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## From Director's Desk

### INFLIBNET Training Programmes/Workshops

#### 166<sup>th</sup> Five Days Training Programme on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 29<sup>th</sup> January - 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

The 166<sup>th</sup> Training Programme on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations" was organized from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. The Programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof ARD Prasad, Retired Professor, DRTC-ISI, Bangalore. Prof Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, presided over the inaugural session. Guest of Honour, Prof Pijushkanti Panigrahi, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, graced the event. Sh Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), briefed about the training programme. Shs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS), welcomed the guests and participants. A total of 23 participants attended the training programme. At the end of the inaugural session, Dr H.G Hosamani, Scientist-E(LS), proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Details of the lectures delivered by the faculty of the INFLIBNET Centre and resource persons during the Training programme are as follows:

| Module                          | Resource Person  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| INFLIBNET Activities & Services | Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-E (CS)   |
| Catalogue Module                | Ms Roshni Yadav, STO-I (LS)  |
| Administration Module           | Sh Vijay Shrimali, STO-I (CS)  |
| Circulation Module              | Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS)  |
| Acquisition Module              | Dr H G Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS)  |
| Serial Control Module           | Mrs Arti Sawale, STO-I (LS)  |
| SOUL 3.0 Web OPAC & Backup      | Sh Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)   |
| SOUL 3.0 Installation           | Sh Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)   |
| Practical of All modules        | Sh Viraj Parekh, Library Officer (LS)<br>Sh Rajan Pandey, Library Associate (LS)<br>Ms Rose Marry, Libray Assistant (LS) |



Participants of 166<sup>th</sup> Soul Training Programme with Hon'ble Director, Invited Guests and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

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In the valedictory session, Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS) distributed the certificates to the participants. Some of the participants expressed their views and appreciated all the technical sessions. Ms Amrita Devi, Scientist-B (LS) proposed a vote of thanks.

**Three-Day Training on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 07<sup>th</sup> - 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Three Days National Workshop on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics, was organised from 07<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

Prof (Dr) Ami Upadhyay, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University Ahmedabad, Gujarat, inaugurated the programme in the presence of Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, and Coordinator of the training programme along with Dr H.G. Hosamani, Scientist-E(LS) and In-Charge HRD Division. Other Scientists from the Centre, with the Administrative Officer and AO Finance, were present during the inauguration session. University Coordinators of Shodhganga & ShodhShuddhi, Research Scholars, Professors, Joint Registrar, and Library Professionals from various Universities and Institutes in India joined the training programme.



**Participants of Three Days National Workshop on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics, with the Invited Guests and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar**

In the inaugural address, Prof (Dr) Ami Upadhyay highlighted the crucial role of librarians and the university libraries in scholarly communications and stressed upon the importance of sharing skills gained during the three-day training programme. She also recommended conducting a survey after a short duration of the programme about its usefulness and implementation done by the participants through the feedback from participating universities (Vice Chancellor/Registrar) on the program's input and to measure the Rol of such workshops.

Sh Manoj Kumar K delivered a welcome address and a brief overview of this flagship programme based on the UGC Notification 2018 Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in HEIs. He also talked about research ethics, academic honesty, & plagiarism issues.

Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS) anchored the programme and gave an overview of the programme. Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS) expressed a formal vote of thanks to the participants.

Details of the lectures delivered by the faculty of the INFLIBNET Centre and resource persons during the programme are as follows:

| Topics   | Name of Resource Person                    |
|--|--|
| INFLIBNET Activities and Introduction to PDS                                       | Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)         |
| Introduction to Research Ethics/Academic Honesty & Plagiarism Issues               | Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)         |
| Demo of Shodhganga/ShodhShuddhi/ Demo on PDS                                       | Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS)                |
| Use of Reference Management Tools: Mendeley, Zotero etc. & Writing Research Report | Dr Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist-C (LS)    |
| Demo on Theses uploading and ShodhGangotri   | Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS)           |
| Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi                    | Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)   |
| IRINS a web-based Research Information Management (RIM): An overview of (ORCID)    | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)              |
| Introduction to INFED and Usage Analysis   | Sh Raja V, Scientist-C (CS)                |
| Altmetrics: An Overview  | Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)        |
| Introduction to Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources               | Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)        |
| Assessing and Evaluating Research Performance: Bibliometric Indicators             | Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)         |
| e-Resources for Research   | Sh Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS) |
| Hands-on practice on PDS/Shodhganga  | Team PDS/Shodhganga                        |

Twenty-six (26) participants from 07 States of India attended the programme. The certificate of participation was distributed to all participants at the end of the programme. The participants gave very good feedback about the overall training as well as for all sessions and lectures conducted, along with canteen and logistic support.

