

# AU pact on earth, ocean sciences

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Visakhapatnam, March 26: Andhra University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, here on Monday.

Both the institutions have agreed to sign the MoU related to training and research in selected and advanced thrust areas with special reference to earth and ocean sciences.

They will also take up joint research and development programmes, spatial and temporal data generation, collation, processing and dissemination, technology management.

AU registrar, Prof. P. Vijay Prakash and INCOIS director Shailesh Nayak signed the MoU. AU vice-chancellor Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy was present.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Venugopal Reddy said that the AU has the unique distinction of fostering almost all the disciplines of ocean and coastal sciences and has carried out pioneering research in ocean sciences.

"This is one of the rare universities which has gained expertise to address any complex problem associated with ocean sciences using multidisciplinary approach," said Prof Venugopal Reddy.

The INCOIS has the expertise and experience in the ocean information systems and its allied fields and has acquired the state-of-the-art facilities that can be handy not only to manage and monitor the coastal resources but also to forecast extreme events like tsunami and other such storm surges.