India, US meet in Goa for the good of Planet Earth

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The three-day India-USA Colloquium: Earth Observations and Sciences for Society and Economy, began at National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO) at Dona Paula on Monday with a positive note wherein India and United States expressed to work in co-operation, exchanging valuable data and findings and help each other in research activities to shape the future of ocean and earth sciences, not only between the two countries but for the betterment of all the nations on Planet Earth. The colloquium is in association with Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Leaders of India’s Ministry of Earth Sciences will host leaders of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for three days in Goa, from June 11-13 for this colloquium to strengthen and deepen the nations’ collaboration on earth and ocean observations for climate and weather prediction and cutting edge science designed to boost the economies of both nations.

It was a decade ago that such a colloquium was held, in 2008, and this colloquium is to celebrate the 10 years of successful results. Stating that India has come a long way in studying ocean currents and their effects on weather on earth and lauding the efforts taken by India as well as USA in this mission, Dr Madhavan Nair Rajeevan, secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, India humorously commented, “People believe our weather forecast now.” Rajeevan further informed, “The data collected through this joint mission would be made available to the public and the world, and anyone who wants to access it can download it from our website.”

Edward Kagan, US Consul General to Mumbai hoped that, “Making better use of the long coastlines, both India and America are taking the next step where in information would be copied and made available to public in both the countries which would help Indians and Americans to be better informed about the changes that are happening in our world.”

Ronald H Brown, anchored at Mormugao Port Trust. Narayan Pissurenkar

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At 274 feet, Ronald H Brown is the largest vessel in NOAA’s fleet

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