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National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan meet

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The 20th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) and Preparedness meeting was held in Goa on Thursday.

The highlight of the meeting was to revise the plan, released by NOSDCP Chairman Vice-Admiral HCS Bisht, AVSM. The revised 2015 edition of the NOSDCP reflects on the current international norms and best practices, key national regulation, experience gained since the publication of the first edition in July 1996 and inputs received from stakeholders to the national plan.

While the NOSDCP's earlier editions covered only oil spills, the revised edition initiates national preparedness

and response to Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) incidents too. Another highlight of the meeting was to discuss the Online Oil Spill Advisory (OOSA) system, which was released by SSC Shenoi, Director, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services.

National capabilities on ensuring collective preparedness to respond to any oil spill contingency in Indian waters was also discussed in the meeting. Bisht also recollected minor incidents of pollution damages in the last year and the oil spill in Bangladesh, which caused damage to the fragile

ecosystem of the Sunderbans Delta and urged people in-charge of all ports and oil installations to review their plans and resources for oil spill contingencies in Indian waters.



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