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**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Indian Ocean
Commission Tsunami Ready Workshop**

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) under Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India, Integrated Coordination Group for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning, Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) and Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) and Union Territories jointly organized UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Workshop for Disaster Management Offices of the Coastal States at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad on 10-12 December 2019. The main objective of the workshop was to promote the preparation of tsunamis in the Indian Ocean region through the active cooperation of public, community leaders and the National and Local Emergency Management Agency.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Sateesh Shenoi, Director, INCOIS. Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat and Mr. Ardito Kodijat, Head of Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) and Shri E. Pattabhi Rama Rao, Head of Tsunami and Storm Surge Early Warning Group, INCOIS were presented.

It is expected the workshop would help Disaster management agencies of coastal states and UTs to understand the tsunami-ready concept and the need of preparing plans, maps, and procedures required to implement the tsunami-ready program in India. Odisha implemented Indian Ocean Tsunami Ready (IOTR) on a pilot basis in 6 villages and tested during the IOWAVE18 exercise. The National Board will visit these villages after this workshop, for verification as per the IOTR Guidelines.

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