

# VIDWAN

Expert Database

## Subject Experts in India

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## VIDWAN: Expert Database

VIDWAN is the premier database of profiles of scientists / researchers and other faculty members working at leading academic institutions and other R & D organisation involved in teaching and research in India. It provides important information about expert's background, contact address, skills and accomplishments. The database developed and maintained by INFLIBNET Centre, Infocity, Gandhinagar. It offers research profiles of experts in various subjects from Nation's leading institutions. Consistent attempts have been made to provide relevant, accurate and updated information about experts. Web enabled interface has been developed to facilitate the search and browsing of profiles of experts. The databases can be searched on parameters such as name, designation, area of expertise, organisation institution, specialization, state, etc. Login IDs and passwords have been issued to experts whose profile is available in the database with a persistent URL enabling them to update their profiles. Expert database is committed to excellence and value. Experts can provide a link to text books, articles and other additional material available on their website

## Background

The University Expert Database was launched in the year 1999 that containing profiles of the subject expert serving in the universities and other academic institution in India. In the year 2001 the Centre developed another database called Expert Database in Science and Technology with financial support from the National Information System for Science and Technology (NISSAT), DSIR that containing profiles of experts working in the R & D organisation, particularly in science and technology area. These two databases were merged in the year 2012 and rechristened as VIDWAN: Expert Database.

## Aims and Objective

- ➔ Quickly and conveniently provide information about experts to peers, prospective collaborators, funding agencies, policy makers and research scholars in the country
- ➔ Establish communication directly with the experts who possess the expertise needed by users
- ➔ Identify peer reviewers for articles and research proposals
- ➔ To create information exchanges and networking opportunities among scientists
- ➔ Discover prospective collaborators for on-going research projects

The screenshot shows the VIDWAN Expert Database website. At the top left, it says "VIDWAN Expert Database". On the right, there is a "Feedback" link and the INFLIBNET logo. Below the header is a banner with four images: a stack of books, a hand writing mathematical equations on a chalkboard, a portrait of Isaac Newton with a rainbow, and a green background with several lightbulbs. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, Register as Expert, Login, Search, Advanced Search, and Contact us. The main content area is titled "VIDWAN: EXPERT DATABASE" and contains three paragraphs of text. On the right side, there are two sections: "BROWSE BY SUBJECT" with a list of subjects and their counts, and "ORGANISATION CATEGORY" with a list of categories and their counts. At the bottom, there is a footer with various links and the copyright information: "© 2013 INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, INDIA. feedback to Webmaster".

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The database is being developed by INFLIBNET Centre, Infocity, Gandhinagar. The database offers expertise of various subject from Nation's leading institutions. Attempt has been made to provide access to relevant and accurate information collected from various sources. Web enabled interface has been incorporated to facilitate the search and update names listed in the database. On Expert Database, you are not limited to publishing a static Profile(s). Our members can take advantage of many "value - added" offerings such as having Books and Articles published on the personal website and linked to their Profile(s).

Further, every expert whose profile is available in the database, has been provided login ID and password with the persistent URL for future updating of their profiles. The databases can be searched on parameters such as name, designation, institution, specialization, state, etc. Expert database is committed to excellence and value. We will continue to improve on our offerings to better serve your interests.

**BROWSE BY SUBJECT**

- Agricultural Sciences (1437)
- Biological Sciences (405)
- Chemical Sciences (865)
- Physical Sciences (1159)
- Medical & Health (1622)
- Engineering & Tech (2389)
- Social Science (1242)
- Arts and Humanities (629)

**ORGANISATION CATEGORY**

- Institutions of National Importance (1763)
- Central University ( 1252)
- State University ( 2841)
- Deemed University ( 639)
- R & D Organisation ( 2121)
- Technical Institute ( 362)
- Other Institute ( 830)

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The database contains around 9,000+ profiles of the subject experts from various domains from 650 institutions covering R & D organisation, central universities, state universities, technical institutes and colleges, etc.

## Criteria to Inclusion of Expert in the Database

- ➔ The applicant should have a post-graduate/doctorate degree in their respective subject with 20 years of professional experience
- ➔ Should be as a University Professor / Senior Scientist or equivalent position in teaching, research
- ➔ National/international honours, awards and citation laureates

## Information Captured for Expert Database

- ➔ **Personal Information :** personal details including contact information, url and photo
- ➔ **Qualification & Experience:** academic qualification and professional experience
- ➔ **Expertise:** area of expertise and brief information about expertise
- ➔ **Publication and other Information:** publications, awards, scholarship/ fellowship, professional engagement and any other information

## Feature at Expert Database

- ➔ Simple search with auto suggestion, advanced tooltip display and voice search
- ➔ Advanced search on parameters such as name, designation, expertise, organisation and state
- ➔ Browse by web of science subject category and organisation category

## Methods to Populate Expert Database

- ➔ **By Nomination:** written request to universities and R&D organisation to nominate experts from their organisation;
- ➔ **By Invitation:** invite national and international awardees, citation laureates, fellows of national level academies and societies to register in the VIDWAN database;
- ➔ **By Voluntary:** registration of expert from academic institutions and R & D organisations.

## Benefit to the Experts

- ➔ Provides opportunity to collaborate with other organisation for research activity
- ➔ Provides wide publicity of your expertise to the research community, funding agency, policy maker and research scholar and etc.
- ➔ Provides a free platform to manage expert profile with sophisticated web interface and also hyperlink to published article, book.

For further information please contact

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