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Webinar: Lessons Learnt during Exercise IOWave 2025

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Scenarios Exercised



Sunda Trench (25 Sept)



Makran Trench (15 Oct)

- Conducted for West Coast of India Provinces
(organisation level participation)



Fani Maore Volcano (25 Oct)

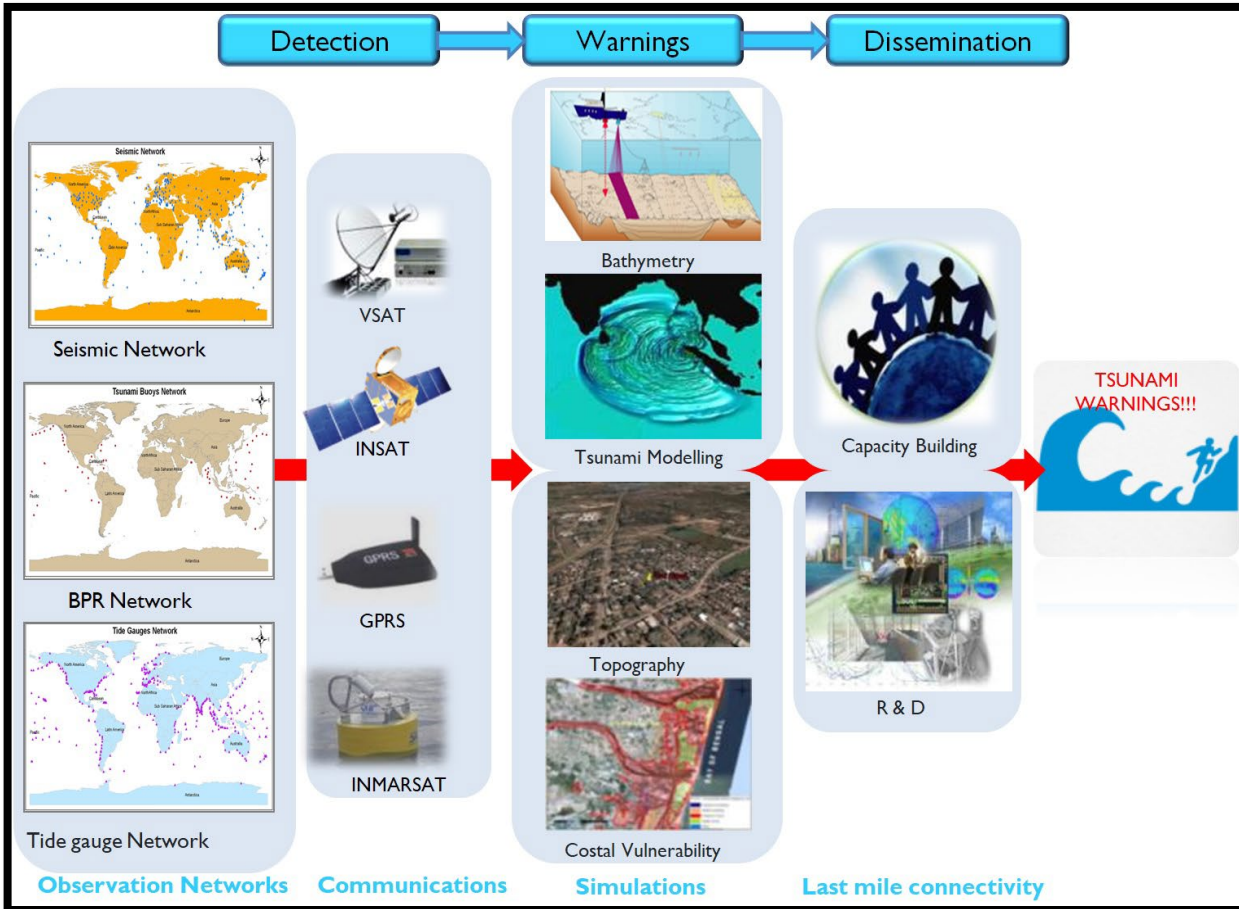


Sumatra Trench (05 Nov)

