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From Director's Desk

Dear friends,

Development of human resources is an important and ongoing activity at this Centre. Nineteenth training course on Application of Computers to Library and Information Services commenced on 19th June, 2000 involving participants from university libraries funded in F.Y. 1999-2000.

SOUL software was installed at 4 university libraries. It has generated a lot of interest in the library community. More installations are planned in near future. SOUL is expected to fulfill the long felt need of academic libraries for a state of the art and affordable library management software.

Retro-conversion and Document delivery service projects have taken off in right earnest. In meetings with librarians of identified universities, strategies and guidelines were firmed up to meet the goals in desired time frame.

*Pramod Kumar
Director*

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NINETEENTH TRAINING COURSE

The 19th training programme on **Application of Computers to Library and Information Services** started on 19th June 2000. It will go up to 15th July 2000. INFLIBNET Centre has been conducting basic training courses on computer application to libraries for university library staff for last eight years. So far, the Centre has conducted 18 such training courses. It has trained more than 400 professionals working in university libraries from all over the country. Fifteen participants from different universities are attending this course. Most of these participants are from the universities funded by UGC under INFLIBNET programme during the financial year 1999-2000.

Apart from operating system, library standards, computer hardware/ software and INTERNET, newly developed library management software SOUL were intensively taught to the participants.

Participants visited Indian Institute of Management Library, interacted with library staff and got acquainted with the library automation activity. They were also taken on sight seeing visit to Akshardham at Gandhinagar

SOUL DISCUSSION FORUM

INFLIBNET Centre has developed an in-house software called SOUL (Software for University Libraries) for library automation. There are quite a few users of this software. In order to provide them a common platform where they can share the problems of this software, INFLIBNET Centre has developed a web enabled discussion forum called SOUL discussion forum. This can be accessed at <http://www.inflibnet.ac.in>.

This forum is designed using horizontal frames. The first frame consists of the contents that are already present in the forum. If there are no contents, this will be blank. The second frame consists of Welcome message along with a link to post messages. There is also a link for searching the existing contents. If any user of the SOUL software wants to post the problem, he/she has to use the first link. When this link is activated, there will be a form displayed having three fields. The user has to type about the problem faced. After filling up the form, user has to click on post article button to submit the message. The subject of the message will appear on the contents area. Once posted, the message will be available for other users who are on-line. In order to read the message and reply it, click on the suitable subject which is on the message area. When this is done, then the comments entered by the user will be displayed on the second frame. There are options like, Home, Contents, Search, Post, Reply, Next, Previous, etc. If anyone wants to reply to a particular message, then click on reply which is present along with the message. Likewise the discussion takes place. If there are more replies, they are threaded.

IMPORTANT MILESTONES IN INFLIBNET'S HISTORY

Year	Major Happennings / Events
1991	● Initiation of INFLIBNET Programme under IUCAA
1994	● First database of Books started for Union catalogue. ● First library automation software DELMS ● First CALIBER at Ahmedabad
1995	● Databases of Serials/ Theses/ Experts started ● Second CALIBER at Hyderabad

1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DELMS changed to ILMS. ● INFLIBNET CENTRE became an IUC of UGC. ● First installation of ILMS at Bombay University. ● Third CALIBER at Baroda.
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Database of experts ● INFLIBNET Centre web site ● Fourth CALIBER at Patiala ● Work on windows based library automation software SOUL started.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online access to Union catalogue ● Fifth CALIBER at Bhubaneswar ● Demo of SOUL beta version
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sixth CALIBER at Nagpur
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seventh CALIBER at Chennai ● Release of SOUL ● First installation of SOUL at North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon

WORKSHOP ON BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS AND FORMATS

Workshop on "Bibliographic Standards and Formats: Tools and Techniques" was organised at INFLIBNET Centre, for the participants of the participating libraries identified under the Retrocon. project. UGC has sanctioned grant of Rs.10 Lakhs each to five major libraries for converting the entire library collection into machine readable form. In order to provide guidelines for this huge task, INFLIBNET Centre, organised this workshop from 15-25th May, 2000. Sixteen participants from five libraries participated in the programme.

Workshop was inaugurated by the Director, INFLIBNET Centre followed by lecture on INFLIBNET and its activities. Participants were exposed to the topics viz. Overview of the project, software to be used for retro-conversion, guidelines for using standards formats, data input sheet preparation, using AACR2, and Library of Congress subject headings also with few case studies. Participants were exposed to Software for University Libraries (SOUL) developed by INFLIBNET. Mrs. Sunitha Murthy from Library of Congress delivered lectures on AACR2 and LC subject headings and name authority file. At the end of the workshop participants worked for project involving

- Preparation of data input sheets as per the standards and formats
- Verifying the data
- Assigning subject headings using LC subject headings
- Data entry in SOUL software
- On-line editing

This project in small scale helped to build confidence among the participants to create quality records of their holdings and contribute to INFLIBNET's union database for online access on the network. The workshop ended with Valedictory function on 25th May, 2000 and Director, INFLIBNET Centre, gave valedictory address and gave away the certificates to the participants of the workshop. The participants who attended the workshop assured that they will work to the full satisfaction to make the project a success.

SOUL INSTALLATION

Software for university libraries (SOUL) was successfully installed at North Gujarat University, Patan, during May 29 - June 3,

2000. This university had created around 21000 records of books using CDS/ISIS and the same were imported to the software. The records are now being made available to the users to have access through Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). Catalogue module is being used to complete the task of converting the retroconversion of their library catalogue.

