushrooming along the coast. The abhiyan strongly pleads to the Gujarat government to immediately address the deep insecurity of coastal peoples.

The Abhiyan witnessed the rampant destruction of mangroves, and pollution of coastal waters. It was shocking to see that besides the SEZs the fishing communities had poor access to drinking water, and poor transport and medical facilities.

It was distressing to note that the fisheries resources off the Saurashtra coast were fully depleted. The fishers, as a result, were venturing into deeper waters in pursuit of fish, which often landed them in Pakistani jails.

The fishing communities of Gujarat strongly protested against the letters of permission (LOP) issued by Government of India permitting foreign fishing in the Indian waters. They wanted all LOPs to be cancelled with immediate effect.

In Maharashtra, the campaign visited Zai, Dahan, Dhakti, Dahan, Varor, Dandi, Murbe, Satpati, Arnala, Vasai, Gorai and Maroni and Mudh and Versova during the course of last couple of days. In Gorai, the Abhiyan was briefed about threats posed by an SEZ created for tourism of eviction of fisher peoples from five fishing villages. The fishing communities were resisting these threats and they wanted the said SEZ to be scrapped.

The Abhayan is led by Harekrishna Debnath, Chairperson, NFF, Rambhau Patil, N.D. Kohli, Narendra Patil, Matanhy Saldanha and others.

The State-level Seminar on ILO Convention on Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, organized as part of the Abhayan, at Shivaji Mandir, Dadar, Mumbai on 12 May 2008, recommended that the Government of India enact a national legislation in the light of the ILO Fishing Convention to include fishworkers. The Seminar further recommended that the Government of India should extend social security benefits to all fishworkers. The Seminar was jointly organized by Maharashtra Machimar Kriti Samiti and the NFF, in collaboration with others.

The Abhayan will resume its jatra from Uran on Tuesday, 13 May 2008. It will visit important fishing villages along the east and west coasts of India before reaching Kolkata. Further to the Abhayan, fisher people from all along the Indian coast will undertake a dharna in front of the Parliament during its monsoon session to press for their 15-point agenda.

Machimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan
Press Release: May 14, 2008

On the 13th of May 2008, the members of the *Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan* performed a street play in the coastal village of Karanja for “*jan jagruti*” or awareness generation. The *Karanja Machhimar Vividha Karyakari Sahakari Society Ltd.* catalyzed this rendezvous with the coastal residents.

Touring the Alibag belt now, the activists of the “*Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan*” organized by the National Fishworkers’ Forum (NFF), found that 10,000 acres of farm land and greenery including mangrove vegetation would be affected by a port as part of an SEZ, proposed to be constructed by Reliance. 135 coastal villages of which 80 are exclusively dependent on fishing would be affected by the project estimated to cost approximately rupees 20,000 crores. “50,000 traditional fisher folk would be displaced from their traditional livelihood forever as the SEZ would legally encompass the area of 22 km into the sea” the villagers of Revas Bodani apprehended. The proposed container port would destroy a large tract of mangrove forest which keeps a fragile ecosystem in homeostasis, impacting both the livelihoods the environment. There are local agitations in the fishing villages. The villagers recall that there is no direct proposal for purchasing the land but according to informants, a few contractors and middlemen have already acquired land in the area.

After the ride to the next campaign site of Thal port where a quick meeting was underlined with the following three slogans, the campaign proceeded to the urban region near the district administration’s head-office at Alibag. The slogans that have punctuated the campaign today are as follows;-

“Samudra Amcha Kolencha, Nahi Konacha Bappacha”

“Kinara Amchi Kolenchi, Nahi Konachi Bapachi”

“Jo Humse Takrayega, Pani me doob jayega”

Kamane wala Khayega..... Lootne wala Jayega”

The *Shri Martoi Varsoli Machhimar Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Society Ltd.* was our next stop. Various delegates like Mr Changa Posha Kulam, Chairman of *Martand Vividh Karyakari Sahkari Society*; Mr. Balkrishna Mahaden Koli. A street play group which has joined the abhiyan till Goa enthusiastically performed their play which humorously splashes through the issues and the charter of demands which are advocated by the *abhiyan*. Mr Nandu Kumar Patil the Maharashtra Pradesh secretary spoke about the SEZ’s and the proposed shift from CRZ to CMZ regulation which threatens the livelihoods of people and the coastal ecosystem.

Machhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhiyan

The *abhiyan* is now mingling with more villages along the Alibag coast. The Abhiyan creates an electrifying atmosphere along the coast and is greeted by warmth, everywhere the communities are spontaneously receiving the Abhiyan and enthusiastically expressing their solidarity with the cause. The *abhiyan* traversed across 5 fishing villages yesterday and have today resumed their *yatra* from Rajauri village in Mulund Taluka, Raigarh, Maharashtra where over 200 fisher people gathered to watch the play and energetically took over shouting the *abhiyan* slogans expressing their faith in the cause.

Three hours from Rajauri the next meeting was scheduled at the village of Bharatkhol in Trivardhan Taluka, Raigarh district, Maharashtra. At 1:18pm, the street play has been performed and the audience joined in shouting the campaign slogans. Currently, Mr. Rambhau Patil, Chairman Maharashtra *Machhimar Samiti* is sharing his views with the villagers regarding the proposed Coastal Management Zone regulation.