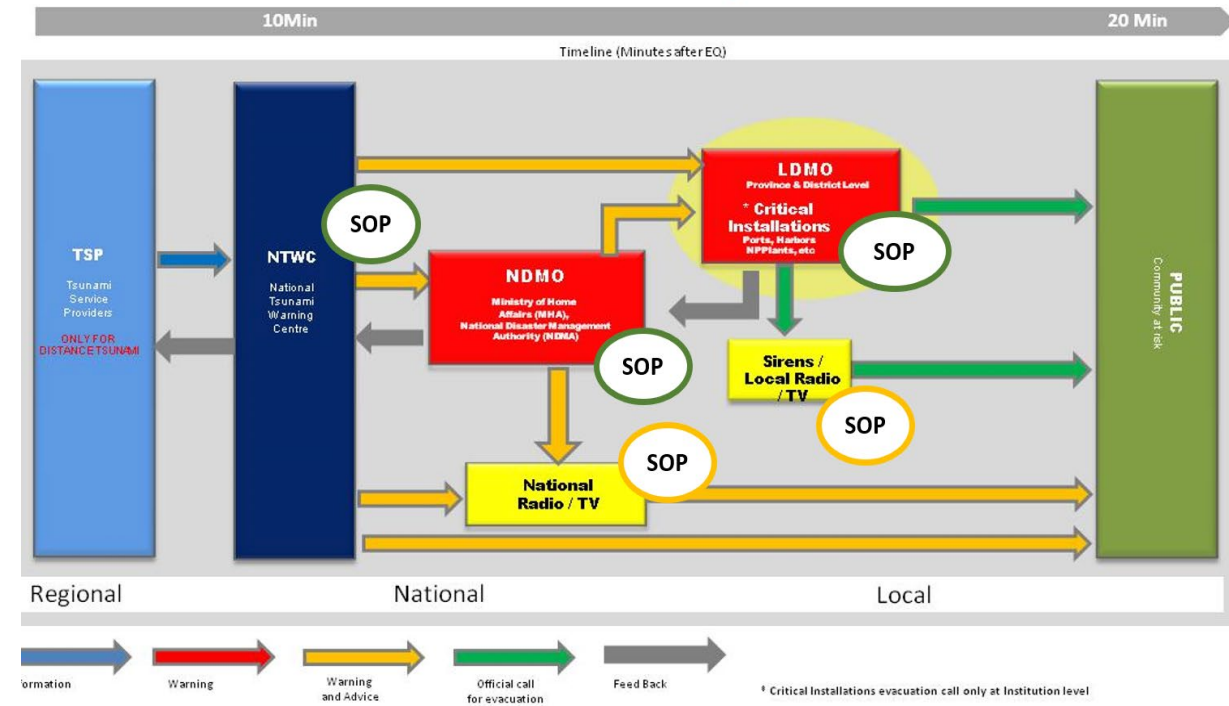
- Conducted for Andaman & Nicobar Islands
(Community Level Participation including Schools)

- As a TSP, ITEWC issued bulletins to all NTWCs in Indian Ocean Region for 4 Scenarios on 25th September, 15th October, 25th October and 05 Novovember, 2025
- 15 bulletins issues in 12 hours duration for each scenario, and Bulletins issued through Email, SMS, GTS and Website.
- At National level, India participated the exercise for Makran & Sumatra Trench scenarios

National Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System



Tsunami Warning Chain



State/Local DMOs are responsible for public evacuations.