### **167<sup>th</sup> Five Days Offline Training Programme on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations", INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The 167<sup>th</sup> training programme on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations" was organized from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Sh Manoj Kumar K,

Scientist-F(CS), INFLIBNET Centre, inaugurated the training programme. Ms Amrita Devi, Scientist-B (LS), welcomed the participants and coordinated the inaugural ceremony. Technical Coordinator Sh Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), briefed about the training programme, and Course Coordinator, Dr H G Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS), proposed the vote of thanks. Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS), and Sh Vijay Shrimali, Scientist-B (LS), were joint coordinators of the Programme.

The details of lectures delivered by staff members of the INFLIBNET Centre are as follows:

| Module                     | Name of Resource Person  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Administration Module      | Sh Vijay Shrimali, STO-I (CS)  |
| Catalogue Module           | Ms Roshni Yadav, STO-I (LS)  |
| Circulation Module         | Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS)  |
| Acquisition Module         | Dr H G Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS)  |
| Serial Control Module      | Mrs Arti Sawale, STO-I (LS)  |
| SOUL 3.0 Web OPAC & Backup | Sh Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)   |
| SOUL 3.0 Installation      | Sh Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)   |
| Practical of All modules   | Sh Viraj Parekh, Library Officer (LS)<br>Sh Rajan Pandey, Library Associate (LS)<br>Ms Rose Marry, Libray Assistant (LS) |



**Participants of 167<sup>th</sup> Soul Training Programme with Hon'ble Director and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar**

In the valedictory session, Dr H.G. Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS), welcomed the participants. Prof Devika P Madalli, Director of the INFLIBNET Centre, addressed the gathering and distributed certificates to participants. Some participants expressed their views and appreciated all technical sessions. Ms Amrita Devi, Scientist-B (LS), proposed the vote of thanks and coordinated the valedictory session. Twenty-one (21) participants attended the training programme. For the benefit of participants, the Centre arranged a local educational tour at Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad.

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## Three-Day Workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

A Three-day Research Information Management System (RIMS) workshop was organized from 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), inaugurated the workshop. Ms Amrita Devi, Scientist-B (LS), welcomed the dignitaries and participants. The workshop coordinators were Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS). Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS), briefed about the workshop. Dr H G Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS), proposed a vote of thanks to the participants.



**Participants of Three-Day Workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS) Programme with Hon'ble Director and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar**

The details of lectures delivered by staff members of the INFLIBNET Centre are as follows:

| <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Name of Resource Person</b>                  |
|--|---|
| INFLIBNET Activities and Services                      | Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)             |
| Academic Identity Overview: ORCID                      | Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)        |
| Research Metrics                                       | Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)             |
| Research Data Management                               | Dr Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist-C (LS)         |
| Research Data Management                               | Sh Hitesh Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)             |
| DSpace-CRIS -an Overview                               | Sh Raja V, Scientist-C (CS)                     |
| Overview-Research Information Management System (RIMS) | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)                   |
| Altmetrics Overview                                    | Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)             |
| IRINS Overview   | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)                   |
| CRIS/IRINS Standards, Metadata, and Data Sources       | Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)             |
| Data Curation and Profile Creation                     | Ms Savita Devi, STA (LS)/Mrs Varalakshmi & Team |

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|---|---|
| Data Curation and Profile Creation - Practice                   | Ms Savita Devi, STA (LS)/Mrs Varalakshmi & Team |
| IRINS Analytics & Nodal Officer Dashboard                       | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)                   |
| Shodh-Chakra: Scholars Profiles and Resources Management System | Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)             |
| Research Analytics Dashboard                                    | Dr Kruti, Scientist-D (LS)                      |

A total of 28 participants including University Nodal officers, Professors, Registrar, Research Scholars, and Library Professionals from various Universities and Institutes in India attended the workshop.



