

Oil-spill trajectory forecast soon

ONGC to ink pact with INCOIS to take its advice in the event of an oil spill

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HYDERABAD: To mitigate hazards and mount a quicker search and rescue response, the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) will develop oil spill trajectory modelling within six months to a year.

This was disclosed to reporters here on Monday by INCOIS Director S.C.C. Shenoi after an interactive meeting with users, including

Indian Navy, Coast Guard, oil industry, maritime boards and others. INCOIS already had expertise in developing forecasts on winds, currents and wave heights and would be working on trajectory modelling for oil spill, he added.

The request to develop the modelling came from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd and other users. J.S.Sharma, Deputy General Manager (Chem), corporate health,

safety and environment, said the ONGC would enter into an MoU with INCOIS to take its advice in the event of an oil spill. G.P. Raj, DIG Indian Coast Guard (East), Chennai, said they had also requested INCOIS to develop an oil spill trajectory modelling and would soon conduct a simulated project along with a search and rescue team.

'Green power'

In view of the need to ex-

plot "green power" in the wake of global warming and its effect on climate, INCOIS was developing a high-resolution wind atlas for the coastal areas in the country to tap wind energy. Places along the coast of Gujarat, Maharashtra and South of Tamil Nadu have been identified as having high potential. However, other studies needed to be taken up before any investments were made to deploy offshore wind farms.