

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and the Energy and Resources Institute have organized the International Conference on Digital Libraries recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the country has been benefited by the said Conference; and
- (d) the details of the decisions of the said conference so far implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : As per information provided by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University and TERI have organised the International Conference on Digital Libraries during 23rd - 26th February, 2010 with the objective to provide a platform for interaction among experts, researchers, academics and students on the issue of bridging the digital divide through knowledge sharing. The Conference provided vision to the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled education, including web-based methodologies, etc. for furtherance of the objectives of Distance Learning. One of the major recommendations of the Conference was to strengthen ICT infrastructure under which already 8,500 colleges have been given the broadband connectivity.