**Glimpses from the Valedictory Function of Three-Day Workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS) Programme, INFLIBNET Centre**

In the valedictory function, Ms Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS), welcomed the dignitaries and the delegates. The Hon'ble Chief Guest, Prof Manish Joshi, Secretary, UGC, New Delhi, addressed the gathering. Hon'ble Director, Prof Devika P Madalli, presided over the valedictory function. The Guest of Honour, Prof C R Karisiddappa, Retired Professor, DLISc, Karnataka University, Dharwad, shared his broad research experience with the delegates. Some participants expressed their views and appreciated all theoretical and practical sessions. The workshop provided a valuable platform for participants to enhance their understanding of contemporary research practices and use digital tools and platforms to showcase their research profiles. The function ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Amrita Devi, Scientist-B (LS), INFLIBNET Centre.



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## Online Training Programmes on INFLIBNET Learning Management Service (ILMS)

The INFLIBNET Centre conducted the following 01 training programme on ILMS during the reported period.

| Sl. No. | Name of University                           | Date of Training | Experts  | Number of Participants |
|---------|--|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1       | Sanskriti University, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh | 20-02-2024       | Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS) and Sh Brijesh K, INFLIBNET Centre | 400                    |

## Online Training Program on National Portal for Transgender Persons

On the request from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, the Transgender & Beggary Division of the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), 03 Training Programmes on the National Portal for Transgender Persons for the District Magistrates/Collectors and concerned officials were conducted by the INFLIBNET Centre during the reported period. The training programs aimed to sensitize the District Officials about the working of the portal and to clarify their doubts and technical issues related to the issuance of TG Certificates and ID Cards.

| Sl. No. | Name of University | Date of Training |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1       | Maharashtra        | 17-01-2024       |
| 2       | Assam              | 18-01-2024       |
| 3       | Daman & Diu        | 19-01-2024       |

## Regional Training Programmes on ShodhShuddhi (PDS)

### Northern Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) DrillBit, University of Delhi, Delhi, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Northern Regional Sixth Training on PDS, organised by the Delhi University Library System in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Centre, Balani Infotech Pvt Ltd, Noida, and DrillBit, Bengaluru, took place at the Conference Centre, North Campus, University of Delhi on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Participants from Universities in the Northern States, including Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh, attended the programme. Dr Rajesh Singh, the Librarian of the University of Delhi, delivered the welcome address. Prof Balaram Pani, the Dean of Colleges at the University of Delhi, served as the Chief Guest. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, inaugurated the programme as the Guest of Honour. In his inaugural address, Sh Manoj Kumar K highlighted the advantages of PDS and provided insights into ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software and other activities of the INFLIBNET in the country. During the event, Sh Kailash Balani, Managing Director of Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd., and Sh Jayanna Belvadi, CEO of DrillBit SoftTech India Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru,

conducted a detailed discussion and demonstration on DrillBit Extreme Plagiarism Software. In the valedictory session, Prof Balaram Pani discussed the usability of PDS, and Dr Rajesh Singh, along with his associates, expressed gratitude in the Vote of Thanks. The program concluded successfully, and certificates were distributed to the 200 participants (approx.)



**Participants of Northern Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) DrillBit, Delhi University, Delhi**

### **ORCID Outreach Programmes (ORCID Global Participation Fund)**

As part of the awarded ORCID Global Participation Fund last July 2023, the INFLIBNET Centre conducted 05 One-day User Awareness Programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities” in selected HEIs region-wise across the country during the reported period listed in the Table. The main objective of the programme is to create awareness of the use of academic identities, i.e., ORCID, among Indian researchers and academicians and to bring more awareness about the various services and activities of the INFLIBNET Centre, specifically IRINS and Shodh-Chakra, etc. among them. Four sessions were being delivered during each one-day programme: ORCID & Academic Identities, Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS), Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources, and the INFLIBNET Activities.

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Programme Date</b>         | <b>Host Institution</b>              | <b>University/</b> | <b>Resource Persons</b>   | <b>Total Participants</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1              | 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 | Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu |                    | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS) | 116                       |

|   |                                |  |   |     |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---|-----|
| 2 | 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024  | Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune, Maharashtra | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS) | 82  |
| 3 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024  | Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic & Persian University, Patna, Bihar     | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)      | 105 |
| 4 | 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | C. V. Raman Global University (CGU), Bhubaneswar, Odisha             | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)      | 122 |
| 5 | 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), Kandi, Telangana    | Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS), and Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)      | 85  |

