

India keen to promote operational oceanography: Minister

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HYDERABAD: Government is keen to promote operational oceanography since it plays an important role in translating the benefits of science for the common public, Y S Chowdary, Minister of State for Science, Technology & Earth Sciences said here today.

A few examples being potential fishing zones advisories to fishermen, ocean state forecasts for mariners, [tsunami](#) and storm surge early warnings among others, the minister was quoted as saying by an official release.

Chowdary performed 'bhoomipujan' or ground breaking ceremony for setting up the international training centre for operational oceanography (ITCO-Ocean) which is coming up on the campus of Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services ([INCOIS](#)) here.

The facility is coming up under Central government's commitment in helping the [Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission](#) ([IOC](#)) under UNESCO.

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