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Casting the First Net – Welcome Aboard!



From the Desk of the Associate Dean

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It is with immense pride and a spirit of deep purpose that we launch COFSN News – the living voice of College of Fisheries Science, Nagpur.

Since our founding on 16th October 2006, this institution has stood for one purpose: to create qualified, passionate professionals who will lead India's fisheries sector into the future.

As we enter the academic year 2026–27, our seven specialist departments – spanning Aquaculture to Fish Processing Technology – are buzzing with research activity, extension outreach, and student achievements that the world deserves to hear about.

COFSN News – '**The Voice of Fisheries college**' – will carry stories that matter, knowledge that empowers, and a celebration of everything that makes fisheries science one of India's most vital disciplines. I invite every student, faculty member, farmer, alumnus, and friend of COFS Nagpur to journey with us through these pages, month after month.

"The fisheries sector is not merely a profession – it is the lifeline of millions of families and the future of India's food security."

–Dr. P.A. Telvekar, Associate Dean, COFS Nagpur

College of Fisheries Science, Nagpur At a Glance



Established:

16 October 2006



University:

Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (MAFSU)



Programme Offered:

Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.)



Duration:

4 Years / VIII Semesters



Intake Capacity:

(40 Seats – State 32 + ICAR 08)



Number of Departments:

7 Specialized 7 departments & fish seed production centre



Years of Excellence:

20 Years (2006–2026)



Website:

cofsngpmafsu.ac.in



Special Feature:

Fisheries as a Career — Opportunities in the Blue Revolution



India's Blue Revolution is creating immense opportunities in fisheries, aquaculture, research, and entrepreneurship. The Bachelor of fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.) programme at the College of fisheries Science (COFS), Nagpur prepares skilled professionals to lead this growing sector.

B.F.Sc. Programme at COFS Nagpur Duration: 4 Years (VIII Semesters) Affiliation: Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU) Eligibility: XII (PCB) with MHT-CET qualification Intake: 32 Seats + 8 ICAR Quota Seats

Why Fisheries?

India produced over 193 lakh metric tonnes of fish in 2024-25. The sector contributes significantly to the economy and supports millions of livelihoods, making fisheries one of the fastest-growing career domains.

Career Paths for B.F.Sc. Graduates



Fisheries Officer



Aquaculture Specialist



Research Scientist



Fisheries Consultant



Fish Processing Technologist



Fish Farming Entrepreneur

Department in Focus: Aquaculture



The Department of Aquaculture provides practical training through its on-campus Aquaculture Farm. Students gain hands-on experience in:

"Fish Breeding & Hatchery Management", Pond & Water Quality Management, Feed Technology & Nutrition, Ornamental Fish Culture, Integrated Fish Farming Systems etc.

Academic Departments

- Aquaculture
- Aquatic Environment Management
- Fisheries Resource Management
- Fisheries Engineering
- Aquatic Animal Health Management
- Fish Processing Technology
- Fisheries Extension, Economics & Statistics

Research & Extension Highlights

COFS Nagpur has successfully implemented fisheries research and development projects worth over ₹3 Crore, funded by DST, DBT, NFDB, RGSTC and other agencies. Major achievements include:

- Documentation or Low-cost fish seed production technologies.
- Cage culture and reservoir enhancement programmes.
- Promotion of Tilapia and Pangasius culture.
- Fish biodiversity documentation in Vidarbha.
- Fisheries awareness programmes in 250+ villages.
- Preparation of the Action Plan for Development of Fisheries & Aquaculture in Vidarbha.
- Formation of a Fish Farmers Producers Organisation (FFPO) under NCDC.
- Promotion of Catfish viz. Deshi Magur & Murrel Culture.

COFS Nagpur is nurturing future-ready fisheries professionals and contributing to sustainable fisheries development across Maharashtra and India.



Student Spotlight

COFS Nagpur welcomes the B.F.Sc. Batch 2026, comprising students from Maharashtra and other states through ICAR.

NSS Special Camp

NSS volunteers conducted awareness programmes on fish consumption, water hygiene, pond sanitation, and fisheries-based livelihoods in Nagpur district.

Gymkhana 2026–27

Students are encouraged to participate in sports, cultural activities, and inter-college competitions.

Alumni Success Story



Kartik Rasine (B.F.Sc. 2017) runs a successful carp polyculture farm in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar with an annual turnover of ₹14 lakh.

Farmer's Advisory



- Pre-monsoon pond preparation and liming
- Regular water quality monitoring
- Repair pond infrastructure and adopt fish health

Campus Activities

PM-MKSSY Cage Culture Inspection | 21 Feb 2026

COFS experts inspected a Cage Fish Culture project at Mehekari Dam, Beed, and assessed infrastructure for technology integration under PM-MKSSY.

Fresh Fish Sale | 16–17 Apr 2026

Third-year students visited leading fisheries institutions and industries in Mumbai and Ratnagiri to gain practical exposure in Fish Processing Technology and Fisheries Engineering.



National Veterinary, Dairy & Fisheries Symposium | 11–12 Apr 2026

Four COFS students participated and presented research posters at the national symposium hosted by NVC, MAFSU, Nagpur.

Educational Study Tour | Batch F/23

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The Entrepreneurial Learning Programme (ELP)

Launched in April 2026, ELP provided hands-on training in fish production and processing to eighth-semester students.

Exhibition Stall Participation | 11 Apr 2026

COFS Nagpur showcased its academic, research, and extension activities during the 2nd National Veterinary, Dairy & Fisheries Symposium 2026 under the guidance of Associate Dean Dr. P.A. Telavekar.



In the News

Maharashtra's recognition of fisheries as an agricultural activity marks a major policy milestone, extending insurance and compensation benefits to fish farmers across the state.

Admissions Open – B.F.Sc. 2026–27



Degree:
Bachelor of Fisheries
Science (B.F.Sc.)



Duration:
4 Years /
VIII Semesters



Total Seats:
40 Seats – State 32 +
ICAR 08



Eligibility:
Class XII with PCB – 50% (General)
/ 40% (Reserved) + MHT-CET



University:
Maharashtra Animal and
Fisheries Sciences University
(MAFSU), Nagpur



Apply Online:
Applications will be invited
in June, 2026 for B.F.Sc
Degree program.

Why Choose B.F.Sc. at COFS Nagpur?

- Live Aquaculture Farm on campus – hands-on practical training
- ICAR-funded research projects – exposure to cutting-edge fisheries science
- Expert faculty with deep field and research experience
- Strong placement record across government, private, and research sectors
- Real-world extension experience through farmer outreach and adopted village programmes

Notice Board

1 Academic Calendar 2026–27 Released [NEW]

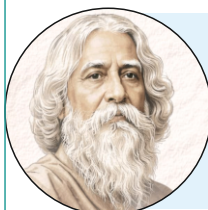
The official academic calendar for the new year is published on the college website under the Academics section.

2 Farmer Training- May 2026 [UPCOMING]

A three-day workshop farmer training on profitable fresh water aquaculture techniques. Open to Farmers, entrepreneurs and aquaculturist. Venue: COFS Nagpur Campus. Details to be notified.

3 RTI - 100 Days Action Plan Available [RTI]

The college's RTI-compliant 100-day action plan document is available on the college website for public access.



Quote of the Month

"The fish in the water is silent, the animal on the earth is noisy, the bird in the air is singing. But man has in him the silence of the sea, the noise of the earth and the music of the air."

– Rabindranath Tagore

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