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**Open Journals System : an  
INFLIBNET initiative**

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## From the Director's Desk



The INFLIBNET has created a niche for itself not only amongst LIS community but also as an ICT-enabled institution contributing to spread of knowledge through ICT. I am happy to inform the professionals that the Centre was awarded "Jury Choice e-INDIA Award 2010" in the category "Digital Learning through ICT in Higher Education Institute" for

the Year 2010 for its project entitled "National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)". Out of 464 nominations for awards in various categories, 444 nominations were selected. There were 20 nominations under the category "Digital Learning through ICT in Higher Education Institute" for the year 2010. The award was presented to Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director and Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D from INFLIBNET Centre during "e-India conference 2010 by Ms. Agatha Sangma, Honourable Minister of State for Rural Development, Government of India. I am happy to share that the INFLIBNET Centre has also been short-listed as one of the finalists for "Manthan South Asia Award 2010".

With these recognitions, the highly competent scientific and technical staff of the Centre is looking forward to cross many more milestones and achieve laurels and accolades in its continuing voyage with support from the entire higher education community.

Yet another Project that is growing by leaps and bounds is Shodhganga. The Centre has already signed more than 5 MoUs with various universities in India and several other universities are ready to sign-up the MoU with INFLIBNET Centre for implementation of ETDs in their universities. Total number of theses available in Shodhganga has already crossed 700. It is reliably learnt that the UGC has allocated a sizeable amount of funds for growth and development of Shodhganga project. The funds would be available not only to the INFLIBNET Centre but also to the universities with an aim to encourage them to participate in this noble project.

The Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre had constituted Research Area Panels (RAP) on its existing programmes as well as on new initiatives of the Centre. Both the panels met during the two quarters under report. The ongoing activities, new initiatives and accomplishments of the Centre were presented to the Members of the two panels. The members took note of a large number of programmes and projects that the Centre has undertaken and accomplished with finesse. Prof. S K Khanna, Chairman, Governing Board of the

INFLIBNET Centre commented that "it is the first time in the history of INFLIBNET Centre that the Centre has demonstrated its ability to accomplish its assigned objectives and task with distinction and is getting support from the user's community as well as from the authorities in UGC". The scientific & technical staff of the Centre is highly motivated with such flattering comments from the Chairman of the Governing Board.

Yet another distinction that the Centre received was nomination of one of its scientists, namely Shri Rajesh Chandrakar as Member of FRBR Review Group. Shri Rajesh Chandrakar is the first Indian to participate in the FRBR Review Group. As a member of the FRBR Review Group, he attended the 76<sup>th</sup> IFLA Conference held in Gothenburg, Sweden from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

The Centre has intensified its efforts on development of Human Resource in LIS through training programmes and awareness programmes. During the two quarters under report, five IRTPLA programmes were organised in different parts of the country in collaboration with different universities. Likewise; N-LIST User Awareness programmes were conducted in three universities across the country. Several informal lectures were also delivered by staff of the Centre in various universities and colleges. With these efforts, the number of colleges enrolled under the N-LIST Programme has grown from about 650 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year to around 900 during the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with tireless efforts by the Centre's Staff.

I would like to acknowledge the guidance given by the Members of our Governing Council and Governing Board during the meetings of the INFLIBNET Council and Governing Board. Their directives and guidelines have helped us a lot in our accomplishments. While thanking our existing members of the Governing Board and Council, I take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Governing Board namely: Prof. JP Gupta, Vice-Chancellor of JP Institute of Information Technology University, Noida and Dr. P Prakash, Additional Secretary, UGC to the Governing Board of the Centre.

The Newsletter, since past several issues, is carrying a feature article on one of the topics on cutting-edge technology. This issue carries an article on "Open Journals System: an INFLIBNET initiative" by Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist-B (LS) and the undersigned. I am sure, you will enjoy reading this article and spread open access movement in your respective institutions.



(Jagdish Arora)

# eINDIA 2010 Jury Choice Award to N-LIST Project

The N-LIST (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content) Project jointly executed by the INFLIBNET Centre and IIT Delhi was awarded "Jury Choice Award e-INDIA 2010" in the category of "Digital Learning : ICT Enabled University/Higher Education Institute of the Year" for the Year 2010. Out of 464 nominations for awards in various categories, 444 nominations were selected. There were 20 nominations under the "Digital Learning through ICT in Higher Education Institute" for the year 2010. Ms. Agatha Sangma, Honorable Minister of State for Rural Development, Govt. of India presented the award to Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director and Sh. Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre at Hyderabad on 5th August 2010.



**Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director and Sh. Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre receiving eINDIA 2010 Jury Choice Award from the Ms. Agatha Sangma, Honorable Minister of State for Rural Development, Govt. of India**

The N-LIST project is funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), under its National Mission on Education through ICT, and is being jointly executed by the INFLIBNET Centre and IIT Delhi. The project provides for i) cross-subscription to e-resources subscribed by the two Consortia, i.e. subscription to INDEST-AICTE resources for universities and UGC-INFONET resources for technical institutions; and ii) subscription to selected electronic journals and electronic books for colleges. While the IIT Delhi is responsible for activity listed at (i) above, the INFLIBNET

Centre is responsible for extending access to e-resources to colleges. The Centre is also responsible for developing and deploying appropriate software tools and techniques for authenticating authorized users.

Under the project, individuals (including students, researchers and faculty) from colleges and other beneficiary institutions have access to more than 2,100 electronic journals, 51,000 electronic books and a bibliographic database called MathSciNet through a proxy server installed at the INFLIBNET Centre. The authorized users from colleges can access e-resources and download articles required by them directly from the publisher's website once they are duly authenticated using technologies deployed for this

purpose at the INFLIBNET Centre.

The Project was formally launched by Honourable Union Minister of Human Resource Development Shri Kapil Sibal at New Delhi on 4th May 2010. As on September 30, 2010, a total number of 1399 colleges have registered themselves with the N-LIST programme including 887 colleges covered under the 12B and 2F Sections of the UGC Act. Log-in IDs and passwords for accessing e-resources have

been sent to these 887 colleges after obtaining list of authorized users from them. Remaining colleges are being advised to join the initiative as N-LIST Associates. All e-resources subscribed for colleges under the N-LIST Programme are now accessible to these 887 colleges through the N-LIST Website at <http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in>. **IN**

# R & D Panels Meetings

The Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre has constituted two R & D Panels, i.e. i) on New Initiatives of the Centre; and ii) on Existing Programmes. The aim of constituting the Panels is to review the progress of the existing programmes and implementations of the new initiatives and to explore possibilities of taking up new initiatives. The first meeting of the two Panels were held at Ahmedbad on 7th June and 6th August 2010, respectively.