The journey highlights the stories of various fishing villages along the east and west coasts of India before reaching Kolkata. The energies roused along the Indian coast traversed by the Abhiyan and manifested in the concrete 15 points Charter of Demands of the fisher people' would culminate in a *dharna* in front of the Parliament during its monsoon session. In each place people are committing to participate in the *Sansad Abhiyan* in July in large numbers.

Press Release

The Macchhimar Adhikar Rashtriya Abhayan, a national campaign for the rights of fisher people, has been flagged off by the National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF). The two month long campaign commenced from Jakho, the ran of Kutch, Gujrat on the International Labour day (1st May, 2008). Since then the entire Indian coast is experiencing mass mobilizations with agitations, demonstrations, rallies, reception, public meetings, seminars and press conferences all along its stretch. The campaign will traverse 8000 kilometers in nine states and conclude its feet in Kolkata on 27th June. This campaign will be a precursor to Fisher People's Parliament March in July 2008.

Inaugurating the campaign HareKrishna Debnath, Chairperson, NFF said that Indian state had no right to encroach upon the traditional and customary rights of the fishers, which were thousand years old. He said that as land belongs to the tillers so the coast and coastal waters belong to the fishers.

Indian coastline which is 8118 km long is extraordinarily rich in diversity and its water hosts one of the richest fisheries of the world. About 3.5 million fisher people live traditionally in 3200-odd villages along the coastline of mainland India. They supply more than 30 lakh tones of marine fish, the cheapest source of animal protein to our people. The GDP from the entire fisheries sector is nearly 30,000 cores. India earns 4200 crore from export of fish every year.

NFF has consistently been alleging that Indian government both at the centre and states is playing to the tune of big business houses and corporate establishments allowing large-scale encroachment of coastal land and devastation of coastal resources by Special Economic Zone (SEZs) and Special Tourism Zones (STZs) expanding coastal towns, cities, ports and harbors. Ill conceived mega projects, rampant reclamation, large scale mechanized and destructive fishing are threatening our coastal environment, marine resources and traditional livelihood and the sea has become the dumping ground of all sorts of toxic wastes and pollutants. The crisis has reached to such an extent that in a UNEP report, In DEAD WATER has documented how the Indian Ocean has been turned in to one of the major marine zones adversely affected by land based sources of pollution. Now the government has even allowed the foreign fishing vessels to fish in our waters.

The social history of coastal India is replete with incidents of traditional fisher's struggles against coastal encroachments, pollution and destructive fishing gears and practices. Good fish requires healthy habitats. Traditional fishers' struggles for right to fish have always been intertwined with strivings to conserve its resources. Protection of marine ecology and resources can't be thought of independent of protection of the livelihood rights of fishers.

In 1991 when the government came out with a notification in the form of CRZ it was the first ever national statute to protect coasts from developmental activities. However central and state governments hardly made any serious effort to enforce this notification and moreover amended it as many as 21 times under pressure from numerous commercial interests. Now the government is planning to further sell out our coasts to commercial plunder and condoning all violations of CRZ

that have taken place since 1991 and has come out with a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) notification with the sole intention of further selling out our coasts to commercial plunder.

The movement among other things demands to recognize Inalienable Traditional and Customary Rights of Fisherpeople over coastal lands and waters; Implement CRZ notification 1991 while rejecting recent CZM notification; Develop a comprehensive fisheries legislation for the EEZ waters; Reform Marine Fishing Regulation Acts of States to improve fisheries management and develop coordination mechanism for peaceful inter-state fishing; Develop regional mechanism to facilitate reciprocal access to adjacent maritime waters of neighbouring countries. Stop making fishworkers victims of maritime boundary disputes; Recognize and uphold the importance of women's roles in fisheries – recognize their rights to social security, Land for fish processing and marketing, basic amenities, child care, credit and transport facilities and a national legislation for fishers in the line of ILO's Work in Fishing Convention, 2007.

The movement is of the view that now the fishing community is under tremendous attack. While SEZ, CMZ, STZ and industrial aquaculture are overshadowing the coastal zone; imported foreign fishing vessels are plundering the sea. NFF struggle in 1990 had compelled the government to rescind the deep sea fishing policy that allowed foreign fishing vessels in our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The high power Murari Committee recommendations were accepted by the government and it immediately stopped permitting the joint venture. And now once again Government of India (GOI) started allowing operation of Deep Sea fishing vessels under joint venture arrangements as resource specific. Letters of Permits (LOP) have already been issued to more than 100 vessels and there have been news doing rounds that GOI has decided to allow import of 500 vessels under joint venture.

Addressing the large inaugural gathering with other NFF leaders and releasing the detail itinerary of the campaign and the names of civil society organizations that have been with the fisher folk through thick and thin; Debnath came down heavily on both central and state governments. He warned the government to see reason with the demands of NFF and called people to stand united from Kutch to Sundarban. He also called up on the fishing community, other coastal communities, students, youth, peoples' movements, trade unions, civil society organizations and media to support the ongoing campaign and prepare for the bigger one during the monsoon session of the parliament.

The march in the meantime covered Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and now reached Karnataka.

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