



International Seabed Authority's 8th Annual Contractors Meeting 2025

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India hosted the **8th Annual Contractors' Meeting of the ISA** at [CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography](#), Goa bringing global experts together to discuss [deep-sea exploration](#).

- **The meeting also emphasizes sustainable resource management, in line with India's [Deep Ocean Mission](#) and the "common heritage of mankind" vision.**
- **The meeting highlighted India's pioneering role in international seabed exploration.** India was the first country to receive an area for [polymetallic nodule \(PMN\)](#) exploration in international waters and was designated as a **"Pioneer Investor."**
 - With two [Polymetallic Sulphides \(PMS\)](#) contracts with the ISA, one in the **Central Indian Ridge & Southwest Indian Ridge** and another in the **Carlsberg Ridge** of the **Indian Ocean**. India now holds the **largest exploration area for PMS** in the international seabed.

International Seabed Authority (ISA)

- The **ISA**, headquartered in **Kingston, Jamaica**, is an autonomous organization established under the **1982 [UN Convention on the Law of the Sea \(UNCLOS\)](#)** and the **1994 Implementation Agreement**.
- It regulates all **mineral-resource activities in the international seabed** for the benefit of humanity, with **170 member states, including India**.

Read more: [30th anniversary of ISA](#)

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