## R & D Panel on New Initiatives, Ahmedabad, June 7, 2010

The first meeting of the R&D Panel on New Initiatives of the INFLIBNET Centre was held on 7th June 2010 at the Fortune Landmark, Ahmedabad. The Committee consisted of following members:

Prof. S K Khanna, Chairman, GB, INFLIBNET Centre	Chairman
Prof. J P Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, JIITU Noida	Member
Shri Satish Ahuja, Under Secretary, UGC, New Delhi	UGC Representative
Dr. A R D Prasad Associate Professor, DRTC, ISI Bangalore	Member
Dr. A. Aruna, Scientist F, TIC Library, GTRE Bangalore	Member
Dr. Usha Munshi, Chief Librarian, IIPA, New Delhi	Member

Prof. Karmeshu, Computer System Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Member
Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre	Member

Dr. Jagdish Arora welcomed the members to the first meeting of the R & D Panel of New Initiatives of the INFLIBNET Centre. Dr. Arora made a brief presentation on the new initiatives being taken up by the Centre and introduced team members involved in these initiatives. The following presentations were made on the new initiatives of the Centre to the members of the Panel:

India Electronic Theses and Dissertations (IETD)	Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D
National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)	Shri Ashok K. Rai, Scientist-D
Shibboleth-based Access Management Technology	Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist-C
New User's Interface to INFLIBNET's Union Catalogues using Lucene Search Engine and Solr	Shri Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-B
Open Journals System @ INFLIBNET Centre	Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist-B
UGC-INFONET 2.0	Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D



R & D Panel Members during the Meeting, Prof. S K Khanna, Dr. Jagdish Arora, Prof. Karmeshu, Dr. Usha Munshi (Right to Left)

Prof. Khanna, Chairman, Governing Board and Chairman of the R&D Panel stated that it is the first time in the history of INFLIBNET Centre that the Centre has demonstrated its ability to deliver products and services in an efficient manner. Prof. Khanna stated that although the initiatives are not yet fully operational, but they are good and timely taken initiatives.

#### **R & D Panel on Existing Programmes, Ahmedabad, August 6, 2010**

The meeting of the R&D Panel on Existing Programmes of the INFLIBNET Centre was held on 6th August 2010 at Hotel Kanak, Ahmedabad. The Panel consisted of the following members:

Dr. Harsha Parekh, former Professor, SNDT University, Mumbai	Chairperson
Dr. Usha Munshi, Chief Librarian, IIPA, New Delhi	Member
Dr. A R D Prasad, Professor, DRTC, Bangalore	Member
Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, University of Mumbai, Mumbai	Member
Prof. R S R Varalakshmi, HoD, DLIS, Andhra University, Vizag	Member
Dr. Pawan Kumar Gupta, Director Incharge, Rajasthan University, Jaipur	Member
Director Incharge, Rajasthan University, Jaipur	Member
Dr. T S Kumbar, Librarian, DAICT, Gandhinagar	Member
Dr. H Anil Kumar, Librarian, IIM, Ahmedabad	Member
Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Librarian, JIITU, Noida	Member
Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre	Member Secretary

Prof. S K Khanna, Chairman, Governing Board, INFLIBNET, Prof. J P Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, J P Institute of Information Technological University, Noida and Dr. P Prakash, AddL.Secretary & Director (Admn.), UGC could not attend the meeting because of their prior commitments. In the absence of Prof. Khanna, Prof. Harsha Parikh was requested to Chair the Panel.

Dr. Jagdish Arora welcomed the members to the first meeting of the R & D Panel on Existing Programmes of the INFLIBNET Centre. Dr. Arora stated that the Centre will not only showcase the progress made by the Centre in the Existing Programmes but would also like to get the opinions of the expert panelists about additional

dimensions that can be given to the existing programmes, in light of the changing scenario in library and information centres. Dr. Arora made a brief presentation on the new initiatives that are taken up by the Centre followed by a brief presentation on the existing programmes. He introduced the team members involved in execution and implementation of the existing programmes and requested his team members to make presentations on their respective initiatives. The following six presentations were made to the members of R & D Panel on Existing Programmes.



**Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre with R&D Panel Members and INFLIBNET Scientific Staff**

Database Management: Union Catalogues: Books, Serials and Theses	Ms. Vaishali Shah, STO Shri Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-B Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist-B
Software Development: SOUL 2.0	Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist-C
UGC-Infonet Connectivity Programme	Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D
UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium	Shri Ashok K. Rai, Scientist-D
Web services at the INFLIBNET Centre	Shri Ashok K. Rai, Scientist-D
Human Resource Development Programmes	Shri H.G. Hosamani, Scientist-B
Expert Database and Project Database	Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist-B
Bibliographic Standards and Protocols	Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist-B

The members discussed and deliberated on each of the existing programmes and sought clarifications about them. Prof. Harsha Parikh, the Chair of the Panel while concluding the meeting stated that the INFLIBNET Centre has demonstrated its ability not only to continue its existing programmes but also to take up additional programmes and executed them successfully with a severe limitations in terms of manpower and physical infrastructure available. The Centre has indeed done a commendable job in executing its existing as well as the new programmes. All panelists applauded the efforts made by the Scientists at the INFLIBNET Centre under the leadership of its Director. **IN**

## Indian ETD Re-christened as "Shodhganga"

The R & D Panel, constituted to review the new initiatives of the INFLIBNET Centre, in its first Meeting, held on 7th June 2010, recommended that a new, unique and generic name should be coined for iETD (Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations) that should be easy to pronounce and have greater pneumatic value. Besides, the new name should also reflect Indian philosophy and culture. Accordingly, INFLIBNET Centre invited its staff and panel members to suggest a suitable and creative name for this initiative. About 15-20 names came up for consideration, after thorough debate and discussions, the Centre narrowed down to using 'Shodhganga: A reservoir of Indian Theses' for this initiative.

The word 'Shodh' originates from Sanskrit and stands for research and discovery. The 'Ganga' is the holiest, longest and largest of all

rivers in India. The Ganga is the symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever changing, ever flowing, ever loved and revered

by its people. "Shodhganga", a repository of theses and dissertations submitted to Indian universities, is expected to keep growing to a formidable size as more and more researchers submit their theses to this ever growing reservoir. The domain name of iETD is changed to <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in> and its logo was re-designed as shown above. **IN**



## MG University Signs MoU with INFLIBNET Centre on Shodhganga

The MG University, Kottayam, Kerala became the first university to sign-up the MoU with INFLIBNET Centre for hosting their Ph.D. theses in to Shodhganga, a reservoir of Indian theses. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor, MG University, Kottayam handed over first sets of 500 theses in electronic format to Sh Manoj Kumar K,

Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre on 9th June 2010. As such, the theses hosted in MG University's digital library "nitya" will be mirrored at INFLIBNET's Shodhganga for extending wider access and visibility to the academic community.



**Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D(CS), INFLIBNET Centre Receiving DVD Containing full-text of Ph.D. Theses Submitted to MG University from Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor, MG University, Kottayam. [IN](#)**

**Universities are requested to contact INFLIBNET centre for their ETDs to host at the INFLIBNET's Shodhganga repository. This initiative is an out come of the UGC Regulation 2009 for M. Phil/Ph. D. Theses and Dissertations.**

# Training Programme on SOUL 2.0

The Centre organised four training programmes during the period under report and 85 participants were trained on operations and

installation of SOUL 2.0. The details of the training programmes organised at the INFLIBNET Centre are given below:

TP No.	Place	Period	No. of Participants
83	INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad	June 28 to July 2, 2010	22
84	INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad	July 12-17, 2010	18
85	INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad	July 26-30, 2010	23
86	INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad	September 27-October 1, 2010	22



Participants of 84th SOUL 2.0 Training Programme with the Director and INFLIBNET Scientific Staff

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The INFLIBNET centre organizes such training programmes regularly keeping in view the requirements pertaining to the request made for purchasing the SOUL software. The concerned institution willing to join such training programme may contact to the INFLIBNET centre.

# Specialised Computer Training Programme on Installation and Operations of SOUL 2.0 for North Eastern Region of India, K C Das Commerce College, Guwahati, Assam, July 19-23, 2010

The KC Das College, Guwahati in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad organized Specialized Computer Training Programme on Installation and Operations of SOUL 2.0 for the college librarians of Assam from 19th to 23rd July 2010. The training programme was inaugurated by Prof Alaka Buragohain, Retired Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Sri A C Roy, Dy. Secretary, UGC (NERO),

Guwahati, Prof. Narendra Lahkar, Former Head, DLIS, Gauhati University, Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman, Head, DLISc, Gauhati University, Shri H G Hosamani, Scientist-B (LS), INFLIBNET Centre and Dr Sanjay Kumar Singh, SOUL Regional Coordinator for NE Region & Reader, DLISc, Gauhati University were present on the dais. The meeting was presided over by Dr Swabera Islam, Principal (i/c), KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati.



## Participants along with the Resource Persons of the Specialized Training Programme on Installation and Operations of SOUL 2.0

Dr Jagdish Arora, in his keynote address, explained the need of library automation and the importance of the training programme. He highlighted the significance of the programme in NE India. He suggested that the libraries of the region should implement the opportunities provided by the Ministry of HRD, GOI and UGC for the benefit of the profession and professionals. Dr Buragohain pointed out the need & importance of IT in day to day life and its application in library services. Shri Roy explained UGC-NERO's initiatives for the development of colleges of the region. Dr Barman explained the popularity of the SOUL Software and thanked INFLIBNET Centre for upgrading to SOUL 2.0. Prof Lahkar, in his speech, highlighted the cooperation of the Principals of the colleges for proper development of the library and its services in

the region. Shri Hosamani talked about the SOUL 2.0 and requested them to switch over to it.

Dr Islam, in his Presidential speech, thanked INFLIBNET Centre for arranging the special training programme for the librarians of Assam and other part of NE region. 30 librarians from different parts of the Assam and North Eastern region participated in the programme. Shri H G Hosamani, Shir Imran Mansuri, Project Assistant (LS) Shri Jitendra Kumar, SOUL Technical Assistant, SOUL Regional Coordinator, Delhi Region and Nityananda Pathak, ATP Fellow, INFLIBNET Centre participated as the Resource Person. While concluding the training programme, Dr. Singh proposed a warm vote of thanks. **IN**

# INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation

Three INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) were organized by the INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with Manipur University, Imphal, S.P. University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand and University of Calicut, Kozhikode, Kerala. A brief reports of the programmes is given below:

## Manipur University, Imphal, May 10-14, 2010

The Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal organised five-day IRTPLA Training Programme in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmadabad from 10th May to 14th May 2010. 40 Participants comprising of library and information professionals working in different libraries, research scholars and students from library science schools attended the programme. The training programme was started with a presentation on "INFLIBNET Activities and its Services" from Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre followed by presentation by Dr. R K Chadha, Joint Secretary, Parliament, Govt. of India on "Digital Preservation". The programme was inaugurated in afternoon by Prof. C Amuba Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University. Dr. Jagdish Arora and Dr. R K Chadha were Guest of Honours at the inaugural programme. Prof Aman Yumnam, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Manipur University presided over the function. Dr. Th. Madhuri Devi, Head, DLISc, Manipur University and Coordinator of the programme welcomed the dignitaries and participants. The Chief Guest, Prof. Singh released the souvenir of the programme. Dr. Arora released a book entitled "Preservation and Conservation of Information Resources in Knowledge Society: Issues, Challenges and Trends" edited by Dr. Th. Madhuri Devi and Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh. While addressing the participants, Dr. Arora highlighted the INFLIBNET activities and proposed for setting up an INFLIBNET

Computational Laboratory in the Gauhati University that can be used for imparting training on SOUL as well as for providing access to e-resources. He also spoke about the provision of free distribution of SOUL 2.0 package to the colleges in Manipur that are eligible to receive UGC assistance under section 2(F) and 12(B) of the UGC Act. Announced that the registration fee of Rs. 5000 for accessing to e-resources under N-LIST is being waived off for colleges in North East Region. Dr. R. K. Joteen Singh,

Information Scientist, Manipur University extended a warm vote of thanks.

Presentation on different modules of the SOUL software was made by the INFLIBNET staff with hands-on practice throughout the 5 days. Sh. H G Hosamani and Sh. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist B, INFLIBNET Centre were faculty for the training programme. Following lectures were also delivered during the training programme:

Sr. No.	Topic	Expert
1	Open Source Software Koha	Shri Rajendra Singh, DOEAAC Centre, Imphal
2	IPR Issues in Emerging Digital Era	Dr. R K Chadha, Joint Secretary, Parliament Library, Govt. of India
3	Web Designing and Publishing	Dr. R K Joteen Singh, Information Scientist, Manipur University
4	Networking Fundamentals	Dr. Kh Manglem Singh, DOEAAC Centre, Imphal
5	WinISIS and Basic Features of Open Source Software	Kh. Surchand Singh and Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh, DLISc, Manipur University
6	Library Automation	Dr. Th. Khomdon Singh, Librarian, Manipur University

Dr. R.K. Ranjan Singh, Director, UGC-ASC, Manipur University was Chief Guest and Dr.Th. Khomdon Singh, University Librarian, Manipur University was President of the Valedictory session. Shri H.G. Hosamani also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh, Rapporteur General of the programme presented the report on the programme. The certificates of participation were distributed to participants by the Chief Guest, Shri H.G. Hosamani and Dr. Th. Madhuri Devi. The programme was concluded with a warm vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Th. Madhuri Devi.

### **S.P. University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, May 17-21, 2010**

The Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre conducted IRTPLA programme on 17th to 21st May 2010. The programme was inaugurated by Dr B G Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University. Dr Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr Jagdish Arora in his talk motivated the participants and invited them to build a partnership with INFLIBNET Centre. Dr. Arora made presentation on e-resources of UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium, services of INFLIBNET and N-LIST programme for the Colleges.