- India implemented Tsunami Ready programme, and 26 villages of Odisha recognised as Tsunami Ready communities by UNESCO
- During IOwave25, 4 communities of Andaman & Nicobar Islands exercised for Tsunami Ready implementation

India participation in Exercise

➤ Objectives of IOWave25 Exercise:

- Validate the Warning Centre **dissemination process** for issuing Tsunami Bulletins to various disaster management authorities and other participating agencies.
- Validate the **reception** of the notification messages by DMOs and other relevant authorities.
- Validate the **access to website containing bulletins**, threat maps and tables of arrival times and maximum wave amplitudes relating to the tsunami scenario.
- **Validate the SOPs for generating and disseminating tsunami warnings** to their relevant emergency response agencies, media and the public.
- **Validate the SOPs for the issuing of public safety messages**, ordering evacuations and where possible issuing all-clear messages.
- Validate the level of **community awareness, preparedness and response** (including focused on Tsunami Ready Community)

➤ Previous Exercises Participation

- As of now, 8 IOWave – Indian Ocean wide exercises have been participated in coordination with IOTWMS.
- 10 National/State level tsunami mock exercises have been conducted in coordination with NDMA



Exercise Participation

- India participated in IOTWMS **pre-IOWave25** online **workshop** held on 4–6 August 2025, with over 150 participants from DMOs, Indian Coast Guard, Navy, NDRF, ports, shipping, oil & gas, and other sectors
- INCOIS also conducted two conclaves for east and west coasts and discussed IOWave25 planning.
- Prepared National Tsunami Exercise manual** for IOWave25
- Coastal authorities conducted local training and coordination meetings.

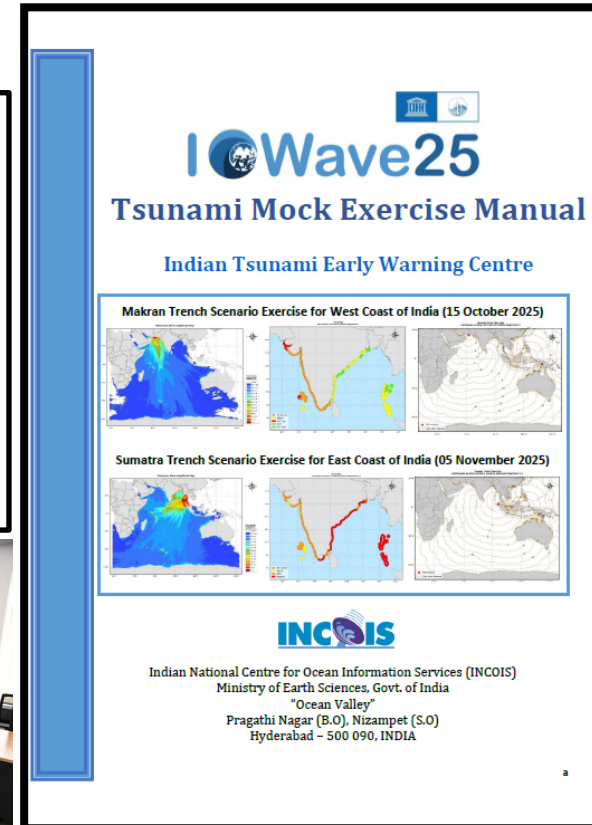
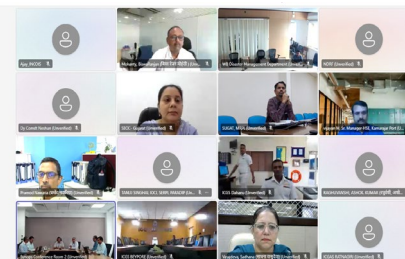
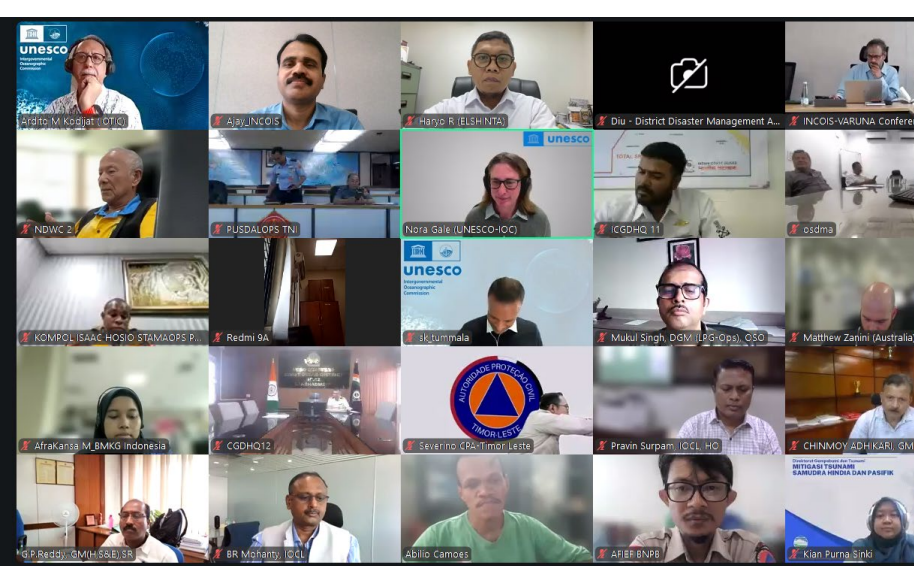


