

India gears up for Indian Ocean-wide mock tsunami drill

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HYDERABAD: India, along with 23 other countries, is participating in a major Indian Ocean-wide mock tsunami drill on September 9 and 10 that is aimed at testing the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWS).

The drill, organized under the auspices of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, is expected to increase preparedness, evaluate response capabilities in each country and improve coordination throughout the region, an official statement here said.

"The drill also aims at evaluating the system's operational capacity, efficiency of communication among the different concerned actors, and the state of preparation of national emergency services," it said.



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The Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC), based out of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, would participate in this drill, both in its capacity as National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) for India as well as one of the Regional Tsunami Advisory Service Providers (RTSP) in the Indian Ocean region.

The ITEWC, operational since October 2007, has all the necessary computational infrastructure for the reception of real-time data from seismic and sea-level networks, tsunami modeling, as well as generation and dissemination of tsunami bulletins for the entire Indian Ocean region.

Since October 12, 2011, ITEWC, along with other RTSPs (Australia and Indonesia), has taken over the responsibility of providing tsunami bulletins of Indian Ocean member countries, under the IOC/UNESCO's ICG/IOTWS framework, the statement said.

The mock drill would simulate tsunamis originating from two earthquake sources on successive days, one in the eastern Indian ocean and the other in the north-western Indian ocean.

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The first scenario simulates a magnitude 9.1 earthquake south of Java and Indonesia and would commence at 5.30 hours IST on September 9.

The second scenario simulates a magnitude 9.0 earthquake in the Makran Trench, south of Iran and Pakistan and would commence at 1130 hours IST on September 10.

On both days, the drill would run in real time for a period of 12 hours.

During the drill, ITEWC would generate and disseminate 15 tsunami notifications to both its National and Regional contacts through GTS, email, fax, SMS as well as web, the statement added.

The recipients at the national level include control rooms of NDMA, MHA, Disaster Management Offices of all coastal states/UTs, NDRF, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy and critical coastal installations (such as ports and power plants).

The recipients have the choice to participate in the mock drill on either or both the days.

Based on their level of planning and preparedness, the recipients may decide to limit this drill to check the communication links between their institutions and INCOIS or (ii) activate their standard operating procedure (SOPs) and take it further down to institutional/state/district/community level.

"Feedback from the participants after the drill is expected to identify and fix any gaps in communication channels or the SOPs of all stakeholders," the statement said.

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Reader's opinions

 **prashanth kumar** ()
7 Followers
Silver: 1.4K

Great move! much needed exercise.

 **Mansi Kumar** (Along)
15 Followers
Gold: 5.2K

Better late than never lest we see another big tsunami swipe out millions

 **SJ Meka** ()
8 Followers
Silver: 2.0K

It's better all the organizations of India concerned with this Drill participate in both the Mock-Tsunami Drills...

 **Rajender** (Unknown)
251 Followers
Platinum: 52.4K

Be prepared is the motto behind the drill.

 **Rajender** (Unknown)
251 Followers
Platinum: 52.4K

A much needed practice drill.

 **Kagadiya Rajesh** (Unknown)
39 Followers
Silver: 4.7K

NICE ONE

 **PatrioticIndian** (Location)
188 Followers
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Great job... India has to involve in global activities more and more going forward...!

 **hemmeh1** (mumbai)
6 Followers
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Interesting...

 **Pramod Agarwal** (Unknown)
166 Followers
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IT IS GOOD DRILL TO TEST READINESS FOR DEALING WITH SUCH DISASTERS

 **Pramod Agarwal** (Unknown)
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GOOD DRILL

 **DINATH** (Hyderabad)
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Good mock drill to increase preparedness, evaluate response capabilities in each country and improve coordination throughout the region,

Sankar Km (Santa Clara, CA, USA)
89 Followers
Platinum: 24.1K

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India has been known to be in the news for moving from one natural crisis to another almost on a weekly basis and trying to manage the same. This seems to be an exception to the rule of getting trained in trying to get the necessary preparedness to handle a Tsunami.

reader x (Unknown)
27 Followers
Gold: 6.7K

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India should take responsibility and leadership in real time. Best of luck for the drill.

ssundararaman20 (mumbai)
152 Followers
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Nice to see that prior advance planning and training is contemplated to face such natural disasters. Hope nominations will be made on merits... and further sharing of inputs with our teams.. ? GOK

Sankar Km (Santa Clara, CA, USA)
89 Followers
Platinum: 24.1K

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While India is fairly prepared on the aspects of dealing with natural calamities like drought, rains, floods, etc., the drill is necessary to train people when Nature strikes without a notice or a warning.

A (mumbai)

hope it works while neededd

Pannalal ()

THIS IS A STRATEGIC PLANNING . INDIA MUST REMAIN PRESENT IN INDIAN OCEAN WITH ALL LATEST EQUIPMENTS.

JOGA (MUM)
86 Followers
Gold: 17.2K

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Its a surprise that this large participants are involved in the drill, hope the media has done its job rather than they simply bashing the Prime Minster of India on the drop of an hat. Hope even the locals learn something out of this, good that Unesco is doing it.

JOGA (MUM)
86 Followers
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India is thoroughly experienced in handling natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone and hurricanes. But when it comes to Tsunami's, it leaves much to be desired. Let us see what lessons our people receive in the forth coming exercise.

JOGA (MUM)
86 Followers
Gold: 17.2K

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y dad is in coast guard and says that not only must we just sit and wait for forces to move us.. but we should also join hands and help cooperate...

JOGA (MUM)
86 Followers
Gold: 17.2K

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All our efforts are good and brave but we are BANGING OUR HEADS AGAINST THE ONE WALL CALLED POLITICS ! HOW MANY TIMES AND FOR HOW LONG WILL WE CONTINUE TO MURDER THE FATHER OF

OUR NATION GANDHI JI ?? HE ONLY REQUESTED 1 thing, THAT AFTER INDEPENDENCE NOT TO DIVIDE THE NATION PHYSICALLY NOR MENTALLY INTO PARTS OR PARTIES. TUKRA ! TUKRA MAT KARO ! Politics and partyvad , divide to rule and poison EVERY HEART ! WE WANT PURA SWARAJ FOR WHICH LAKHS GAVE THEIR LIVES !" THE NATION PHYSICALLY NOR MENTALLY INTO PARTS OR PARTIES. TUKRA ! TUKRA MAT KARO ! Politics and partyvad , divide to rule and poison EVERY HEART ! WE WANT PURA SWARAJ FOR WHICH LAKHS GAVE THEIR LIVES !"



reader x (Unknown) replies to JOGA
27 Followers
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Appretiation for your feelings. Things will definetly improve.



luvlafolks (USA)
48 Followers
Gold: 8.6K



An important preparedness drill.



Yo ()
155 Followers
Platinum: 33.9K



Very nice initiative... hopefully next time on, we would have lesser damage due to this integrated approach..



sanjay ()
28 Followers
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It is a god idea.



Arabinda Datta ()
20 Followers
Silver: 4.7K



This mock drill would be excellent learning process for India.

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