600 Public Libraries to Become ‘Model’ Ones

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Puducherry: Dr H K Kaul, director of DELNET (Developing Library Network), has said the National Mission on Libraries had planned to develop 600 existing public libraries across the country into model libraries, based on the suggestions by the National Knowledge Commission (NKC).

Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India, would inaugurate the 17th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NAACLIN 2014), which is being jointly organised by DELNET - New Delhi and the French Institute of Pondicherry from December 9-11 in the Union Territory.

The theme of the convention is “From Building Collections to Making Connections: Transforming Libraries in the Knowledge Era”. Kaul said that at present, libraries were at the crossroads of development and facing tough competition from online information agencies and centres of learning. “Librarians need to adopt new technologies, digitise the existing collections and have access to quality resources which are scattered in different libraries, archives and knowledge centres in the world.”