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## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Navy and Geological Survey of India for offshore data sharing

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Navy and the Geological Survey of India for sharing of marine sediment data, products and expertise for naval applications in Meteorology and Oceanography. Commodore AA Abhyankar, Head of the Directorate of Oceanography and Meteorology wing of the Indian Navy signed the MoU with its counterpart headed by Shri N. Maran, Deputy Director General of Geological Survey of India on 21 January 2020.



Courtesy: <https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/content/indian-navy-signs-mou-offshore-data-geological-survey-india>

GSI's Marine and Coastal study Division based at Mangaluru has mapped the majority of India's 2.1 Million square km Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) with a huge repository of offshore data. These data were collected utilizing GSI's cutting edge maritime research vessels Samudra Manthan, Samudra Kaustubh, Samudra Shaudhikama and Samudra Ratnakar.

The MoU would now enable GSI's state-of-the-art oceanic research vessels to be a part of the Indian Navy's rapidly growing blue water fleet which would help accurate and reliable oceanographic modeling to support Indian Navy's expansive maritime operation in the Indian Ocean area.

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