

Information and Library Network Centre
(An Autonomous Inter-University Centre of University Grants Commission)
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It is for the information of the general public that the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) is an Inter-University Centre of University Grants Commission (UGC) and a Society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is a fully financed autonomous body of the UGC.

The Centre was established by the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in 1996 under Section 12(ccc) of the UGC Act, 1956 for the development of higher education in the country. The registered office of the Centre is at Ahmedabad with the jurisdiction spread to all over the country and provision of collaboration with other countries. Presently, the Centre does not have any regional centre or office outside Ahmedabad. The Centre is a national entity. The major objectives and functions of the Centre are:

- To promote and establish communication facilities to improve capability in information transfer and access, that provide support to scholarship, learning, research and academic pursuit through cooperation and involvement of agencies concerned.
- To establish Information and Library Network “INFLIBNET”: a computer communication network for linking libraries and information centres in universities, deemed to be universities, colleges, UGC information centres, institutions of national importance and R & D institutions etc. avoiding duplication of efforts.
- To facilitate academic communication amongst scientists, engineers, social scientists, academics, faculties, researchers and students through electronic mail, file transfer, computer/audio/video conferencing etc.

The Centre has its own Memorandum of Association (MOA) and Bye-Laws and it is governed by the Council and Governing Board.

The authorities and officers of the Centre are as under:

- (i) The Council
- (ii) The Governing Board
- (iii) The Finance Committee
- (iv) The President
- (v) The Chairperson
- (vi) The Director
- (vii) Such other authorities and officers as may be constituted/ appointed by the Governing Board.

The composition of each of the Council, the Governing Board and the Finance Committee of the Centre is as follows:

1. Council

Ex-officio:

- (i) Chairperson, UGC – President
- (ii) Vice-Chairperson, UGC
- (iii) Chairperson, AICTE
- (iv) Director General, CSIR
- (v) Chairperson, ICSSR
- (vi) Director, National Library
- (vii) Director, INFLIBNET Centre – Member Secretary

Nominated:

- (viii) One Vice-Chancellor of a university to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.
- (ix) One eminent library scientist to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.
- (x) One expert in the field of Information Technology to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.

and

- (xi-xxi) Members of Governing Board.

2. Governing Board

- (i) Chairperson

Ex-Officio:

- (ii) Vice-Chairperson, UGC
- (iii) Secretary, UGC
- (iv) Vice Chancellor, Local University
- (v) A nominee of AICTE
- (vi) Director of INFLIBNET Centre – Member Secretary

Nominated:

- (vii) to (ix) Three Vice-Chancellors of universities (Central, State & Deemed) to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.
- (x) One eminent librarian to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.

- (xi) & (xii) Two experts in the fields of computers/communication to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.
- (xiii) One of the Directors of IUCs to be nominated by Chairperson, UGC.

3. Finance Committee

- (i) Chairperson, Governing Board – Chairperson
- (ii) Secretary, UGC
- (iii) Financial Advisor, UGC
- (iv) Bureau Head of the Plan Budget Section, UGC
- (v) One member of Governing Board nominated by the Chairperson, Governing Board
- (vi) Director of the Centre
- (vii) One senior professional staff of the Centre to be nominated by the Governing Board
- (viii) Administrative/Accounts Officer of the Centre – Non-Member Secretary

Presently Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat is the President of the Council and Dr. Jagdish Arora is the Director of the Centre. The Chairperson, Governing Board is, at present, Prof. S K Khanna. The Director of the Centre is executive authority of the Centre and has all power needed for the administration of the Centre and is responsible for proper administration and control over the funds of the Centre. He provides leadership on all aspects of the Centre's functioning. The academic and technical/scientific work of the Centre is carried out with the support of Scientific & Technical and Administrative & Support staff.

The Centre follows Government of India's Rules and Regulation to various service, personnel and financial matters except the rules relating to the recruitment and promotions. The Centre does not provide any subsidy from its funds to the general public.

The Centre has developed its own website www.inflibnet.ac.in and is regularly updating the same. All academic, technical/scientific, administrative as well as other information relating to activities including new projects, initiatives, training programmes, recruitment to vacant posts etc. are provided on the website of the Centre from time to time. The Centre consists of various divisions/groups/sections.