### DataCite Global Access Fund (DataCite-GAF)

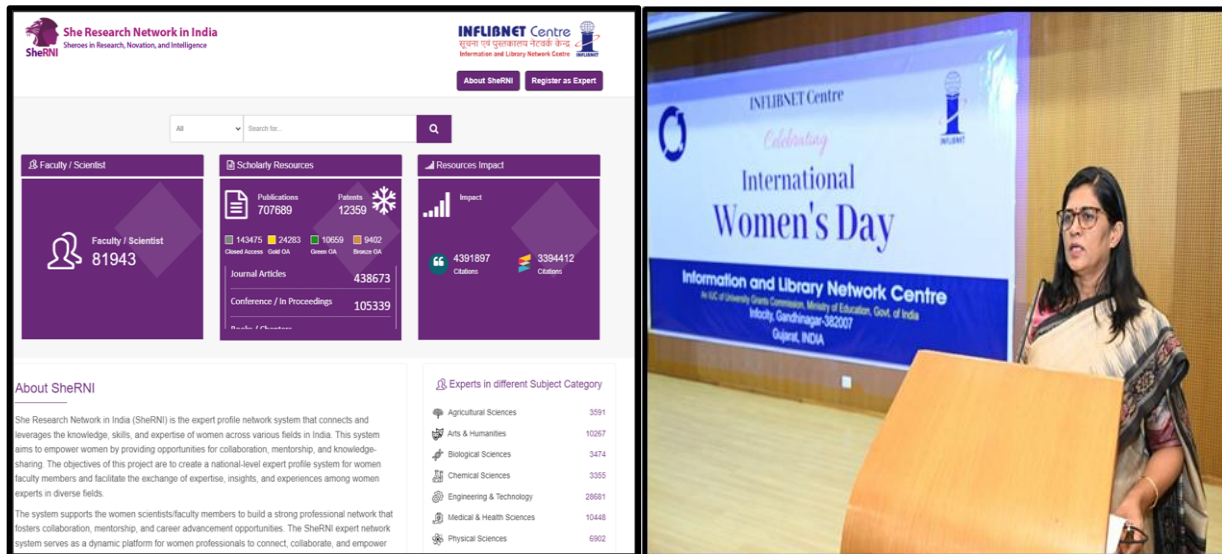
The INFLIBNET Centre was awarded the DataCite Global Access Funds (DataCite-GAF) in December 2023 to conduct outreach programmes. This award is a testament to the INFLIBNET Centre's organizational expertise and commitment to advancing research data management practices and promoting open science. The Outreach Programme aims to raise awareness, provide training, and inculcate the adoption of Open Science among researchers, institutions, and stakeholders across diverse academic disciplines. Through this initiative, the Centre will work collaboratively with the research community to enhance data discoverability, accessibility, and interoperability, thereby facilitating more efficient and impactful research outcomes. The project aims to conduct Six Webinars, Six onsite Regional Capacity Building Programmes, and one train-the-trainer programme at the INFLIBNET Centre. During the reported period, the first webinar, "Unleashing the Potential of Open Research Data Management," was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, and around 125 participants actively participated in it.

### Launching of "SheRNI: She Research Network in India" Portal

The Hon'ble Director, INFLIBNET Centre proudly launched 'SheRNI: She Research Network in India' on the occasion of International Women's Day 2024. This initiative represents a significant step forward in empowering women and their expertise to advance research and innovation in India. Notably, the name "SheRNI" was ingeniously coined by the Director herself, reflecting her visionary approach and commitment to building a platform that celebrates and boosts the contributions of women in research and academia.

She Research Network in India (SheRNI) is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages women's knowledge, skills, and expertise across various fields in India. This system

empowers women by providing collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing opportunities. This project aims to create a national-level expert profile system for women faculty members and facilitate the exchange of expertise, insights, and experiences among women experts in diverse fields.



**Hon'ble Director, INFLIBNET Centre addressing Staff of the INFLIBNET Centre, and Launched 'SheRNI: She Research Network in India' on International Women's Day 2024**

### Key Features of the She Research Network in India (SheRNI)

**Research Network System:** The platform facilitates women faculty members and scientists to collect, curate, and showcase scholarly communication activities and provides an opportunity to create a scholarly network of women in India.

**Visibility and Networking Opportunities:** The platform provides networking opportunities for women researchers and practitioners interested in women's studies. Users can connect with peers, join discussion forums, and collaborate on research projects, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and partnerships.

**Funding and Grants:** To support research initiatives on women's issues, the platform features information on funding opportunities, grants, and scholarships available to researchers and organizations. This ensures equitable access to resources for conducting gender-responsive research.

