

₹70cr fish centre set to boost 'blue revolution' in Purvanchal

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Varanasi: Chandauli is all set to have a first-of-its-kind state-of-the-art integrated fish marketing centre (IFMT) in the country.

“Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who during his review of different development projects of Varanasi had underlined the need to improve fish export from Varanasi region to other states, the plan for establishing IFMT at Chandauli was finalised. It will be the first centre of its kind in the country,” said divisional commissioner Deepak Agrawal.

Deputy director fisheries (Varanasi division) NS Rehmani said, “The state government gave nod to the IFMT project on March 30, after which the process of floating a tender has been started. The UP Agriculture Produce Market Committee, commonly known as Mandi Parishad, has allotted one

hectare land on its campus near Chandauli district headquarters free of cost while Rs 70 crore will be spent for constructing IFMT.”

“APMC’s construction wing will implement the project and will also look after the post construction maintenance with the help of user charges from traders,” he added.

“Apart from wholesale and retail fish market as well as aquarium fish trading wing, the proposed IFMT will have all facilities for fish farmers including technical assistance,” said Rehmani.