

# INCOIS campus comes alive with activity on 'Open Day'

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**HYDERABAD:** The otherwise tranquil campus of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) came alive with a large number of students visiting the sprawling centre on Sunday.

## 'Open day'

As part of the Foundation Day of Ministry of Earth Sciences, the premier centre at Pragathinagar in Nizampet observed an 'Open Day' and more than 650 students from different schools visited the facilities, checked out the laboratories and sat back in the auditorium to watch educational films on ocean sciences.

Scientists at the INCOIS, engaged in the field of ocean sciences, ocean observation, satellite oceanography and ocean information advisory service, spent the day explaining the eager children

INCOIS opens the campus for a day as part of the Foundation Day of Ministry of Earth Sciences

various facets of their work.

The students also picked up information on the activities of the National Tsunami Early Warning Centre which has won recognition as the best such centre in the world.

## Students pose queries to scientists

A group of students from St. Martin's High School went around the laboratories, posing questions to the scientists and the staff.

"It is exciting to see the facilities and how they are being used. The scientists here are helping us understand how the depth temperatures are recorded and how fore-

casts are made," said Veerender, a sixth class student.

"We are learning about Tsunami and how such events occur," added Mohd. Ather, his classmate.

## Learning about ocean modelling

Gnyanesh and Nikhita of Vikas Concept School said the Open Day offered them an opportunity to learn about ocean modelling and also how helpful information was provided to fishermen and those living in the coastal areas. "It is an interesting science," quipped Nikhita.

INCOIS scientist M. Nagaraja Kumar said the centre among others was engaged in tsunami warning, potential fishing zone advisories and ocean forecast.

"Our Tsunami warning works 24x7 and for the other two activities, we are engaged in study and dissemination of information round the year," he said.