**Events and Workshops:** SheRNI serves as a hub for information on conferences, seminars, workshops, and other events related to women's studies. Users can stay updated on upcoming events, submit proposals, and participate in discussions to enhance their knowledge and skills.

**Recognition of Excellence:** Each month, the SheRNI platform will select and showcase a remarkable woman professional who has demonstrated excellence, innovation, and leadership

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in her respective field. This feature provides a platform to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women who are making significant contributions to research, academia, and society.

**Inspirational Stories:** The "Women of the Month" feature on SheRNI presents inspirational stories and profiles of selected women professionals, highlighting their academic journey, research accomplishments, career milestones, and impact on their communities. These stories serve as a source of inspiration and empowerment for other women professionals, encouraging them to pursue their goals and aspirations.

**Community Engagement:** SheRNI encourages community engagement and activism by featuring success stories, case studies, and testimonials from women leaders and changemakers. Women can contribute their stories and experiences, inspiring others and amplifying diverse voices.

The launch of the Women Research Network Portal was accompanied by a series of awareness-raising activities and social media campaigns to promote the platform and encourage participation from stakeholders across sectors. The response from the research community has been overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the growing demand for inclusive research spaces and resources focused on women's empowerment.

Through SheRNI, women in India are not only empowered to excel in their respective fields but also collectively drive research and innovation forward, contributing to the overall progress and development of the nation.

### **Current Status of INFLIBNET Projects**

#### **Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources**

Shodh-Chakra is an initiative of the INFLIBNET Centre under the guidance of UGC to help the academic community during their research life cycle. Shodh-Chakra provides a unique space for the researcher, guide/supervisor, and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar. The portal is integrated with millions of resources (including full-text theses) and the helping tools for the researcher, which are required during the research work. A total of 119 Universities have already signed MoU with the INFLIBNET Centre to use Shodh-Chakra including 15 Universities that have signed MoU during the reported period. The details of 15 Universities are provided below:

| <b>Sl. No</b> | <b>Name of Institutes/Universities</b> | <b>City</b>   | <b>State</b> | <b>Date of Signing MoU by University</b> | <b>Date of Signing MoU by the INFLIBNET Centre</b> |
|---------------|--|---------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1             | Visva-Bharti University                | Shantiniketan | West Bengal  | 07-11-2023                               | 08-01-2024   |

|    |   |           |                  |            |            |
|----|---|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 2  | Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University                                  | Gorakhpur | Uttar Pradesh    | 14-12-2023 | 08-01-2024 |
| 3  | Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya                                       | Bengaluru | Karnataka        | 07-11-2023 | 08-01-2024 |
| 4  | Cotton University   | Guwahati  | Assam            | 11-01-2024 | 05-02-2024 |
| 5  | MIT Art, Design & Technology University                                   | Pune      | Maharashtra      | 08-01-2024 | 05-02-2024 |
| 6  | Rishihood University  | Sonipat   | Haryana          | 01-02-2024 | 13-02-2024 |
| 7  | Women's Christian College   | Chennai   | Tamil Nadu       | 05-02-2024 | 05-02-2024 |
| 8  | Karamveer Shantarambapu Kondaji Wavare Arts, Science and Commerce College | Nashik    | Maharashtra      | 27-01-2024 | 13-02-2024 |
| 9  | Himachal Pradesh National Law University                                  | Shimla    | Himachal Pradesh | 24-08-2023 | 13-02-2024 |
| 10 | All India Shivaji Memorial Society's College of Engineering               | Pune      | Maharashtra      | 14-02-2024 | 14-02-2024 |
| 11 | Teerthanker Mahaveer University   | Moradabad | Uttar Pradesh    | 15-01-2024 | 08-02-2024 |
| 12 | Gauhati University  | Guwahati  | Assam            | 06-03-2024 | 13-03-2024 |
| 13 | Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Saifai                      | Etawah    | Uttar Pradesh    | 28-02-2024 | 28-02-2024 |
| 14 | K. R. Mangalam University   | Gurugram  | Haryana          | 02-02-2024 | 11-03-2024 |
| 15 | University of Mumbai  | Mumbai    | Maharashtra      | 27-02-2024 | 04-03-2024 |

### International Standard Book Number (ISBN)

As approved by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar has been given the task of managing and executing its day-to-day activities, including registration, applications and allotment of ISBN as well as technical maintenance of the ISBN Portal. During the reported period (01<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024), 3,341 stakeholders registered on the ISBN portal where 8,564 applications were received, and 1,22,292 ISBNs were allotted to the stakeholders/ Publishers.

