How to reach Digha, the most popular seaside resort town in West Bengal, India?

Digha is the most popular seaside resort town in West Bengal, India. It lies at the northern end of the Bay of Bengal. It has a low gradient with a shallow sand beach.

It is located 180 km from Kolkata/Howrah. The nearest international airport is Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport located in Kolkata.

Digha is well connected to Kolkata/Howrah by a highway/road and a rail-link via Tamluk. Now many trains including a DURONTO EXPRESS (Satabdi Category) run between Digha and Howrah and other stations in eastern India.
Background:

Fisheries sector in India has witnessed phenomenal growth in past few decades. India is the second largest fish producer in the world with the share of 6.56%.

The sector has contributed Rs 45106.89 through exports. The export growth, however, is single-handedly dependent on the export of the white shrimps.

The country is well on its way to harness the potential of fisheries as can be seen from the fact that the fish production increased from the level of 0.75 MMT in 1950-51 to 12.59 MMT in 2017-18. India has a long coastline of about 8118 km and 2.02 million sq km of EEZ. The vast resources, both marine and inland, are indicative of the immense growth potential of the sector.

When the marine capture yield remains stagnated, not only in India but also the world over, aquaculture has been responsible for continuing impressive growth of fish and shrimp production. However, reports of diseases, low yield and increase in input costs, cast doubt on the sustainability of culture industry and in turn on the processing and export industry.

It is important that there are regular discussions within and among the stakeholders for the sustainable growth of the sector.

To support this objective, SMART AGRIPOST, a leading magazine in agriculture and allied sector, in collaboration with ICAR institutes held a series of stakeholders’ meetings across India (Mumbai, Vijayawada and Bhubaneswar). The outcome of the conference ranged from the suggestions on required policy intervention from the Government to the expected restraints and responsibilities of the industry for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the country.

In this background, SMART AGRIPOST is organizing a three days international conference on 13, 14 & 15 December 2019 at Digha, West Bengal, India to engage all major countries engaged in fish production and processing and prepare a strategy for sustainable development of the sector in this region.

Objective:

To identify pathways to strengthen the bond between science and policy in fisheries/aquaculture production, management and trade for sustainable growth.

Potential Participants:

Farmers, entrepreneurs, industry associations, exporters, fishers and their associations, scientists & academicians (ICAR fishery institutes and State Universities,) policy makers, sectoral managers and administrators, feed, supplement and aqua health companies, technology manufactures, cooperatives, etc.

About us:

SMART AGRIPOST is a leading agriculture communication platform in India. It delivers exclusive, authentic and knowledge based contents related to agriculture and allied sectors through various distribution channels- Print, Online and BTL activities (Ground Event, Conference and Seminar, etc).

It provides news, views and analysis of agriculture and allied sectors of India and outside. It connects all stakeholders including farmers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, industry leaders, dealers, traders and exporters in fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

It is our endeavour to add value to the emerging agriculture communication and provide quality information to the benefit of all stakeholders.

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