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Scientists to research on seismic studies

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HYDERABAD: Director of International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), based in Italy, K.R. Sreenivasan has said that the institute has formed a network of scientists from the Middle East and South Asian countries to carry out research on seismic activity in these countries.

Dr. Sreenivasan, who is the first Indian Director of the prestigious institution founded by Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam of Pakistan in 1964, told reporters here on Monday that the network, comprising scientists from India, Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia and Indonesia, would jointly take up studies on seismic activity.

The first meeting of the new network would be held in November, Dr. Sreenivasan said, adding that scientists hailing from the countries, which were prone to earthquakes, would develop a common programme to measure geo-seismic activity and come out with measures to

Quake-prone countries to develop common plan to measure geo-seismic activity, says ICTP Director

respond to calamities.

The ICTP Director said that his institution was established to foster the growth of advanced studies and research in physics and mathematics, especially among researchers from developing countries.

Access to students

Dr. Sreenivasan said the centre sponsored a number of initiatives to provide research and training opportunities in physical sciences.

He said as ICTP Director, he was exploring the possibility of providing access to university students to pursue research in his centre. B.M. Birla Science Centre Director-General B.G. Siddharth was present.