### VIDWAN and Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS)

VIDWAN database contains detailed profiles of more than 2,37,946 faculty members and scientists working in 19,506 academic institutions till the reported period. IRINS is a web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service provided to higher education institutions in

India by the INFLIBNET Centre. IRINS facilitates academic, R&D organizations, faculty members, and scientists to collect, curate, and showcase scholarly communication activities and provides an opportunity to create a scholarly network. The INFLIBNET Centre has created 1,148 IRINS instances for Institutions until the reported period including 66 IRINS instances created during the period under report. IRINS has connected 182,691 faculty members through this project. The project retrieved 25.22 lakhs+ (25,22,117) publications metadata from various sources, received 229 lakhs+ (2,29,77,539) citations, and 91.7 lakhs+ (91,74,139) of Altmetrics mentions until the reported period.

### National Portal for Transgender Persons (TG Portal)

Under an MoU with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, the INFLIBNET Centre has developed the 'National Portal for Transgender Persons.' The portal enables a transgender person to digitally apply for a certificate and identity card from anywhere in the country without visiting any office. The Centre has continued the services as per the MoU. The table below shows the statistics about the number of applications received, certificates and ID cards issued, etc., during the reported period.

| Applications (Status-wise)                 | Nos. of Application Received | Nos. of Application not found eligible | Nos. of Certificate Issued | Nos. of Identity Card Issued |
|--|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Duration:<br/>January to March 2024</b> | 2691                         | 209                                    | 1160                       | 1167                         |

### Shodhganga: A Reservoir of Indian Theses

The first quarter of 2024 is marked as a remarkable period for Shodhganga, and carve-in PhD Theses mark its growth from most renewed national institutions like IITs/IIMs/NITs, etc. Shodhganga, a repository of full-text theses in Indian universities, has grown progressively, with a total of 19,427 Theses uploaded during the period under report, i.e., January-March 2024.

As such, till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, a total of 886 (780 Universities+106 CFTIs/INIs) have signed MoUs on Shodhganga, with the INFLIBNET Centre, including 21 MoUs (20 Universities+01 CFTIs/INIs) during the reported period, increasing the number of full-text theses in Shodhganga. As such, the repository has grown progressively during the period under the report.

The total number of theses deposited in the Shodhganga repository has grown to 5,25,293+ by the contribution of 765 contributing Universities.

The total theses uploaded (Figure 1) in the Quarter-Q1 (January-March 2024) are 19,427.



**Figure 1: Theses uploaded to Shodhganga**

## Shodhgangotri

Shodhgangotri is also now open to PG dissertations based on the request from the Ministry of Ayush. Currently, the repository hosts 13,657 Synopses/SHPs/PDFs/Fellowships/PG Dissertations contributed by 124 universities. During the reported period, 433 Synopses/SHPs/PDFs/Fellowship/PG Dissertations were added.

## ShodhShuddhi and Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS)

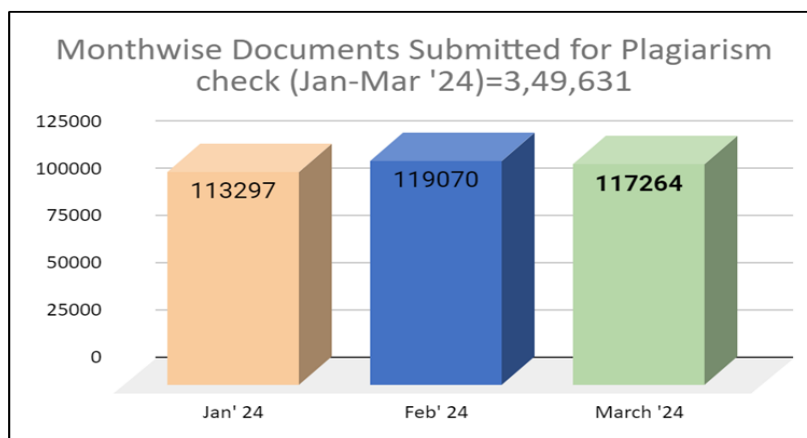
The Ministry of Education through its initiative ShodhShuddhi provides access to Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) to all Universities including Central, State, Deemed, and Private Universities, as well as Centrally funded Technical Institutions/Institutes of National Importance (CFTIs/INIs) in India through Central funding to enhance academic integrity in academic institutions and to curb plagiarism, w.e.f. 01<sup>st</sup> September 2019. In October 2023, a new PDS Software (i.e., DrillBit Extreme) was procured and provided to 1100+ HEIs.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, a total of 41,88,218 documents have been submitted for checking for similarity/plagiarism from 1137 (799 active) Universities/Institutions since inception. The Project Shodhshuddhi envisaged using 10 Lakhs of documents each year, and now 41.88 Lakhs of documents are submitted till the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. A total of 1,72,755 users migrated to the new PDS Software.

