

World Ocean Day celebrated at NIO Goa; Union Minister of State Shripad Naik calls for collective action to protect oceans

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The CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Goa, celebrated World Ocean Day 2026 at its auditorium today, with a focus on the critical role oceans play in sustaining life on the Earth through climate regulation, biodiversity conservation and support to livelihoods.



Addressing the audience at the event, Union Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Naik, who attended the program as the chief guest, said the theme of World Ocean Day serves as a reminder that oceans are not merely vast water bodies surrounding land but the very foundation of life on Earth.



Talking about the rapid changes the oceans are undergoing due to climate change, ocean warming, sea-level rise, deoxygenation, marine pollution and ocean acidification, the minister said that those challenges have a direct impact on coastal communities, fisheries, coral reefs, mangroves and marine biodiversity. "Addressing these challenges requires robust scientific understanding, long-term observations, advanced technologies and innovative solutions. Institutions such as CSIR-NIO are at the forefront of this effort," he said.

Calling for collective action to tackle the challenges, the minister urged citizens to contribute towards reducing marine pollution, protecting coastal habitats, conserving biodiversity, promoting sustainable fisheries and strengthening climate resilience. "Every citizen has a role to play in safeguarding our oceans for future generations," he said.



At the event, the minister also distributed prizes and certificates to winners of competitions organised by the institute as part of the World Ocean Day celebrations. Earlier, NIO Director Prof Sunil Kumar Singh welcomed the gathering and spoke about the institute's ongoing efforts in advancing ocean science and research.

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