Mr. H G Hosamani, Scientist B (LS), INFLIBNET Centre briefed about the IRTPLA training programme and gave an overview of

various modules of SOUL 2.0. The individual modules, theory and practicals were handled by Mrs. Vaishali Shah, STO-I (LS), Mrs. Hema Cholin, STA-I (LS), Sh Kamlesh Vegad, Project Assistant (LS) and Sh Mayur Gohel, Project Associate (CS) who were resource persons from the INFLIBNET Centre. Apart from the SOUL 2.0, following presentations were also made:

38 participants from college libraries affiliated with S P University alongwith and professionals from Bhaikaka Library participated in the programme. The Certificates of participation were distributed to the participants. The programme was concluded by Mr. Vinubhai Parekh, I/c. Assistant Librarian. Sh. Yatrik Patel was also present during the concluding session. Dr Mayank Trivedi, Librarian, Sardar Patel University co-ordinated the programme.



**Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre and Dr. B G Patel, Vice Chancellor, SP University Lighting the Traditional Lamp**

### **University of Calicut, Kozhikode, June 7-11, 2010**

The C.H. Mohammed Koya Library, University of Calicut in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad conducted IRTPLA from 7th to 11th June 2010. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Anwar Jahan Zuberi, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., University Librarian In-Charge presided over the function, Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D

(CS), INFLIBNET Centre delivered the keynote address on INFLIBNET Activities, Services and Future Plan as well as on N-LIST Project. Dr. K.M. Jayaram, Syndicate Member, University of Calicut and Dr. Jalaya V., Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut felicitated the function. Dr. Mohammed Salih T.K., Information Scientist welcomed the participants. Smt. Shobhana S., Assistant Librarian proposed vote of thanks.

37 library professionals from various institutions attended the programme. Apart from lectures on SOUL 2.0 before noon and "hands-on" practice after noon, there were following lectures delivered by external experts:

Shri Rajesh K.P., Finance Officer, University of Calicut was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory session. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., Shri Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientific and Technical Officer-I, INFLIBNET Centre and Shri K.V.R. Kiran, SOUL Technical Assistant addressed the participants during valedictory.

Sr. No.	Topic	Expert
1	Library Automation	Prof. M. Bavakutty, Librarian, Kannur University
2	Networking Fundamentals	Prof. M. Bavakutty, Librarian, Kannur University
3	Open Source Software	Shri G.P. Sajeev, Assistant Professor, Govt. Engineering College, Calicut
4	Website Designing for Libraries	Dr. K. Mohammed Haneefa, University of Calicut
5	Digital Libraries	Shri K. Rajasekharan, Librarian, KILA Thrissur
6	Dspace/ E-Print Feature	Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIM Kozhikode



### Participants of the IRTPLA Programme at University of Calicut, Kozhikode along with Resource Persons from INFLIBNET Centre

**Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni, Solan, July 5-9, 2010**

The Satyanand Stokes Library, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni, Solan organised five-day IRTPLA training programme in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad from 5th to 9th July 2010. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. K R Dhiman, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry. Dr. Dhiman, in his inaugural address, congratulated the library and appreciated the support from the INFLIBNET Centre for conducting the programme. Dr. M S Pathania, University Librarian and Coordinator of the Programme welcomed the chief guest, resource persons, scientists and participants. Dr. I V Malhan, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Director, Academic Staff Colleges and Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, Jammu delivered the keynote address on Library Automation. Shri Rajesh

Chandrakar, Scientist B (LS), INFLIBNET Centre briefly described the initiatives of the INFLIBNET Centre for the academic community. 35 participants from Himachal Pradesh and neighbouring states participated in the programme. Sh. Kamlesh Vegad and Sh. Mayur Gohel, Technical Assistants, INFLIBNET Centre were resource persons for the programme. Presentations on various modules of SOUL 2.0 were made and "hands-on" practice session were held for the participants. Apart from the SOUL 2.0, presentations on digital libraries, networking fundamentals, search engines, MARC21 and web page designing were also made.

Dr. R C Sharma, Dean, College of Horticulture delivered the valedictory address. While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sharma said that the computerisation of library resources is essential for efficient service to the users. He called upon the participants to apply the knowledge acquired during the five days programme. The participants were given the certificates of participations.



### Dignitaries on the Dais during IRTPLA Training Programme at Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan

**Vikram University, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, September 13-17, 2010**

The School of Studies (SOS) in Library & Information Science, Vikram University, Ujjain organized a five-day INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme in Library Automation in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad from 13th to 17th September 2010. Eighty participants from different parts of the country attended the training programme. Dr. T.R. Thapak, Vice Chancellor, Vikram University inaugurated the programme. Dr. Thapak, in his presidential speech, appreciated the efforts of organizing the programme and thanked INFLIBNET Centre. He emphasized on the need of information in the modern information oriented society and the role of librarian in timely retrieval of information. Dr. I.R. Kumar, Chairman, SALIS, Delhi-NCR was the Chief Guest and Dr. G.D. Agarwal, Regional Librarian, Govt. Ahilya Central Library, Indore was the Special Guest. Dr. Sonal Singh, Head, SOS in Library and Information Science, Vikram University coordinated the Programme. She welcomed the participants, guests and dignitaries on dais. Dr. Raj Boria, Lecturer, SOS in Library & Information Science, Vikram University proposed a warm vote of thanks.

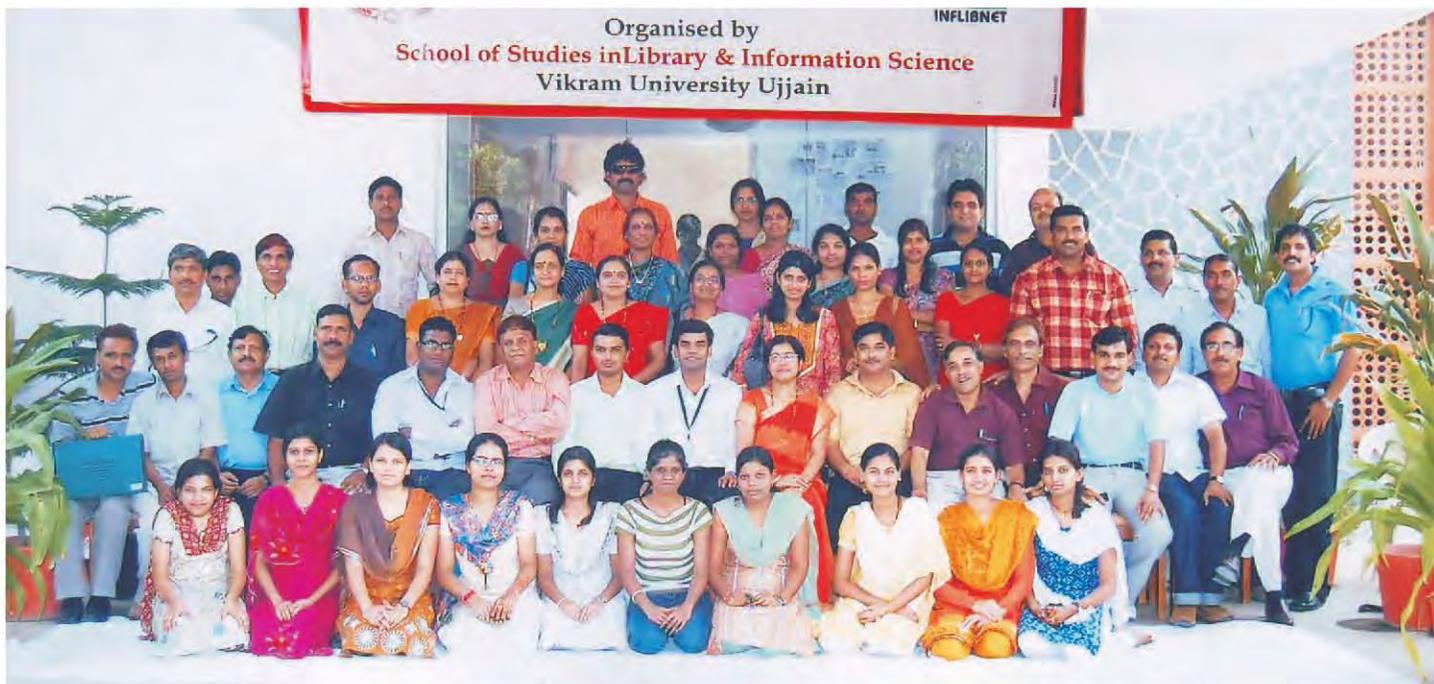
The training programme was exclusively devoted to imparting

