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Heatwave has become a common phenomenon these days and it can happen anywhere, said ministry of earth sciences (MoES) secretary M Rajeevan in Kochi on Wednesday.

“Earlier, it was thought that heatwaves happen only in north India but that has been changing for some years now,” he said. He said state governments had to issue appropriate warnings and ask people to take care. Even the season forecast by the Indian meteorological department has pointed out that there would be an increase in temperatures and it would be above normal.

“Kerala is also experiencing heatwave conditions. On a single day, there will be a sudden increase in temperature to 3-4 degrees celsius. This is part of global warming and aerial variability of climate,” Rajeevan said. Earlier, inaugurating the three-day international conference on Marine Benthos ‘ICB 2019’ organized by the department of marine biology, microbiology and biochemistry, Cochin university of science and technology, he said that there was also a great concern about plastic pollution in oceans.

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Rajeevan said the marine environment was under threat from climate change, pollution and mindless fishing. About 8.8% million tonnes of plastic end up in our oceans every year and constitute 80% of marine debris that reach the sea bed from surface waters. Remaining 20% originate from catastrophic events or maritime sources.

Plastic trash ends up in all oceans, and Asia is a leading source of mismanaged plastic waste, with China alone accounting for 2.4 million metric tonnes. He said that an international training centre for marine taxonomy would be established in Kochi under the centre for marine living resources & ecology (CMLRE) as part of human resource development and augment capacity building in the country. Kerala state higher education council vice-chairman Rajan Gurukkal said: "Convergence of disciplines should be the aim. Curiosity being the basis of research, researchers should introspect were they lost it and try to sustain the spirit of research"

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