Satellites for ocean studies

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India is all set to launch 5 satellites for ocean studies between 2003 and 2006 that will have clearer resolutions and help in predicting cyclones among other ocean and sea phenomena, Space Commission member Dr P S Goel said.

He was delivering the Ramanujam lecture at the 26th National Systems Conference that was held at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) here on Monday.

These satellites include, Insat 3-A scheduled for launch in early 2003,Insat 3-D scheduled for 2004,Sarsat scheduled for 2006, Mega Tropiques, a Indo-French venture scheduled for 2006 and oceansat-2.

The award of the National System Conference 2002 and gold medal were given to UNESCO's Moscow-based Information Technology in Education governer Dr. N. Seshagiri.

Speaking on the occassion, Systems Society of India(SSI) president Dr S C Gupta said it was important that all observation systems must ensure that findings should reach the end-users, like fishermen in the case of ocean observation.

The main theme of the two-day conference is 'Ocean Observing Systems and Services'

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