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# SMART HARBOUR GOVERNANCE

PUBLIC POLICY FOR  
COASTAL CLIMATE  
RESILIENCE AND  
BLUE ECONOMY

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Fisheries is a globally significant sector, directly employing 58.5 million people and supporting 600 million livelihoods worldwide, generating \$424 billion annually and contributing around 2% to global GDP. India ranks third in global fish production and among the top five fish-exporting nations, with the sector contributing 1-2% to national GDP. However, indiscriminate fishing and rapid depletion of marine resources demand an urgent transition to sustainable practices. This study focuses on Karaikal, a coastal district in Puducherry, where, despite a fishing community of nearly 16,000 fishers and an annual catch of around 12,500 metric tonnes, marine yields have stagnated due to infrastructural constraints, boundary violations, and unsustainable practices. The study assessed existing harbour infrastructure, identified local needs through community engagement, and recommends developing a modern, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)-based smart and integrated harbour to promote the blue economy and improve fisher livelihoods in the region.

The administrative career of Dr D Manikandan, IAS, spans several States and Union Territories including Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, where he has served in diverse and challenging roles encompassing revenue, education, infrastructure, agriculture, fisheries, and smart city development. He holds a Doctorate in Applied Psychology specialising in Behavioural Economics and a postgraduate degree in Public Policy. He has been recognized by the Government of India for exemplary performance in flood mitigation, child welfare, and water conservation.

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