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Exercise Participation

Scenario-1 (Makran Region)

Date: 15 October 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 11:30 IST (6:00 UTC)

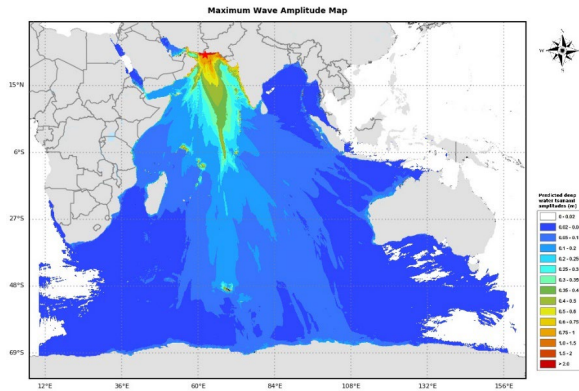
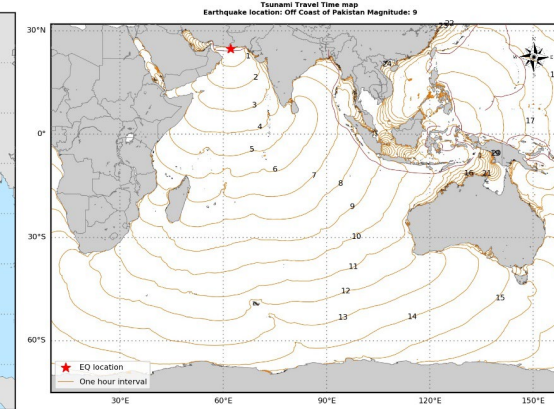
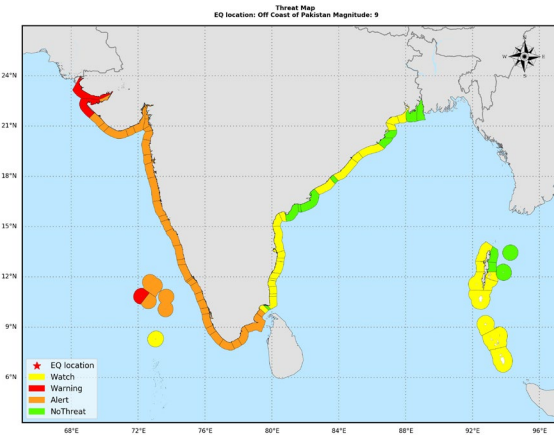
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Depth : 10 km

Latitude : 24.80 N

Longitude : 62.20 E

Region: Off Coast of Pakistan



Scenario-2 (Sumatra Trench)

Date: 05 November 2025
(Wednesday)

Time: 8:30 IST (3:00 UTC)

