

Tata opens IISc digital library



Tata group chairman Ratan N Tata seen with IISc Director J Padmanabhan and J J Bhabha of IISc at the inauguration of Digital Library at IISc Campus in Bangalore on Thursday.—Express.

Bangalore, March 12: Tata group of companies chairman Ratan Tata inaugurated the digital library at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) here on Thursday.

The library is being set up at the Supercomputer Education and Research Centre (SERC) at the IISc in collaboration with the Tatas and the IBM. The Tatas has sponsored the new building housing the library at a cost of Rs 1 crore, while all the necessary software packages were provided by the IBM.

The digital library has a Digital Information Services Centre (DISC) to host a collection of CD-ROMs of chemical abstracts, current contents, science

citation index, full text of journal articles, collection of Indian music, etc.

All the information produced from the institute such as doctoral thesis, journal papers and project reports will now originate in digital form and would be easily amenable for digital dissemination.

IBM's digital library software are used in some of the world's best libraries including the Vatican library is being employed for handling of the voluminous information. The software was donated by the Tata-IBM Ltd.

The software would also store and disseminate multimedia information such as pictu-

res and sound mainly of the various conferences conducted by the institute from time to time.

The library would also include some of the education on demand services to make quality education available to students anywhere, anytime. The library also planned to scan many of the country's heritage documents for the database aimed at preserving and disseminating our culture.

With the creation of the proposed National Information Infrastructure, the digital library is expected to be accessible from every nook and corner of the nation and become a national asset. • EEB