

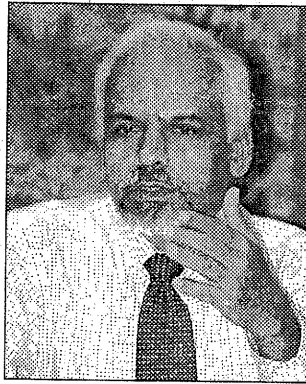
## Network of scientists to study quakes planned

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**T**HE Italy-based Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) will form a network of scientists from Iran to Indonesia to study the formation of earthquakes and build capacities to respond to calamities caused by them, ICTP director KR Sreenivasan said today.

Sreenivasan, who was here in connection with a collaborative programme with the University of Hyderabad (UoH), said that the network would have scientists from the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) and the National Aeronautics Laboratory (NAL).

The first meeting of the newly-formed network of scientists would be held in Italy next month.



**KR Sreenivasan**

The primary task of the network covering Pakistan, Nepal and Malaysia among other countries, was to record the seismic activity and build capacities to respond to calamities.

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"We are in consultation with the University of Hyderabad to set up a Centre in India to increase quality of education in universities and to empower people over science and technology," he said adding that the Centre was also planning to convene a meeting of scientists from developing countries on 'Earth Science' in November. BM Birla Science centre director BG Sidarth was also present.