

Scientists call for identifying fishing zones

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Eminent scientists on Monday stressed the need for identifying potential fishing zones to boost the economy on the seaside.

Participating in the 26th National Systems Conference organised by the Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services here, they felt that potential fishing zone advisories should also be released regularly for the benefit of fishermen venturing into high seas. Information should be such that the fishermen are forewarned about the storms in the ocean, and not after fishing boats had left the shore.

Those who participated in the inaugural function of the conference included Harsh K Gupta, secretary, Department of Ocean Development, S C Gupta, president of Systems Society of India and former director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, N Seshagiri, former director-general of National Informatics Centre, P S Goel, director of Isro satellite centre, K Radhakrishnan, director, INCOIS, and S Dasgupta.

Two-day conference will dwell upon demonstrated applications such as potential fishing zone advisories where benefits of science and technology are reaching the common man. The main theme of the conference is, Ocean observing systems and services which address the satellite based and in-situ ocean observing systems for understanding the structure and dynamics of the ocean and its impact on humanity. About 100 delegates are participating in the conference.

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