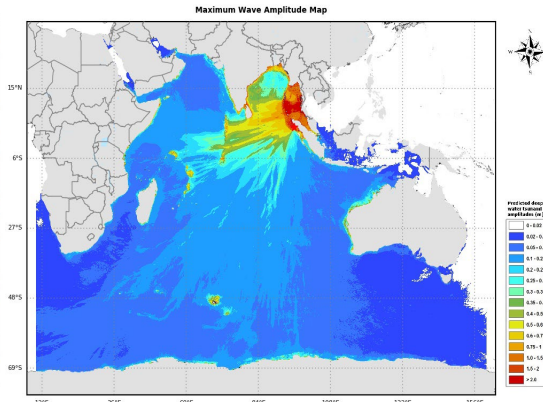
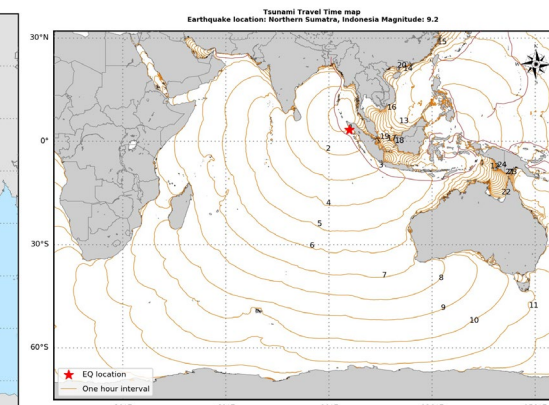
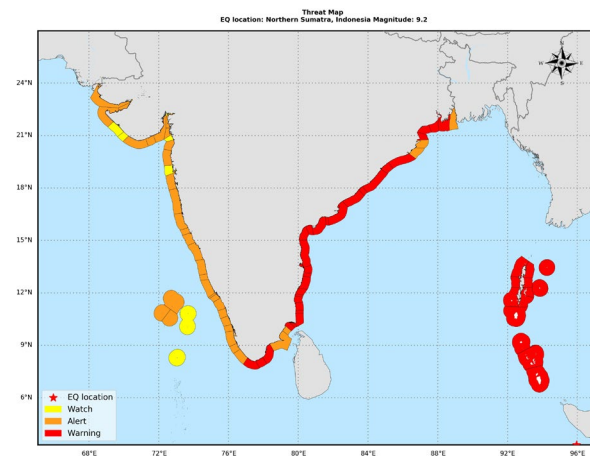
Magnitude: 9.2 Mw

Depth : 10 km

Latitude : 3.30 N

Longitude : 95.96 E

Region: Northern Sumatra, Indonesia



Exercise Participants

- West coast of India participated up to SEOC/institute level on 15 October.
- East coast of India, except for A & N Islands, could not participate in exercise due to Cyclonic Storm Montha.
- On 4 November, Andaman & Nicobar Islands conducted tsunami exercise up to community level with support of NDMA and Andaman administration. **A total of 16 villages and 381 schools** across three districts were involved and successfully evacuated. In all, **52,103 school students and teachers** (tsunami walk) and **59,601 community members** including disabilities, elderly, youth involved in evacuation, **111,704 participants in total**.
- Key agencies involved included NDMA, State/District DMOs, Indian Navy, Coast Guard, NDRF, Army, Port & Harbour, Power, Water, Fuel, Telecom, Shipping, Health, Fire & Rescue, Fisheries, and Petroleum sectors.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Participation

Sub-Division/Tehsils	Island/ Villages
South Andaman District	
	1. Flag Point and adjoining area (Girls School and JNRM College)
	2. Bambooflat Jetty to Old Surya Chakra Power House
	3. Junglighat Area
Swaraj Dweep	4. Swaraj Dweep
Little Andaman	5. Little Andaman
North & Middle Andaman District	
Rangat	1. Nimbutala Jetty
	2. Nilambar Jetty, Baratang
	3. Pokhadera Jetty
	4. Karmatang Village
Diglipur	5. Arial Bay Jetty
	6. LCT Jetty, Durgapur
Nicobar District	
	1. Mus Village
Nancowry	2. Kamorta
	3. Chowra
	4. Bengali Village, Teressa
Great Nicobar	5. Campbell Bay Village

Educational Zones of Island	No. of Schools participated	No. of Students participated	No. of Teachers participated
South Andaman	85	22638	2890
Wimberlygunj	53	4236	572
Little Andaman	16	2124	287
Rangat	74	6414	949
Mayabunder	37	2342	342
Diglipur	67	4290	663
Car Nicobar	14	1923	171
Nancowrie	24	1207	173
Campbell Bay	11	743	139
Total	381	45917	6186

