

Information on UNESCO -IOC Tsunami Ready Workshop

The Tsunami Ready is a community performance-based programme that promotes tsunami preparedness through active collaboration of public, community leaders, and national and local emergency management agencies. Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) of IOC UNESCO introduced the Indian Ocean Tsunami Ready concept in the Indian Ocean Region. The programme is aimed at strengthening tsunami preparedness of coastal communities in the Indian Ocean Region.

In this regard, INCOIS is organizing a “UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Workshop” for Disaster Management Offices of the Coastal States and Union Territories. The workshop is jointly organised by INCOIS, Integrated Coordination Group for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) and Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) of UNESCO-IOC during 10-12 December 2019 at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad.

On 10 December 2019, the workshop inaugurated by Dr. Sateesh Shenoj, Director, INCOIS. Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat and Mr. Ardito Kodijat, Head of IOTIC and Shri E. Pattabhi Rama Rao, Head of Tsunami and Storm Surge Early Warning Group, INCOIS were present. Around 25 disaster management officials from all coastal States/UTs are participating in the workshop. The workshop is expected to help the Disaster Management Agencies of the coastal states and UTs to understand the Tsunami Ready concept and the necessity to prepare the plans, maps & procedures required to implement the programme.

A National Board was constituted under the Chairmanship of Director, INCOIS with members drawn from Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Odisha State in close collaboration with Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), Directorate of Disaster Management (DDM), Andaman & Nicobar Islands and INCOIS to supervise and monitor the implementation of Tsunami Ready Recognition programme in India. Based on the recommendations of the National Board, INCOIS has initiated capacity building programme to familiarize the Coastal States and UTs for implementation the Tsunami Ready Programme in India. Odisha implemented IOTR on pilot basis in 6 villages and tested during the IOWAVE18 Exercise. The National Board will visit these villages after this workshop, for verification as per the IOTR Guidelines.

Few photos of UNESCO-IOC Workshop:

