



Rijiju calls on Jagan, hails State's fishing sector

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Union Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju met Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy at the latter's camp office on Friday. The duo had a brief interaction on various issues related to the State.

Later, addressing mediapersons at the BJP State office here, Mr. Rijiju said the fishing sector was poised to make a substantial contribution to the national economy which is going to be the world's third largest in the near future from being in the fifth position currently. However, since fishing should be



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done in a sustainable manner, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) was organising awareness programmes for the fisherfolk on how to benefit from the deep seas without adverse

ly affecting the ocean/marine ecology, he said.

The Centre was focussing on balanced use of ocean resources while trying to expand the blue economy further, the Union

Minister observed.

He said India has a 7,000 km-long coastline. Andhra Pradesh has the second longest coastline among all States, which makes its fishing sector vibrant and a major contributor to the national economy, he said.

"The MoES is helping the fishing community in adopting best practices that would keep the oceans in good stead. India is aiming to become a self-sufficient, developed country by the year 2047 and efforts are being made simultaneously to realise the full potential of the fishing sector in sync with nature," Mr. Rijiju explained.