training on the SOUL 2.0. Different modules of the SOUL 2.0 were presented and demonstrated during "hands on practice" by the INFLIBNET representatives. Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist B and Shri Kamlesh Vegad, SOUL Technical Assistant (CS), INFLIBNET Centre were resource persons from the Centre. Shri Rakesh Khare, SOUL Coordinator (MP & CG) and his colleague Shri Kavi, Technical Assistant were also present as resource persons for the training

Topic of the presentation	Name of the Expert
Networking Fundamentals	Dr. G.D. Agarwal
Digital Library Collection and Resources	Dr. Sonal Singh
Open Source Software	Shri P.K. Tripathi
Website designing using CMS	Dr. Shivpal Singh Kushwah

programme. Following external experts also made their presentations during the programme:

The training programme was concluded on 17th September 2010. Dr. M.K. Rai, Registrar, Vikram University, Ujjain was the Chief Guest and Prof. Premlata Chutel, Head, SOS in Hindi, Vikram University, Ujjain presided over the function. The programme concluded with a warm vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sonal Singh. Convener of the Programme.



**Participants of the IRTPLA Training Programme at Vikram University, Ujjain along with Resource Persons from INFLIBNET Centre**

As a promotional activity of the SOUL 2.0 and INFLIBNET activities, the centre organizes this regional training programme at different places in collaboration with universities and colleges of the region every year. Interested University / Institution / College may contact INFLIBNET centre for organizing such training in their region for the benefit of their professionals.



**Participants of the IRTPLA Training Programme at Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan along with the Resource Persons from INFLIBNET Centre**

# N-LIST Programme

**SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT University, Mumbai, August 25, 2010**

SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai organised N-LIST Awareness Programme in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad on 25th August 2010 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. 40 participants attended the programme. The programme was inaugurated with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations by lighting the Lamp. Prof. Harsha Parekh, former Head, SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and the Chief Guest of the programme appraised the participants about the foundation of the library school in 1961.

Dr. Sushama Powdwal, Librarian, SNDT Women's University gave outline of the programme. Sh. Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D(CS), INFLIBNET Centre made presentation on N-LIST programme and activities & services of the INFLIBNET Centre to the participants. Ms. Ashwini Prabhu, Librarian, MMP Shah Women's College and Ms. Vidya Subramanian, Librarian, Bhanuben Nanavati Women's College, Matunga also made presentations on the various strategies employed by them in making the students and staff use the databases and e-resources available in their library. Dr. Sushama Powdwal was the Coordinator of the programme.



**Mrs Harsha Parekh, former Head, SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai Lighting the Traditional Lamp along with Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad**

Ms. Ashwini Prabhu, Librarian, MMP Shah Women's College and Ms. Vidya Subramanian, Librarian, Bhanuben Nanavati Women's College, Matunga mentioned about the strategies deployed by the

college to promote the use of N-LIST e-resources by students and staff. The programme concluded with a warm vote of thanks by Mrs. Parul Zaveri.

#### **Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, September 6, 2010**

Bhai Gurdas Central Library, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad organized One-Day User Awareness Programme on N-LIST at Conference Hall, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on 6th September 2010. Prof. A. S. Brar, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University inaugurated the Programme. Prof. Brar, in his inaugural address, opined that ICT is playing an important role in building a knowledge society and use of ICT is a must for betterment of society. Dr. H. S. Chopra, University Librarian, Bhai Gurdas Central Library, Guru Nanak Dev University welcomed the dignitaries and the participants from colleges. He stressed upon the importance of e-resources and usefulness of N-LIST Programme. Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre made a presentation on functions of the INFLIBNET activities, services. He made a detailed presentation on N-LIST programme including e-resources offered, process of joining the programme, methods of access, cost benefit analysis, etc. Shri Naresh Nandan, Senior Programmer, Bhai Gurdas Central Library, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar proposed warm vote of thanks. More than 150 participants comprising of Principals, Librarians of colleges and Associate Professors affiliated to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar attended the programme. Detailed discussions was held amongst participants and the resource persons after the presentations regarding the access of the e-resources and e-books available in the N-LIST programme. Dr. H. S. Chopra, Coordinator of the Programme proposed a warm vote of thanks to Vice-Chancellor of the University, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, participants and different authorities of the University.

#### **University of Delhi South Campus, September 17, 2010**

The University of Delhi South Campus in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre organized User Awareness Programme on Access to E-resources Under N-LIST Programme on 17th September 2010 at SP Jain Management Centre, Delhi. Nearly

120 participants consisting of principals, teachers and librarians of colleges under University of Delhi attended the programme. Prof. Dinesh Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi presided over the inaugural function. Prof. Singh emphasized upon the need for creating awareness on electronic resources and mentioned about the challenges from Internet stressing. He expressed that the librarians should offer better services to their library users. Prof. Malashri Lal, Director, South Campus welcomed the delegates and wished the programme a great success. She thanked INFLIBNET Centre for supporting the programme and emphasized the need of organizing such programme regularly. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S Majumdar, University Librarian, University of Delhi. He emphasized on the need for holding information literacy programmes for the optimum usage of e-resources. He also called upon the INFLIBNET Centre to evolve a policy for developing an e book collection so that user's requirement may be met effectively. Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre made a presentation on functions of the INFLIBNET activities, services. He made a detailed presentation on N-LIST programme including e-resources offered, process of joining the programme, methods of access, cost benefit analysis, etc. Shri Rai said that till 21st September 2010, a total number of 1379 colleges have registered themselves with the N-LIST programme including 867 Govt. / Govt.-aided colleges covered under the 12(B) and 2(F) Sections of the UGC Act. Log-in ID and password for accessing e-resources has been sent to the authorized users from these 867 colleges. Remaining colleges are being advised to join the initiative as N-LIST Associates. **IN**

