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INCOIS to simulate earthquakes

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The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, will be simulating two earthquakes, one at the Nicobar Islands on October 4 and another off the coast of Iran on October 11 under the 'IOWave23' exercise as part of the mock drill to test for tsunami disaster on both the east and west coasts.

Director T. Srinivasa Kumar informed on Wednesday that regular exercises are important for maintaining readiness of various stakeholders from the government to community level for the 'real' events since tsunamis require rapid response.

Mock exercise

The mock exercise will provide an opportunity for disaster management organisations to test their operational lines of communication, review their tsunami warnings including from those occurring due to landslips and volcanos and emergency response standard operating procedures, and promote emergency preparedness, he said. Mr. Srinivasa Kumar was addressing participants at the inauguration of the two-day pre-IO-Wave23 workshop on 'Tsunami Standard Operating Procedure' which began at INCOIS in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority.

INCOIS Group Director T.M. Balakrishnan Nair said not a single false alarm had been issued since the tsunami warning centre was set up in 2007 here.