

## **Exchange of Letters between IOC-UNESCO and the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India**

The establishment of the **Decade Collaborative Centre for the Indian Ocean Region (DCC-IOR)** was formalized through an **exchange of official letters** between the **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO** and the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India**.

This exchange signifies:

- Mutual commitment to the objectives of the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)**
- Formal endorsement of **INCOIS** as the host institution for **DCC-IOR**
- Strengthened coordination between **national, regional, and global Ocean Decade governance mechanisms**

The letters mark an important milestone in advancing collaborative ocean science, capacity development, and coordinated delivery of Ocean Decade Actions across the **Indian Ocean Region**.