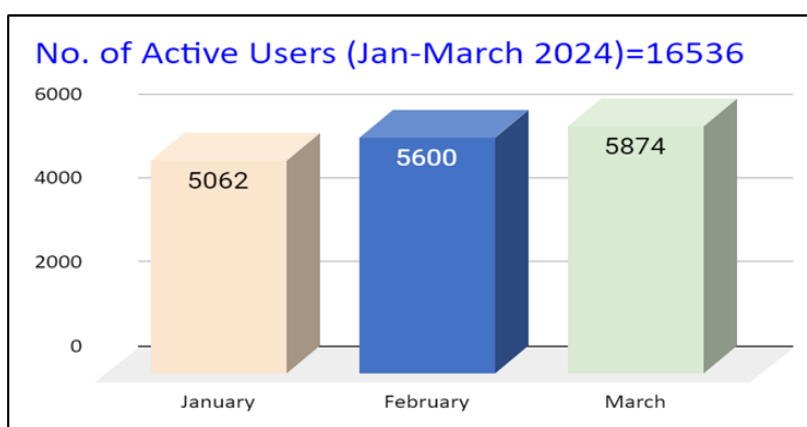
## Usage Statistics of PDS during the period under report

The total submission of documents to PDS during the period under report is 3,49,631. Figure 2 shows the average number of submissions in the last three months (January=113297, February=119070, and March=117264); the average was 1,16,543. Figure 3 shows the month-wise addition of users. A total of 16,536 new users were added during the period under report in PDS.





**Figure 2: No. of Submissions in PDS month-wise (January-March 2024)**



**Figure 3: No. of Active Users during the period**

## Other Notable Events and Activities

### Sports Events on the Occasion of Sports Week

The INFLIBNET Centre Celebrated Sports Week from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for the INFLIBNET Centre's staff members at Recreational Club, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Chess, Carom, Badminton, Box Cricket, Tug of War, Sprint, Pitthu and Target Shooting games were organised and the INFLIBNET Staff participated in the Sports week in team or single as per the rules of the sports week/game. The Winners were announced and appreciated with a token of Memento on the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Certificates of Participation were distributed to all participants.

### Republic Day Celebration

The INFLIBNET Centre celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at its premises at Gandhinagar. The National Flag was hoisted by Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre. She addressed the staff members and their families about the activities of the Centre on this occasion.



**75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre**

### **Basant Panchami**

Basant Panchami was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Centre's premises. The celebration started with Saraswati puja and Aradhana by Prof Devika Madali, Director, INFLIBNET Centre along with all the staff.



**Saraswati Pooja on Basant Panchami at the INFLIBNET Centre**

### **International Women's Day Celebration 2024**

The INFLIBNET Centre enthusiastically celebrated International Women's Day 2024 on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Hon'ble Director, Prof Devika Madalli inaugurated the program by lighting the traditional lamp followed by a soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana by the women staff, marking a promising start to the festivities.

As part of the Women's Day celebrations, the Director launched 'SheRNI: She Research Network,' a platform dedicated to women in India. In her address, the Director highlighted the immense contributions of women to society. She stressed the significance of gender equality in professional settings, advocating for men and women to be viewed as equals and colleagues. She also stated that the launch of 'SheRNI' is a significant step forward in empowering women and their expertise for the advancement of research and innovation in India. Furthermore, she shared her vision for the success of SheRNI, envisioning it as a positive change in the research landscape. Sh P Kannan, Scientist-E (LS) highlighted the features of SheRNI platform.

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The celebration also showcased the talent of female staff members through captivating dance performances and poignant poem recitations. Additionally, daughters of staff members participated, adding to the vibrancy of the event. The program concluded with a graceful ramp walk by all the women present. To acknowledge the presence of children, tokens of appreciation were presented to them by the Director.