**N-LIST User Awareness Programme is being organized region-wise for the colleges comes under 12(B) and 2(F) sections of the UGC Act. Mostly this programme is being organized in the university for the colleges associated with the concerned university. Interested in organizing N-LIST Awareness programme may contact INFLIBNET centre. Instead of universities, colleges of 12(B) and 2(F) Sections of the UGC Act can also organize this programme.**

# National Workshop on Building and Managing Institutional Repositories, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, June 28 to July 2, 2010

Five-day National Workshop on Building and Managing Institutional Repositories was jointly Organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar and the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad from 28th June to 2nd July 2010 at Seminar Hall, Media Block, University of Kashmir. The National Workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Riyaz Panjabi, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir. Prof. W A Alwi, former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir delivered keynote address. Prof. A R Yousuf, Dean, Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir and Prof. S M Shafi, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir also addressed the participants during inaugural session. Mr. Shabbir Ahmed, Assistant Professor, University of Kashmir proposed a warm vote of thanks. The Workshop included lectures

and demonstrations on installation and customizations of Dspace as an Institutional repository on Linux and Windows platforms. 28 participants from Jammu and Kashmir participated in the Workshop. Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist C (CS), Shri Swapnil Patel, Project Officer (CS) and Shri Mayur Gohel, SOUL Technical Assistant (CS) from the INFLIBNET Centre were resource persons for the workshop. Sh. Yatrik Patel made a presentations on Dspace, N-LIST and Open Source Software. Shri Swapnil Patel made presentation on "Dspace Installation on Windows". Sh. Mayur Gohel helped the participants in the practical sessions. Shri Mukesh A Pund, Scientist, NISCAIR, New Delhi made a presentation on "Dspace on Linux". The Workshop was co-ordinated by Mr. Nadim Akhtar Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir.



Participants of the National Workshop on Building and Managing Institutional Repository at University of Kashmir, Srinagar **IN**

# Five-Day In-House Workshop on SOUL 2.0, MS University of Baroda, April 19-23, 2010

Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara organised a five-day In-House Workshop on SOUL 2.0 from 19th to 23rd April 2010. The training programme was inaugurated by Prof. Ramesh Goyal, Vice Chancellor, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. Ms. Jyoti Bhat, In-Charge University Librarian welcomed the dignitaries, guests and participants from MSU Library System. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre and Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist C (CS) were also present apart from the other INFLIBNET team members. While addressing the participants during inaugural session, Dr. Arora said that SOUL 2.0 was designed to cope up with the changing technology using International standards and protocols. Dr. Arora also stressed upon the importance of changing role of librarians

and the paradigm shift due to influence of ICT on services and functions of library and information centres. He also informed the participants about the INFLIBNET activities and its future plan. Prof. Goyal, while inaugurating the programme, stressed upon the use of e-resources accessible through INFLIBNET and its optimal usage. Prof. Goyal informed about the faculty libraries working in a networked environment using SOUL software, collection of books and journals. He also informed that the Smt. Hansa Mehta Library received best library award for fulfilling the maximum Document Delivery requests. Mrs. V.J. Mutalik, Deputy Librarian proposed a warm vote of thanks. Mrs. Jyoti A Bhat, Librarian I/c, Smt. Hansa Mehta Library coordinated the training programme.



**Dignitaries on the Dais during Workshop on SOUL 2.0 at Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, MS University of Baroda, Vadodara. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director and Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist C (CS), INFLIBNET Centre are also seen. IN**

## Visitors at INFLIBNET Centre

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The students of Academic session 2009-10 of Department of Library and Information Science, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat visited INFLIBNET Centre as part of

their study tour on 11th February 2010. 60 students and 5 faculty members from the University visited the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad during the period under report. **IN**

## Welcome to the New Members of INFLIBNET Governing Board

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**Prof. J. P. Gupta, Member, Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre**

Prof. J.P. Gupta is the first Vice-Chancellor of Jaypee Institute of Information Technology University (JIITU), after its notification as a Deemed University in November 2004. He assumed the charge of the Vice-Chancellor on July 09, 2005.

Prof. J.P. Gupta is a dynamic and extremely distinguished academician. He has the panache of achieving the best. Prof. Gupta holds B.Tech degree from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and obtained PG Degree in Electronics & Communication Engineering with the Gold Medal from the University of Roorkee in 1973. He obtained his Doctorate Degree in Computer Engineering

from the University of Westminster, London under the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme.

In a meritorious academic career, he has held many coveted teaching and important administrative assignments. He held the position of Professor serving the University of Roorkee (now IIT, Roorkee) for over 25 years. Prof. Gupta has been first full-time Member Secretary of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) from 1994 to 1998. He is also the founder Director of Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT) since 2000. Prof. Gupta has vast research experience, besides being involved in numerous Consultancy and Research & Development activities in the computer engineering domain. The Director and INFLIBNET staff welcomes him as a Member of the Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre. **IN**

# Topics on Cutting-Edge Technology in LIS

**"Open Journals System: an INFLIBNET Initiative" is an article under the series on cutting-edge technology in LIS. This article is written by Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist B (LS) and Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. The authors explain about the initiatives taken by the Centre in open access publishing of the scholarly content especially the peer-reviewed print journals being published by the Indian universities, wherein the centre provides platform for hosting electronic version of print journals free-of-charge and encourages faculty and researchers in universities to publish new scholarly peer-reviewed online open access journals, too. Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar is looking after the Publications, Bibliographic Standards, Database Management of theses, serials, experts and research projects, Bibliometrics and Open Journals System at the INFLIBNET Centre. Dr. Jagdish Arora heads the Institution. They can be contacted at [rajesh@inlibnet.ac.in](mailto:rajesh@inlibnet.ac.in) and [jarora@inlibnet.ac.in](mailto:jarora@inlibnet.ac.in), respectively.**

online publication and indexing of the journal articles. Through its management system, OJS seeks to improve both the scholarly and publishing quality of refereed research. It refines indexing techniques and provides context for research. OJS is open source software freely available worldwide for the purpose of making open access publishing a viable option for more journals. The open access can increase a journal's readership as well as its contribution to the public good on a global scale.

### Current Indian Scenario

A number of scholarly journals are being published from India covering a wide spectrum of subjects including several journals that are peer-reviewed and are covered by premier indexing & abstracting periodicals. The current status of open access journals launched by various organisations in India is given below in the table (the table does not include the journals being hosted by the INFLIBNET Centre):

Open Journals System (OJS) is an open source solution developed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) through its federally funded efforts to expand and improve access to research. The OJS is designed for managing and publishing scholarly journals online. It is a highly flexible editor-operated journals management and publishing system that has been designed to reduce the time and energy devoted to the clerical and managerial tasks associated with editing a journal, while improving the record-keeping and efficiency of editorial processes. It seeks to improve the scholarly and public quality of journal publishing through a number of innovations, from making journal policies more transparent to improving indexing.