District: North & Middle Andaman District

Category	No. of Participants
Community Members	13837
Volunteers	280
Govt. Officials (ESFs)	2808
If any others	12
TOTAL	16925

District: South Andaman District

Category	No. of Participants
Community Members	29238
Volunteers	1118
Govt. Officials (ESFs)	4525
If any others	-
TOTAL	34881

District: Nicobar District

Category	No. of Participants
Community Members	5073
Volunteers	131
Govt. Officials (ESFs)	1206
If any others	1385
TOTAL	7795

National Organisation of Exercise IOWave25

- The IOWave25 exercise organized well at each level such as NTWC, SDMO and LDMO level
- The objectives were exercised, and performance evaluated.
- Trainings and awareness campaigns conducted prior to exercise
- On 15 October 2025 for Makran scenario, West coast of India participated in IOWave25 exercise up to SEOC/institute level
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated up to community level for Sumatra scenario, with about 112,000 people from 16 coastal villages and 381 schools (tsunami walk) involved and evacuated to shelters. Overall public notification time was less than 10 minutes
- All line departments were involved participated in A & N Islands
- Overall, different modes of communications used such as SMS, email, mobile app, social media, sirens, VHF, etc.
- Tsunami Ready indicators were also tested for 4 Tsunami Ready implementing villages i.e. Aerial Bay, Karmatang (Mayabunder), Mus, and Campbell Bay.



State and District EOC Operations



Public and coastal operational staff evacuations



Rescue, Medical and Relief operations



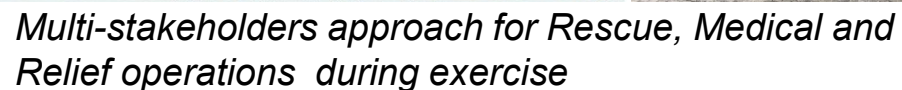
School Students participation and Tsunami Walk

Lessons Learnt

- Overall, **IOwave25 tsunami exercise was a major success**, significantly **strengthening awareness and preparedness** among coastal communities, especially in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- **Response time** to notify the public was **about 10 minutes**. Various modes of communications were used to notify.
- Continued efforts are essential, including **regular volunteer training, drills, and coordination meetings**.
- **SOPs should be updated by DMOs**, with clear post-disaster reporting systems.
- **Communication networks must be strengthened**, supported by a unified communication plan & real-time GIS dashboards.
- **Community outreach to be expanded**, particularly in remote and island regions, with active involvement of schools & NGOs
- Regular mock exercises, training, and awareness programmes at community level are vital.
- **Tsunami Ready programme** should be scaled up in **vulnerable coastal villages**.

Future exercises:

- Regular mock exercises are essential especially for near source regions.
- Exercise duration can be reduced to 3- 4 hours to involve more communities.
- Exercise can be conducted non monsoon season.



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News Links & Other Information

IOWave25 exercise News Links:

- https://incois.gov.in/documents/Reports/News/news_14102025_20251014140820.pdf
- <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tsunami-mock-drills-on-october-15-and-november-5/article70161855.ece>

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Tsunami Exercise participation Reports:

[Report on Andaman & Nicobar Islands Participation in Tsunami Mock Exercise.pdf](#)

[Report on A&N Schools participation in Tsunami Exercise.pdf](#)

Links to the social media: @IOWave25 and #IOWave25

X (twitter): https://x.com/ESSO_INCOIS

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/incois_official/

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/p/INCOISofficial-100095071570299/>

Linkdin: <https://in.linkedin.com/company/indian-national-centre-for-ocean-information-services-incois>

Table Top Exercise conducted for Inter State Mock Exercise - 2025

Exercise provides an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders to review their SOPs: CS