**International Women's Day 2024 Celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre**

Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS) coordinated the programme with other Committee Members. About 165 staff members attended the celebration held in the Auditorium at the Centre. The event concluded on a delightful note, followed by a high tea for all staff members.

### **Holika Dahan and Holi Celebration**

The INFLIBNET family celebrated the vibrant festival of Holika Dahan, and the Festival of Colors, Holi, with splashing colours of joy, laughter, and togetherness on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



**Holika Dahan and Holi Celebration at the INFLIBNET Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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## Staff News

### Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)

Sh Manoj Kumar K was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures mentioned below:

- Presented a talk as an Invited Speaker on research integrity at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on 'Yogic Perspective of Cognitive Neuroscience & Mental Health,' organized by Lakulish Yoga University, Ahmedabad, in collaboration with the Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- Delivered a session as the Guest of Honour on 'Ranking Institutions: Role of Publications', as part of the quarterly seminar series 'Empowering Faculty on Research and Dissemination', arranged by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Calicut on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Delivered a talk as an invited Resource Person on 'Navigating the Path to Research Publication: Strategies for Success', at Farook College on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Delivered a talk as an invited Resource Person/Guest Lecturer on 'Research Ethics and Academic Integrity in Research Writing', at Swami Vivekananda Library and Resource Centre, IQAC, Manav Rachna University (SHU), Faridabad on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)

Dr Abhishek Kumar was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures mentioned below:

- Online lecture on "Making E-classroom Interactive" during Training Program - 'VASTUVID' for Sainik School Society" on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, organized by Center of Training (CoT), IITE, Gandhinagar.
- Delivered a keynote (Online) talk on "Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Library" at Rajarshi Janak Central Library, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Online lecture on Modern Techniques of ICT in Education" in NEP-Orientation and Sensitization Programme on the theme "Information and Communication Technology, organized by the Central University of Gujarat on 07<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)

Dr Kruti Trivedi delivered an online lecture as a resource person in the Author's Talk Series on "Assessing and Evaluating the Research Performance of a University Using Bibliometric Indicators", organized by Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad, on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Sh Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)

Sh Pradhan delivered a lecture on "Open Access Publication and Initiatives" on 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 during PhD Course Work at the Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE), Gandhinagar.

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### **Dr Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist-C (LS)**

Dr Miteshkumar Pandya was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Managing Reference using Reference Management Tools: Zotero & Mendeley during Workshop on Reference Management Tools, organized by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Institute of Technology, Nirma University on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.
- The Evolving Landscape of Academic Writing Using AI Tools, during the One Week Faculty Development Programme on AI Tools for Academic Research, organized by Centre for Information Resource Management, University of Kalyani on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)**

Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Application of Statistical Tools in Research, during Author's Talk Series, organised by Teerthanker Mahaveer University on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Database and Research Metrics during PhD Course Work, organized by the School of Doctoral Studies and Research, National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)**

Sh Pallab Pradhan was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Delivered online lectures on INFLIBNET Services and Activities, Shodh-Chakra and IRINS at Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, in the Use of INFLIBNET Resources for Research in the PhD Coursework of Batch 2023-24.
- Delivered sessions as invited Resource Person on Research Matrices and Ethical Research Practices and Avoiding Predatory Publishing on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 during the Online 7<sup>th</sup> Faculty Induction Programme at HRDC Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha from 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to 08<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **New Appointment**

#### **Sh Rohil Mangal Chaudhary**



Sh Rohil Mangal Chaudhary joined the INFLIBNET Centre as Clerk-cum-Typist on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. He has completed B.E in Civil Engineering from Gujarat Technical University in 2021. Before joining the Centre, he was a Graduate Trainee at the Department of Atomic Energy, IREL, Odisha for 2022-2023.

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## Users' Speak

### For ShodhShuddhi

ShodhShuddhi is a very useful reservoir for the future of researchers and institutions both. We are very thankful towards the support team for providing such a good platform.  
(Mangalayatan University Jabalpur)

### For Shodhganga

I am writing to inquire about the process of submitting my dissertation report for publication in the Shodhganga repository. I understand that Shodhganga provides a valuable platform for scholars like myself to make our research accessible to a wider audience.  
(*Research Scholar*)

As ShodhGanga is an essential resource for researchers like myself, I would greatly appreciate any assistance or guidance you could provide to resolve this matter promptly.  
(*Research Scholar*)