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The event highlighted the growing importance of ocean science and technological innovation in tackling climate change, improving coastal preparedness, and driving India's expanding Blue Economy.

In his chief guest address Prof Yuichiro Tanioka, Chair of the Joint Tsunami Commission and Emeritus Professor at Hokkaido University, praised India's rapid strides in scientific capability. He highlighted the Indian Tsunami Warning Centre, operated by INCOIS, as one of the most advanced and reliable warning systems in the world, providing real-time alerts to several Indian Ocean nations under international frameworks.

Prof. Tanioka said such achievements demonstrate how science can be converted into robust services that directly protect lives and livelihoods

INCOIS Director Dr T M. Balakrishnan Nair, emphasised that the festival's theme, "Vigyan Se Samridhi: Aatmanirbhar Bharat," aligns strongly with INCOIS's mission to advance scientific research for national growth and self-reliance.

He noted that INCOIS's initiatives—from high-resolution ocean weather forecasts and tsunami early-warning systems to climate projections and marine ecosystem modelling—are playing a transformative role in safeguarding coastal communities and supporting marine sectors such as fisheries, shipping and offshore energy.

IISF-2025 chief organiser Surayachandra Rao provided an overview of the upcoming festival, noting that it will include scientific exhibitions, thematic sessions, innovation showcases, student-scientist interactions, and outreach programmes aimed at fostering scientific temper among the public.

Jagvir Singh, Advisor at the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Chief Coordinator of IISF-2025, and Naresh Chafekar of Vignan Bharati, said the festival will bring together researchers, innovators, industry experts and science communicators from across the country.

The curtain-raiser was held as a special session during the ongoing International Tsunami Symposium 2025, which is being hosted by INCOIS from November 12 to 14. Participants of the symposium, along with INCOIS researchers and students from various institutions, attended the event.

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INCOIS hosts 32nd Tsunami Symposium

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THE 32nd International Tsunami Symposium (ITS) began at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) on November 12 and will continue until November 14. Organised by the IUGG Tsunami Commission, the event brings together researchers and disaster management experts from across the world to discuss early warning, damage prediction, and community preparedness.

Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies and former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, inaugurated the event and delivered a plenary lecture on "Tsunami Early Warning: Challenges, Lessons and the Way Forward." He outlined



India's progress in building tsunami warning systems, scientific advancements, and the need for resilient coastal planning.

INCOIS Director Dr TM Balakrishnan Nair highlighted that the symposium follows the first Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) conference held at INCOIS, aimed at strengthening collaboration among scientists and policymakers.

More than 80 delegates, including a large number of international participants, are taking part in the symposium's technical and peer-reviewed sessions focusing on hazard assessment, early warning systems, and disaster mitigation strategies.

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Crimes involving transgender community

A coalition of trans-led and hijra-based community groups initiated a process of re-
Protection Committee, a body which intends to monitor misconduct within the community.

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A family was assaulted by a group of 12 transgenders who landed at their house-warming ceremony in Keesara, allegedly demanding money.

According to police, the group forced their way into the function and attacked members of the host family after being denied the amount they sought as part of Badhai, a traditional custom of the transgender community, involving blessings in exchange for gifts.

On what was meant to be a celebratory day, the house owner suffered head injuries and

November 7, triggered anger and reignited debate over the misuse of community traditions, not only among citizens but also within the transgender community.

"Hijra extortion has become a serious issue and has reached unbearable levels. They show up at every house-warming or shop opening and start demanding ₹50,000 or even ₹1 lakh. If not, they start stripping in front of relatives," said a victim.

"There's no denying that crimes are being committed by some within the transgender and hijra communities," said transgender activist Rachana Muck...



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INCOIS HOSTS CURTAIN RAISER FOR SCIENCE FEST

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The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (Incois) here hosted a curtain raiser on Thursday for the upcoming India International Science Festival (IISF), celebrating the theme 'Vigyan Se Samridhi – Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. The event highlighted how scientific research, particularly in ocean sciences, can be harnessed for societal benefit, disaster preparedness, and India's growing Blue Economy.

Incois director Dr T.M Balakrishnan Nair said the IISF theme aligned with the centre's mission to use science and technology for a self-reliant and sustainable India. He noted Incois's work in ocean weather forecasting, climate projections, and tsunami warning systems reflects the nation's commitment to translating research into real-world impact.

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Blue Economy, Bold Future: INCOIS Flags Off IISF-2025 with a Focus on Coastal Resilience

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Hyderabad, November 13, 2025: The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) set the stage for the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025 with a high-impact curtain raiser on 13th November at 1500 hrs, spotlighting how ocean science research is powering services for society amid climate challenges and an expanding Blue Economy. The event amplified awareness of IISF-2025 and showcased how cutting-edge research and development in ocean sciences is being translated into real-

world applications for coastal resilience, disaster preparedness, and maritime growth. Welcoming dignitaries and participants, INCOIS Director Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair aligned the festival's theme—"Vigyan Se Samriddhi: Aatmanirbhar Bharat"—with INCOIS's mission to deliver actionable science for a self-reliant and sustainable India. He underscored the centre's R&D portfolio, from ocean weather prediction and climate projections to tsunami early warning and disaster risk reduction, as central to the nation's sustainable development pathway and public safety imperatives. The event's Chief



Guest, Professor Yuichiro Tanioka, Chair of the Joint Tsunami Commission of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics and Emeritus Professor at Hokkaido University, lauded India's leadership in operational geoscience. Citing the rapid establishment and

proven performance of the Indian Tsunami Warning Centre, he praised the country's ability to convert frontier research into timely, life-saving services for the public and conveyed his best wishes for the success of IISF-2025. Providing a preview of the festival, Dr. Surayachandra

Rao, Director of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and Chief Organizer of IISF-2025, outlined major activities designed to elevate public engagement and cross-disciplinary innovation. Dr. Jagvir Singh, Advisor at the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Chief Coordinator of IISF-2025, and Shri Naresh Chafekar, Member of the Governing Council of Vijnana Bharati, also addressed the gathering, reinforcing the festival's role in connecting laboratories to livelihoods and in empowering communities through science-driven services. Hosted as a special session within the International

Tsunami Symposium (ITS-2025) running at INCOIS from 12–14 November 2025, the curtain raiser drew researchers, students, and technical staff from across the ocean and hazard-science community. Discussions emphasized the growing importance of agile forecasting systems, open data ecosystems, and transnational collaboration to strengthen coastal resilience and support India's expanding maritime economy. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Francis P. A., Head of the Ocean Modeling and Data Assimilation Division at INCOIS, followed by the National Anthem.