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New INCOIS system installed

Nagapattinam, Dec 10 : An Ocean State Forecast and Fisheries Information System, installed by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) in association with the Thanjavur Multipurpose Social Service Society (TMSSS), a voluntary organisation, was commissioned at Velankanni, near here.

A TMSSS statement said here that the system which was installed yesterday, would provide information on wave heights, direction, wind speed and direction, ocean current and potential fishing zones apart from providing early warnings on depression, cyclone and tsunami.

The system is equipped with a siren and a micro phone which would be directly activated by the Hyderabad-based INCOIS, an autonomous agency functioning under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, at times of emergency.

The system is connected through Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) technology, the statement added.

It also facilitates dissemination of satellite pictures, animations, short-films, ocean state and disaster information, warnings and alerts, besides multi-lingual text.

The system features new generation display boards with advanced communication features.

The system is also equipped with power backup and web-based information dissemination facilities, it said.

Commissioning the system, District Collector T Munusamy said it would be boon for fishermen as it could provide accurate information about fishing zones, ensuring savings in fuel and time.

It could also provide early warnings on tsunami two hours in advance.

He appealed to the fishermen to make full use of the system. (UNI)

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