NEW DELHI: Prof VN Rajasekharan Pillai, VC, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNQU) has called upon all distance learners' community and institutions viz. State Open Universities, Distance Education Institutions (DEIs/CCIs) to come forward and contribute on the theme of the forth coming International Conference on Digital Libraries (ICDL).

IGNOU has agreed to be the partner with the organiser TERI and co-host the "International Conference on

D i g i t a l Libraries" and organize its event — "Tutorials and Workshop". The third International Conference on Digital Libraries (ICDL) is being

organised during February 23-26 2010 which is

also a silver jubilee year of IGNOU establishment. The theme of the conference is "Shaping the Information Paradigm".

Prof Pillai, the Co-Chairperson of the conference. He announced that certain number of participants shall be nominated by IGNOU in the conference as delegates of ODL system without registration fees.

IGNOU partnership in organising ICDL 2010 shall provide opportunity to extend global best practices of the theme to strengthen its arena of ICT, web based methodologies, and digi-

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talisation for providing seamless access to all, including hitherto un-reached by the development of a national resource centre as a proactive role model for high quality and learner-centric open and distance learning system and this shall increase presence and impact in international ODL institutions.

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Special conference sessions and tutorials shall be devoted on the theme related aspects to the technologies applicable in open and distance education system.

> Apart from other covered aspects, this conference has special focus on w e b - b a s e d methodologies in teaching and learning, academic programmes, information services, multi-media content, m

learning, open archive initiatives & open educational resources, e-learning and eresource management, and virtual support to distance learners.

Digital Libraries are emerging as a crucial component of global information infrastructure and bring the physical library and information resources to the users in digital form. These adapt the latest ICT tools and techniques to promote an organisation structure that encourage communication between researchers across nations to transcend disciplinary boundaries.

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