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1
A Table Top Exercise (TTE) was conducted yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhara Kumar, AS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. The exercise was attended by all line Departments of the A&N Administrations, District Administrations (South Andaman, North Middle Andaman, and Nicobar) representatives from the Armed Forces, NDRF, Police, and other stakeholders of the A&N Islands. The event was held in the Conference Hall of the Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram, to finalize the scenario and activities for the upcoming Inter State Mock Exercise (ISME) - 2025 on Earthquake & Tsunami, scheduled to be conducted in the A&N Islands on 4th November, 2025. The Chief Secretary extended a warm welcome to Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd), Hon'ble Member, NDMA (who joined via VC mode). In his opening address, the Chief Secretary highlighted that the Table Top Exercise provides an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders, including District Administrations, Defence Forces, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Health, Power, Communication, and Transport Departments, to review their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), communicate protocols, and resource mobilization plans. He emphasized that the exercise is not merely a theoretical activity but a practical simulation of coordination and decision-making processes required during real-time disaster situations. He urged all participants to actively engage in discussions, identify gaps in inter-departmental coordination, communication flow, and resource sharing, ensuring that the upcoming Inter State Mock Exercise on 4th November is conducted effectively and realistically. Addressing the participants virtually, (Contd. on last page)

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Inter State Mock Exercise-2025 on Earthquake & Tsunami in A&N Islands to be conducted on Nov. 4

Exercise aims to test Incident Response System of A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1
The Andaman & Nicobar Administration and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, New Delhi in collaboration with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), MoES, GoI, Hyderabad will conduct the Inter State Mock Exercise (ISME) - 2025 on Earthquake and Tsunami in the A&N Islands on 04th November, 2025. This exercise aims to test the Incident Response System (IRS) of ANI, evaluate the readiness and coordination of emergency response mechanisms, and strengthen disaster preparedness across the A&N Islands by involving all Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), Incident Response Teams (IRTs), and local communities. The exercise forms a vital component of the Administration's continuous efforts to enhance preparedness, coordination, and resilience of all response agencies. The Director (Disaster Management), A&N Administration has requested the general public to extend their full cooperation during the forthcoming mock exercise on earthquake and tsunami preparedness. He has advised all residents to remain calm and continue with their normal routine activities, as the exercise is a scheduled preparedness drill and poses no real threat to public safety. Key Activities during the Exercise: Increased Emergency Presence: Citizens may notice increased movement of emergency vehicles such as PCR vans, Fire Tenders, Ambulances, and other specialized units across the Islands. These are part of the planned exercise and are not responding to an actual emergency. Simulated Scenarios: (Contd. on last page)

'Consultation on Safeguarding the Girl Child: Towards a safer & enabling environment for Her' held

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1
The Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court at Calcutta in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

Sirens to be blown during Inter State Mock Exercise - 2025 to be held on Nov. 4; general public urged to not to panic

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1
The general public have been informed that the sirens have been installed in the premises of Secretariat, IDBRATT, DSS Marine, Chattram Sase-Mil (Forest Dept), Police Station Alibetden, Police Station Paharganj, Police Station Chattram, JNSM, Fish Landing Centre, Junglighat, IOC, Forest Guest House Corbyn's Cove, Police Station Bamboofal, Police Station, Ogarba, Police Station, Choudard, Police Station, Humfreygunj, O.P. Wimberlygunj, O.P. Farrargun, Police Booth, Haritap, O.P. Tiru, Tiru Jarawa Protection Post, O.P. Radha nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Aquaculture, Kodyghat, Police Station, Shaheed Dweep, Police Station, Swanaj Dweep, Nimbutala, Rangat, O.P. 15 Km, R.K. Par, I/Andaman, Fire Station, Hut Bay (I/Andaman), EOC, Car Nicobar, A.E. Office, APWD, Teressa, JE Office, APWD, Chowra, A.E. Office, APWD, Katchal, EOC, Kamorta and EOC, Campbell Bay for use of issuance of alerts & warnings to the general public during any disaster/emergency through blowing of sirens at high pitch/volume. The above Sirens will be blown in the following manner during Inter State Mock Exercise - 2025 schedule to be held on Nov. 4 from 08.15 am to 10.30 am for issuance of simulated alerts and warnings to start Mock Exercise, rescue and operations:

