



## **\*Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Felicitates Deep Ocean Mission Scientists and Researchers\***

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In a tribute to India's growing prowess in marine science and blue economy, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) hosted a series of commemorative events for researchers and scientists of the Deep Ocean Mission, who attended the Republic Day celebrations as Special Guests of the Government of India.

### **Felicitations at Tamil Nadu House**

On the evening of January 27, Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary to the Ministry of Earth Sciences, felicitated the visiting scientists during a special ceremony held at Tamil Nadu House. The event served as a platform to recognize the pivotal role these researchers play in exploring the country's vast oceanic resources.

Following the ceremony, Dr. Ravichandran hosted a formal dinner for the guests, fostering a spirit of collaboration and appreciation for the scientific community.

### **Highlights of the Special Programme**

The invitation of the Deep Ocean Mission scientists reflects the government's "Jan Bhagidari" vision, bringing frontline researchers to the heart of national celebrations. The Ministry organized a comprehensive itinerary for the guests, including:

- \* Honourable Minister's Reception: On January 26, a celebratory lunch was hosted by the Honourable Minister of Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, providing guests an opportunity to interact directly with leadership.

- \* Cultural & Historic Visits: As part of the outreach program, the scientists visited the historic city of Agra, further enriching their experience of India's heritage.

- \* Republic Day Parade: The scientists were accorded a place of honor at the Republic Day Parade, witnessing the nation's military and cultural strength at Kartavya Path.

The Deep Ocean Mission is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at exploring the deep ocean for resources and developing deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.

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