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ESSO-Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (ESSO-INCOIS) is an autonomous agency of Govt. of India, within the umbrella of the Earth Systems Science Organisation, under Ministry of Earth Sciences. Today 'ESSO-INCOIS' celebrated 17 years of service. The Centre provides ocean information services such as the 24\*7 Tsunami Warning Service (serving India and 23 other countries), Potential Fishing Zone advisories to help fishermen, Ocean State forecasts and High wave alerts for coastal residents and sea-going workers and Coral bleaching alerts for environmental monitoring.

ESSO-INCOIS is part of special international observational and research programmes like the Argo float programme. The institute is also recognised as the National Ocean Data Centre as well as the National and Regional Argo Data Centre and its campus hosts the International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography which runs regular short-term courses. To celebrate this special occasion, an" Open Day" programme was organised. Over 850 students and public visitors participated in the programme which involved direct interaction with ESSO-INCOIS scientists and special audio-video presentations. The Foundation Day lecture – "How well you understand Earth Observation Cameras?" was delivered by Padma Bhushan, Prof. George Joseph, Hon. Distinguished Professor (Former Director, Space Applications, Ahmedabad). Prof. Joseph also planted a tree on the campus to commemorate the occasion.

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