

## **WORLD OCEANS DAY CELEBRATION AT NIOT – 2018**

Every year, 8 June, World Oceans Day provides a unique opportunity to celebrate, protect, and conserve our oceans, and this year the theme is "Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean".

MTS India Section along with National Institute of Ocean Technology and National Centre for Coastal Research under Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India celebrated the World Oceans Day on 08 June 2018 at NIOT. 220 School children's and 40 teachers from 20 schools were participated in this World Oceans Day Celebration.

Dr. R. Ramesh, Director, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management was the chief guest for the event. Dr. M. A. Atmanand, Director NIOT, provided the welcome address, Dr. M. V. Ramanamurthy, Director NCCR gave the introductory remarks and Dr. R. Venkatesan, Chairman, MTS India Section and Scientist G, Head – Ocean Observation Systems delivered the vote of thanks. Following the World Ocean Day event, the school children had a visit to NIOT facilities organised by MTS India Section.



### **CHIEF GUEST INAUGURATING THE PROJECT ON MARINE LITTER**

**Dr.R.Ramesh Inaugurated the project on marine litter and provided Chief Guest provided a thought provoking lecture on "Our coasts and oceans - #beatplastic pollution".**



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