

use resources have significant management and policy implications in these circumstances.

After China, India stands second in the world in total fish production. Inland fisheries are significant for food security as almost all show goes for human consumption². Fish is substantial for the economically weaker sections of the population, providing a cheap and accessible source of protein and essential micronutrients³. A large selection of the people also depends on fish resources (both marine and inland) for their livelihoods, employment and income (Type, 2022) ^[4].

Problems faced by women fish vendors

1. Distances and lack of basic facilities at harbours and landing centres.
2. Poor access to credit, exorbitant interest rates.
3. Lack of public transport to markets
4. Lack of ice and proper storage facilities
5. Problems at marketplaces
6. Poor market infrastructure

Conclusion

Women fish vendors play critical roles in a country like India, catering to the food security needs of a diverse range of consumers. Fish vending provides employment and livelihood to lakhs of people, primarily women. Steps need to be taken in an integrated manner, drawing on available policy and legislative frameworks and the efforts taken by State and Central governments and their institutions to support this vital segment of the population. Living voids in procedure, Policy and implementation must be systematically addressed.

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