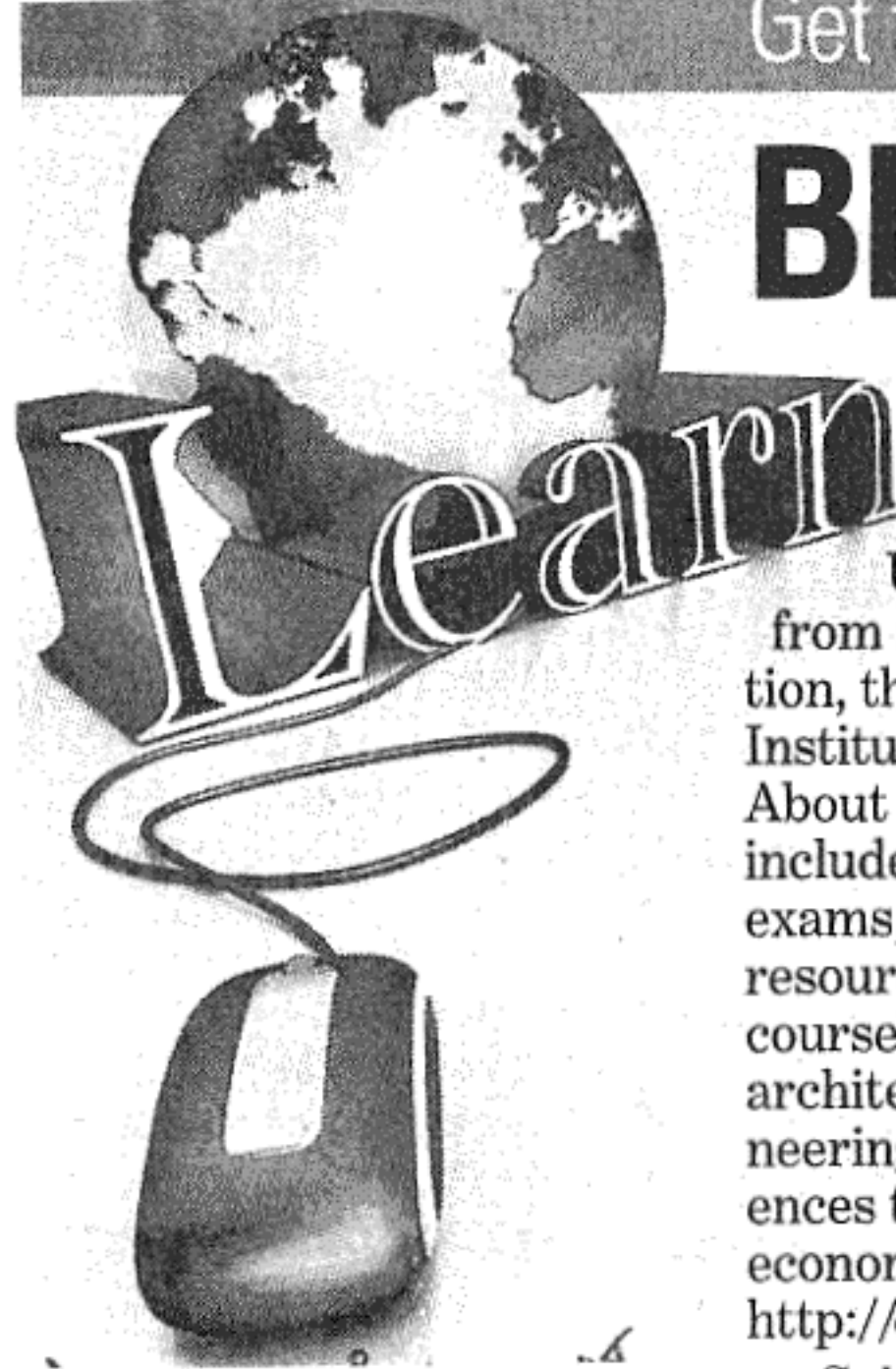


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Science and Culture, New Delhi.

This announcement was made in response to the UN declaration of February first week as "Know Your Neighbours". On this occasion a short-term language programme was inaugurated by VN Rajashekharan Pillai, vice chancellor, IGNOU at the university campus. While inaugurating the programme, Prof Pillai said that the proposal to launch this programme shall be placed at the forthcoming academic council meeting of IGNOU as one of the items. Moreover, the Regional Centres of IGNOU may collaborate with the Russian Centre counterparts.

Prof. G. Chaudhuri, Director, School of Foreign Languages, IGNOU announced that this two months Russian language and Culture programme classes — twice a week on Fridays and Tuesdays — will be held on the campus.

## New Russian language course

Indira Gandhi National Open University's (IGNOU's) School of Foreign Languages plans to soon start a Russian language and culture programme in association with the Russian Centre of

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