Sl. No.	Threat Status	Earthquake & Wave Amplitude Criteria	Sound to be blown at that time	Advice Action
01.	WATCH	EQ-0.0-0.05 Wave Amplitude below 0.5 Mts.	Short Long Blast	No immediate action is required. However switch to the alert on the change in magnitude and intensity of the ground.
02.	AT RISK	EQ-0.05-0.1 Wave Amplitude below 0.5 to 1.0 Mts.	Two Long Blast	If people in area feel shaken and vulnerable, advise to move to higher ground. If advised to move into deep shelter.
03.	EMERGENCY	EQ-0.1-0.5 Wave Amplitude below 0.5 to 0.5 Mts.	Three Long Blast	If people in affected areas to evacuate. If advised to move into deep shelter.

Sirens of Electronic Display Board installed at Police Control Room, State Control Room, Junglighat (Fisheries Dept), Met Office, MRCC, IOC, INS Jarawa, Fisheries Dept, at Rangat, EOC at Mayabunder, MRCC at Diglipur, Fisheries Dept, at Hut Bay, EOC at Kamorta, EOC at Car Nicobar, and MRCC & EOC at Campbell Bay will also be blown in a similar manner.

The general public have been requested to not to panic during blowing of sirens for Inter State Mock Exercise 2025 Nov. 4 from 08.15 am to 10.30 am. In case of any unexpected changes or updates, the public will be notified through local news, social media, etc. For any inquiry may contact (Helpline No. 112, 1070, 1077), a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Inter-State Mock Disaster Management Exercise on Earthquake & Tsunami conducted in A&N Islands

Staff Correspondent
Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 4
An Inter-State Mock Disaster Management Exercise (ISME-2025) Earthquake & Tsunami was conducted today by the Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration, in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), New Delhi, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), District Administrations and other Emergency Support Functionaries (ESFs) of the A&N Islands. The exercise simulated an earthquake followed by a tsunami scenario. The objective of the exercise was to test the Incident Response System (IRS) and assess the level of preparedness of all stakeholders in the A&N Islands. ISME-2025 commenced with the detection of an earthquake by INCOIS at 8:45 AM, followed by the issuance of a tsunami alert to local authorities at 8:46 AM. During the exercise, tsunami sirens were activated across the entire UT of A&N Islands. Alerts and warnings were issued, and Incident Response Teams (IRTs) carried out operations at identified incident sites. Search and Rescue (SAR) teams were deployed by the District Administrations, with assistance from the A&N Command and NDRF for rescue and evacuation operations. Various Departments, including Police, APWD, Shipping, Controller of Ports, SVPMC, Education, and Command and NDRF for rescue and evacuation operations. Various Departments, including Police, APWD, Shipping, Controller of Ports, SVPMC, Education, and Command and NDRF for rescue and evacuation operations. Various Departments, including Police, APWD, Shipping, Controller of Ports, SVPMC, Education, and Command and NDRF for rescue and evacuation operations. (Contd. on last page)

District Administration, N&M Andaman to launch "Sampark se Samadhan - Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore"
Mayabunder, Nov. 4
The District Administration, North & Middle Andaman will launch a new grassroots public outreach initiative titled "Sampark se Samadhan-Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" on Nov. 5 by the Deputy Commissioner (N&MA), aimed at enhancing direct engagement with citizens and strengthening participatory governance across the district. This initiative has been designed to bring the Administration to the doorstep of people and reinforce the commitment towards responsive, transparent and citizen-centric governance. Under this programme, the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, along with the concerned Assistant Administration to the doorstep of people and reinforce the commitment towards responsive, transparent and citizen-centric governance. Under this programme, the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, along with the concerned Assistant Administration to the doorstep of people and reinforce the commitment towards responsive, transparent and citizen-centric governance. Under this programme, the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, along with the concerned Assistant Administration to the doorstep of people and reinforce the commitment towards responsive, transparent and citizen-centric governance. (Contd. on last page)

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