OJS provides assistance with every stage of the refereed publishing process, from submissions to

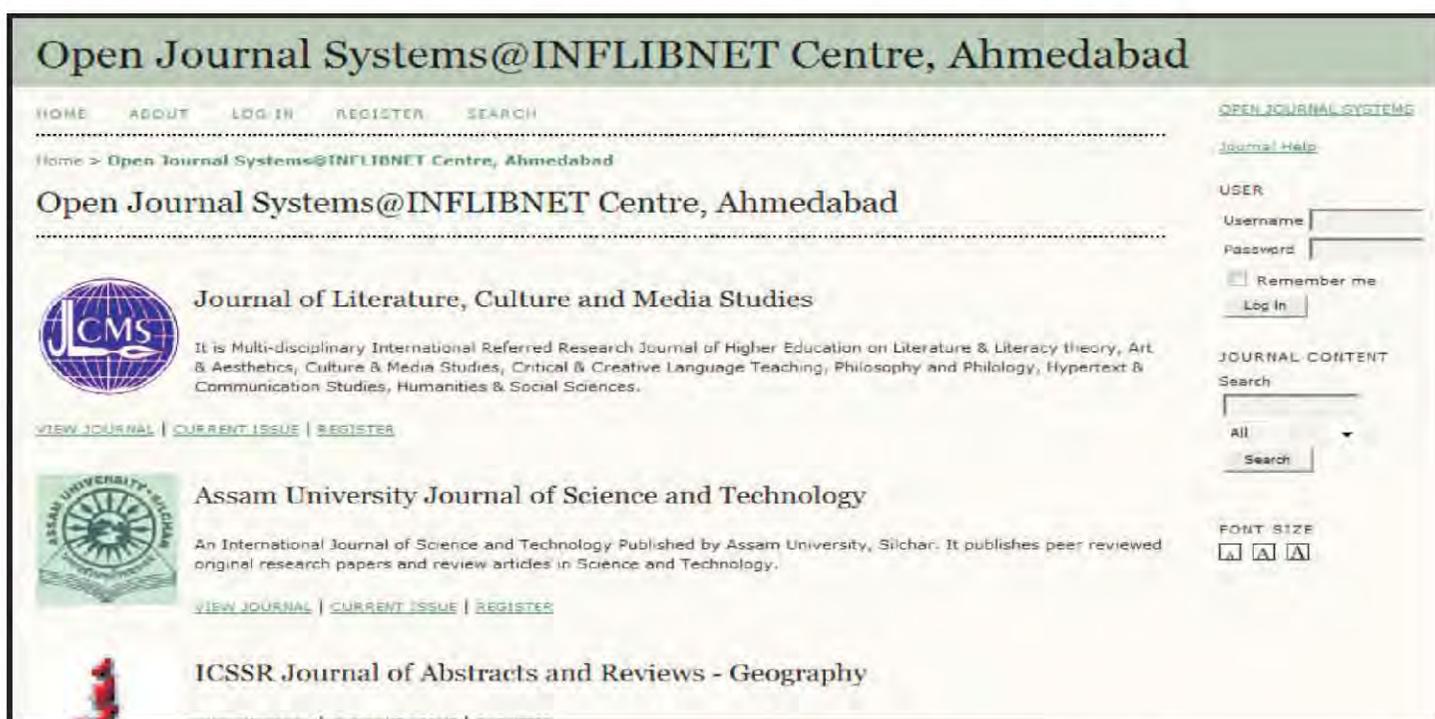
Name of the Publisher	No. of Journals hosted	Subject Coverage of the Journals
Indian National Science Academy (INSA)	3	Science & Technology (Two journals and one INSA Proceedings)
Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS)	11	Science & Technology
Indian Medlars Centre, NIC, New Delhi	40	Biomedical Sciences
NISCAIR, New Delhi	17	Miscellaneous Subjects
MedKnow Publications	88	Medical Science
Indian Journals.com	Total 150 Journals 10 journals on open access	Miscellaneous Subjects
Kamla-Raj Enterprises	20	Miscellaneous Subjects

List of the Indian scholarly content on open access mode (As on October 2010)

## OJS @ INFLIBNET

The Centre has installed and configured OJS on server at INFLIBNET to facilitate hosting of electronic version of journals into open access mode with all processes of submission, peer-reviewing, editing, layout designing and publishing built into it. The initiative called "Open Journal System @ INFLIBNET Centre" encourages universities and institutions that are publishing journals in print format to use this platform for hosting electronic version of their journals free-of-cost on server at the INFLIBNET Centre. The initiative also encourages faculty in universities to start their own open access journals using the platform offered by the INFLIBNET Centre. Currently OJS@INFLIBNET hosts three journals namely

"Journal of Literature, Culture and Media Studies" published by Prof. N D R Chandra, Head, Department of English, Nagaland Central University, "Assam University Journal of Science & Technology" in two parts, namely, "Biological and Environmental Sciences" and "Physical Sciences and Technology" published by Assam University Press, Silchar under the editorial guidance of Prof. G D Sharma, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Assam University, Silchar and "ICSSR Journal of Abstracts and Reviews – Geography" published by ICSSR, New Delhi. The Centre has received a few more requests from faculty in universities. These journals are being assessed for their quality.



**Screenshot of Open Access Journal at INFLIBNET's OJS Platform**

### OJS Features and Facilities

There are a number of journals management systems for hosting the journals on Internet. The SPARC publishing resources page at <http://www.webcitation.org/5Mx98xweh> lists nearly 30 different journals management systems. The Centre has chosen OJS as its journal management system keeping in view the popularity of the system and various features and facilities available with the system, as mentioned below:

- ➔ Highly flexible editor-operated journal management and publishing system, developed as an Open Source Software by the PKP;
- ➔ Extends assistance at every stage of refereed publishing process, from submissions through to online publication and indexing;
- ➔ Facilitates configuration of requirements in terms of sections, sub-sections, reviewing process, etc., that can be customized to suit the individual journal's need;
- ➔ Facilitates online submission and management of content distributed on multiple servers;
- ➔ Supports subscription module with delayed open access options;
- ➔ Supports content in multiple formats including text (structured and unstructured), audio, video, graphics and animation, etc. and reading tools for content;

- ➔ Supports email alerts and comments from readers;
- ➔ Full-text of the journal articles are indexed automatically for powerful searching;
- ➔ Provides persistence URL to each journal;
- ➔ OJS is compliant to Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). Journals hosted on OJS are, therefore, viewed as a part of universal digital library system. Metadata (bibliographic details) from journals hosted on OJS platform is harvested by the indexing services (called service providers or specialized search engines like ARC, OAISTER, Google Scholar, etc.) so as to provide unified and organized access to digital content distributed across OAI-PMH compliant repositories; and
- ➔ Complete context-sensitive online help support.

#### **Eligibility: Who can Publish Journals on OJS @ INFLIBNET**

Faculty members in universities / colleges that are already publishing their journals in print / electronic format are eligible to publish their journals on OJS @ INFLIBNET. Proposals for starting new open access electronic-only (online) journals in different disciplines are also welcomed and encourages faculty in the universities and colleges to do so.

