



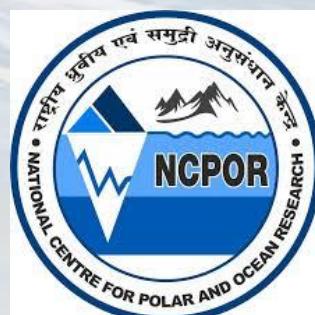
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World Ocean Science Congress - 2026

23 - 26 February 2026

at
CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography,
Dona Paula – 403 004,
Goa, India

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About CSIR-NIO

CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Goa, founded in 1966 as a constituent unit of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, is India's premier research institution with an exclusive mandate for ocean science and technology. Headquartered at Dona Paula, Goa, with regional centers at Kochi, Mumbai, and Visakhapatnam. The major research areas include the four traditional branches of oceanography - biological, chemical, geological/geophysical, and physical – as well as ocean engineering, marine instrumentation and marine archaeology.



About Goa University

Goa University, founded in 1985, is the state's top institution of higher learning. The university provides graduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses in various disciplines such as sciences, social sciences, humanities, commerce, and management. It is accredited for its research work in fields like marine sciences, environmental science, and regional cultural heritage. The university is dedicated to academic excellence, innovation, and outreach, developing human resources and contributing to the socio-economic and cultural growth of the region.



About NCPOR

National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa is India's premier R&D facility under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, which is committed to polar sciences, cryospheric studies, and ocean studies. Established in 2000, the center serves as the nodal agency for hosting India's polar expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic, and for maintaining the country's research stations such as Maitri, Bharati, and Himadri. NCPOR also carries out cutting-edge studies on Southern Ocean dynamics, Himalayan glacier, coast processes, and geoscientific exploration of the oceans, which is a significant step in making India's contribution to climate and oceanographic research globally.



About Vibha

Vijnana Bharati (Vibha) is a national science movement in India, rooted in the swadeshi spirit, aiming to address India's unique developmental challenges through rapid scientific and technological progress aligned with its heritage. It originated from the Swadeshi Science Movement at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, under Prof. K. I. Vasu, and was formally launched at the 1991 Nagpur meet. Today, Vibha has units in 22 states, contacts in 4 more, and works across 11 different areas through autonomous institutions, independent organizations, and project initiatives..



World Ocean Science Congress (WOSC)

WOSC is Vijnana Bharati's flagship programme in the Ocean Sector, held once every 2 years, the WOSC is designed to provide a common platform to all stakeholders of the ocean sector to meet, discuss and address common problems and priorities that need urgent attention.

For a maritime Nation like India, the WOSC holds immense potential as it is the one and only activity that attempts to bring together institutions, agencies and associations involved in shipping, fishing, mariculture, oil & natural gas exploration, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem management, legal & geopolitical systems etc., to discuss and resolve overlapping contemporary issues and problems most of which need holistic interventions.

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The ocean is the lifeblood of our planet, covering over 70% of the Earth's surface and playing a vital role in sustaining life. It regulates our climate, produces over half of the world's oxygen, and supports a vast web of biodiversity. Beyond its ecological significance, the ocean is a cornerstone of the global economy, providing food, jobs, and transportation for billions of people. As we confront the challenges of climate change, pollution, and overexploitation, the need to protect and sustainably manage our oceans has never been more urgent. This conference expects to bring around 1000 delegates together (students, experts, advocates and decision-makers) to inspire action and foster solutions for a healthier, more resilient ocean.

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Conference Structure

The conference will include Plenary Lectures, Invited Talks, Oral and Poster presentations, Round Table and Town-Hall Discussions on relevant topics, fishers meet, Exhibitions, Competitions for Students, Short Workshops and Field visits.

Call for Proposals

Proposals are invited from Colleagues, Institutions, Universities, Societies, Industries and stakeholders to organize sessions under the following themes.

- ❖ Food from the Ocean (Living Resources)
- ❖ Ocean Health (Biogeochemistry and Pollution)
- ❖ Marine Hazards (Cyclones, Tsunami, Sea level, Erosion, Heatwaves and Saltwater Intrusion)
- ❖ Earth's Past from the Ocean (Paleoclimate and Paleoceanography)
- ❖ Maritime Trade and Industry (Shipping, Ports and Infrastructure)
- ❖ Socio-Economics of Oceans
- ❖ Ocean-Based Start-up and Technology
- ❖ Minerals from the Ocean (Non-living Resources)
- ❖ Oceans and Climate (Land-Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction)
- ❖ Ocean in Motion (Winds, Waves, Tides, Currents, Water Masses and Energy)
- ❖ Advanced tools in Oceanography (In situ observations, Remote Sensing, Modelling and AI-ML)
- ❖ Human Heritage and Oceans (Marine Archaeology)
- ❖ Ocean Literacy and Education
- ❖ Maritime Security, Surveillance and Ocean Governance (Local to Global)

Session proposals are not limited to the above topics

Proposals for ocean-related short workshops are also invited

Who Should Attend



Students



Academicians



Fisher folks



Stakeholders from States



Researchers



Maritime Professionals and Industrialists



Policy-makers



Navy and Coast Guard

Important Dates

Session/Workshop Proposals Open
15th Aug 2025

Registration Opens
15th September 2025

Session/Workshop Proposals Close
10th October 2025

Intimation of Selected Sessions
14th October 2025

Abstracts Open
15th October 2025

Abstracts Close
15th November 2025

Registration Closes
31st December 2025

Intimation of Selected Abstracts
30th November 2025

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WOSC-2026 will host over 1000 researchers from across the world, bringing together scientists, engineers, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss advancements in ocean science and technology. We invite industry partners, organizations, and stakeholders to sponsor the event, offering multiple sponsorship levels with various benefits and recognition. This is a great opportunity to showcase expertise, products, and services to a targeted audience of marine scientists and professionals. Sponsors can also network with industry leaders and foster new collaborations. Your support is crucial to the success of WOSC-2026 and the advancement of sustainable ocean management. For further details, please get in touch with the Organizers at wosc2026@gmail.com with the subject 'WOSC-2026 Sponsorship/Exhibition'.

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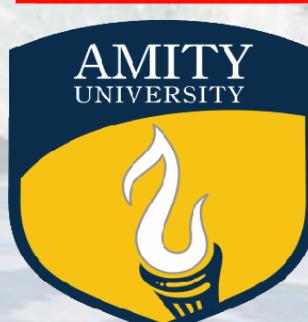
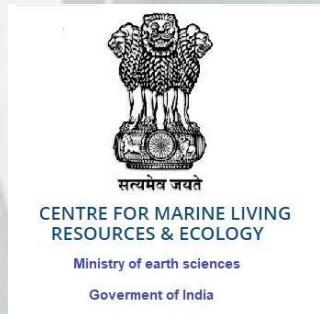
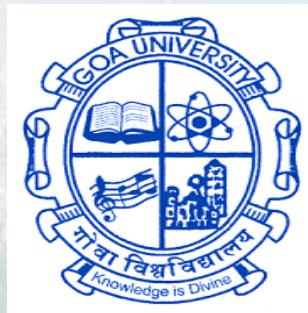
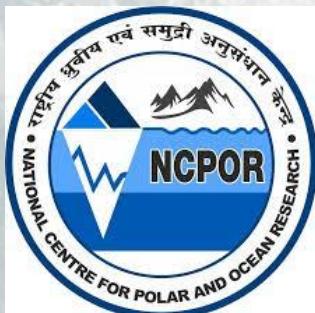
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