#### **Process for Publishing Journals on the OJS @ INFLIBNET**

- ➔ The INFLIBNET Centre seeks print copies of issues of journals published by the universities/colleges/institutions with a request to publish the journal in Open Journals System @INFLIBNET Centre;
- ➔ The Centre evaluates the content of journal on a number of criteria including evaluation of the issue of the journal by subject expert(s);
- ➔ On receipt of satisfactory evaluation report from the subject expert(s), publisher / editor of the journal are asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the INFLIBNET Centre;
- ➔ Soon after signing the MoU, publisher / editor is asked to submit the electronic version of the issue(s) along with the print issue(s) of the journal to the Centre;
- ➔ Issue(s) of the journal are uploaded on the OJS server @ INFLIBNET and publication of the journal in open access is announced through INFLIBNET Website, listservs, blog as well as on other fora;
- ➔ Publisher of the journal (preferably the Chief Editor) is invited to the Centre to get first-hand training on OJS enabling him / her to use all features of OJS and handle the online editorial process of the journal; and
- ➔ All available back-files of the journals are uploaded on the OJS platform so as to provide access to all published issues of the journal.

#### **Benefits of Publishing on OJS @ INFLIBNET**

Users, authors and universities as publishers, as stakeholders in scholarly publishing, stand to benefit from publishing on OJS @ INFLIBNET. The benefits of publishing on OJS @ INFLIBNET in open access to different sets of stakeholders are as follows:

##### **Users**

- ➔ get access to full-text of journals and its back-files 24x7x365 on desktop;
- ➔ access, search and browse the content in a variety of ways, from specialized search engines like ARC, OAISTER and Google Search; and
- ➔ get e-alerts for new content on desired subject keywords.

##### **Researchers and Faculty as Author**

- ➔ Empower the Indian academic community to publish their research articles online and reach-out to wider academic community through specialized search engines like ARC, OAISTER and Google Search;
- ➔ increases visibility, use and citation through open access to scholarly articles to the academic community world-wide;
- ➔ publish in peer-reviewed open access journals and get online comments on your article from academic community;

##### **Universities / Editors as Publishers**

- ➔ free hosting service on dedicated servers, available 24x7x365, hosted at the BSNL Hosting Service with 10 Mbps Internet Bandwidth;
- ➔ Collaborate with INFLIBNET, an organization well-known to the academic community in India;
- ➔ free, unrestricted access to OJS platform for online editorial processing of articles;
- ➔ scholarly content are made accessible on long-term basis with lifetime archiving;
- ➔ multiple number of journals and their content are hosted on a single platform;
- ➔ facilitates wider exposure to journals to the higher education community world-wide; and
- ➔ Research output of the universities gets exposed to the global community in open access environment since content from open access journals are indexed by various indexing systems.

### Who can Access Journals hosted on OJS @ INFLIBNET?

Journals hosted on OJS @ INFLIBNET are accessible to all users world-wide without any restrictions. Metadata (bibliographic details) from journals hosted on OJS @ INFLIBNET is harvested by the indexing services or specialized search engines like ARC, OAISTER, Google Scholar, etc. Users may use such specialized search engines to get more comprehensive results to their search queries.

### Summary

The scholarly journals are available in electronic formats for more than 20 years. The first open access journal was a 'Medical Education Online' (<http://www.med-ed-online.org>). The opportunity for faculty and researchers to publish in open access is

scarce especially in the state government funded academic universities due to the lack of funding, technology awareness and skilled manpower. As such, this initiative of the INFLIBNET Centre successfully fulfills the gap and provides opportunity to faculty and scholars to publish in open access and increase their visibility. Hosting at OJS@ INFLIBNET on open access provides benefits to users, universities and faculty members; thus the overall benefit is extended to the academic community of the country and especially the higher education of the country when the articles get citation internationally, researchers get recognition globally and the journals get high impact factors with the open access publishing. **IN**



### Link

- Indian National Science Academy (INSA)  
<http://www.insa.ac.in>
- Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS)  
<http://www.ias.ac.in/pubs/journals>
- Indian Medlars Centre, NIC, New Delhi  
<http://medind.nic.in>
- NISCAIR, New Delhi  
<http://www.niscair.res.in/sciencecommunication/ResearchJournals/rejour/rejour1.htm>
- MedKnow Publications  
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- IndianJournals.com  
<http://www.indianjournals.com>
- Kamla-Raj Enterprises  
<http://www.krepublishers.com>

Name of the Database	No. of Records	No. of Institutions
Books	1,18,10,898	123
Theses	2,38,495	237
Current Serials	22,471	205
Serials Holdings	1,16,174	112
Subject Experts	16,100	500
Subject Experts (NISSAT)	24,300	715
Research Project	13,459	UGC, CSIR, ICAR, DST, ICMR and DBT.

### Database Status

## Staff News

### **Farook College, Calicut, June 9, 2010**

Farook College, Calicut invited Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre to deliver a talk on N-LIST initiative on 9th June 2010. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Kuttialikutty, Principal, Farook College and Dr. M Ayub, Librarian, Farook College

welcomed the teachers and participants. Five colleges of the region participated in the programme. Sh. Manoj Kumar made a detailed presentation of the N-LIST programme including eligibility criteria, how to join, how to access e-resources, etc.



### **Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D (CS) delivering a talk on N-LIST initiative of the MHRD at Farook College, Calicut**

### **M.G. University, Kottayam, Kerala, June 10, 2010**

Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D (CS) delivered a talk on new initiatives of INFLIBNET Centre especially on Shodhganga and N-LIST during his visit to the Mahatma Gandhi University. Sh Sreekumar, Public Information Officer welcomed the participants and invitees. Dr. Raman Nair, University Librarian and Member of National Committee on Shodhganga, made a presentation about the progress made by M G University in hosting the MGU E-theses portal called 'Nitya'. The principals, professors, librarians, teachers from about 20 colleges affiliated to MG University participated in the program.

### **Sh. Yatrik Patel**

Shri Yatrik Patel participated in the Digital Library Workshop on Arts

and Museum with the theme Digitisation of Resources : Developing the British Library's India Strategy jointly organised by Ministry of Culture and British Library held at Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru from 20th to 21st September 2010.

### **Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar**

Shri Rajesh Chandrakar was invited to conduct a Practical Exam of the M.Lib.I.Sc. Students at Sarojini Naidu Govt. Girls PG (Autonomous) College, Bhopal on 27th May 2010.

Shri Chandrakar attended 4th BIS Meeting of MSD5/P-10 (Panel on Content Analysis) for Indian Standard to be prepared on "Content Analysis and Content Development" on 29th June 2010 at Manak Bhavan, New Delhi.

Shri Chandrakar attended the World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly held at Gothenburg, Sweden from 10th to 15th August 2010 on the theme "Open access to knowledge: promoting sustainable

progress". He also attended the IFLA FRBR Review Group meetings held during the congress on 10th , 12th , 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th August 2010. Shri Chandrakar is elected member of the IFLA FRBR Review Group for four years from 2009 to 2013.



**Shri Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientist B, INFLIBNET Centre with FRBR Review Group Members during IFLA 2010 at Gothenburg [IN](#)**





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