Another INFLIBNET team visited Amravati University during May 29 – June 5 and installed the software and provided training to the limited staff working in the library. This library has created around 7000 records in CDS/ISIS which were converted into SOUL and provided access to OPAC users. The librarian and the other staff members expressed their happiness about the features covered in the software and are confident to carry out the operations using SOUL.

The same team, then visited University of Mumbai for installation of the software from June 6-June 10. This university has already created around 40000 records of books using CDS/ISIS. Staff from this university were given training in using all the modules. Serials module in this university is expected to have a thorough check to get feedback for improving the next version of the software.

With this installation the software SOUL has been installed at four universities. It is proposed to install SOUL in another 11 universities during July-August, 2000.

MEETING OF DOCUMENT DELIVERY CENTRES

The meeting of the librarians of six university libraries, which are identified as Document Delivery Centres to provide Document Delivery Service under the INFLIBNET Programme, was held on 10th April, 2000 at INFLIBNET

Centre, Ahmedabad. Librarians or I/C Librarians of six universities along with INFLIBNET officials attended the meeting. Sh. Pramod Kumar, Director INFLIBNET welcomed the members and gave brief overview of the project. Following areas were discussed in the meeting to work out final strategy to implement the project.

1. Grant provided
2. Scope of the project covering the areas to be covered by each library.
3. Financial Support
4. Required infrastructural facilities
5. Materials (items) to be covered under the service
6. Document ordering and delivery options
7. Turn around time or response time for the service
8. Charges and payment options
9. Maintaining records
10. Publicity
11. Preparations for launching the service
12. Memorandum of understanding
13. Actual launching of the service

It was unanimously decided that, the service be simultaneously launched by all DDC's on 10 July, 2000. The formalities of infrastructure setup, database creation etc will have to be done two weeks before launching the service.

RETRO-CON PROJECT

The Retrospective conversion of collection of five major libraries identified under INFLIBNET Centre, has been approved by UGC and accordingly the first installment of Rs. 2.5 lakhs each has been sanctioned to these libraries. The Director, INFLIBNET Centre, convened

the meeting of all the five librarians to discuss various issues involved in implementation of the project and deliberate on important issues involved to achieve the set objectives and also to prepare an action plan. This meeting was held on 11th and 12th April, 2000 at INFLIBNET. Discussions were held on scope of the project, the Recon process and options. It was decided to have training course to the core persons under the title "Bibliographic Standards and Formats : Tools and Techniques" which will give proper guidelines for executing the project. Memorandum of understanding will be signed by these libraries.

All the participating librarians realised the importance of the project and showed keen interest and great commitment in executing the project. They were also appreciative of the fact that their libraries have been chosen under this prestigious project. Participating libraries were assured of all the possible help by INFLIBNET. Librarians were urged to extend their full cooperation and support in successful implementation of the project.

Since there will be overlapping in collection of all these libraries, it was decided to allocate different subjects to different universities based on their strong areas, so that once data is created by each library, it can be used by the others for searching and downloading the record to add to their local holding details. This will avoid duplication of entries and there will be greater uniformity among the records. Upon discussion with librarians of these libraries, it was decided to allocate following subjects to each university.

University	Subject Areas
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Philosophy & related Discipline
Banaras University, Varanasi	Philosophy & related Religion The Arts

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Pure Sciences Technology (Applied Science)
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Political Sciences Language Literature
University of Madras, Chennai	Psychology Public Administration Social problems & services Education Commerce (Trade) Customs, etiquette, folklore General geography & history
University of Mumbai	Generalities Social Sciences Statistics Economics Law

It is expected that, a sizable number of records will be created by each library in the area assigned to them in the first quarter of the project by the end of November, 2000. The records will then be brought out in CD-ROM form for use by other libraries for search and download.

Once the project is completed it is expected that, union database of these five libraries can be created and can be used as tool for retrospective conversion by other libraries.

UNIVERSITY PROFILE

The University of Pune was established under the Poona University Act, 1948 passed by the Bombay Legislature on 18th February, 1948

and on 15th April of that year Dr. M. R. Jayakar assumed office as the first Vice-Chancellor of the University. Finally on 10th February, 1948, University of Pune was established by taking over the jurisdiction of 12 districts of the Maharashtra from the University of Bombay.

Jayakar Library

The University library now named as “Jayakar Library” after the first Vice-Chancellor late Dr. Mukund Ramrao Jayakar started functioning in January, 1950 with a nucleus collection of late Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar. The building was extended from time and now occupies over 44,000 sq ft. area. Recently in 1994, a spacious reading hall (4,000 sq ft) was constructed providing reading facility for more than 250 readers at a time. This hall is kept open for longer hours and on Sunday & Holidays throughout the year.

01. Library Collection

During the last 50 years the collection has grown up to 4,24,000 (books and back volumes of periodicals), un-published theses, dissertation, manuscripts, maps, pamphlets, newspaper clipping, microforms and other reading materials. The library presently subscribes to 723 periodicals and receives periodicals on gift and exchange basis. Besides, there are collection of gramophone records and CD-ROMs. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of study in this premier university, the library collection covers subjects from all branches of Sciences, Social Science and Humanities.

02. Services

In addition to the conventional library services such as reference, circulation etc., library provides the following special ones.

- a. Online access to library catalogue of books, periodicals and articles.
- b. Internet access.
- c. Documentation service.
- d. Special Service to visually handicapped students.
- e. Bibliographical services on demand.

Library has compiled following reference tools for the use of scholars.

- a. Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations (1950-1984).
- b. Descriptive Catalogue of Marathi Incunabulae (Dolamudrite)
- c. Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts available in the Jayakar Library Vol. 1 & 2.
- d. Guide to the resources available in the Jayakar Library in the field of Social Sciences.
- e. Union Catalogue of back volumes of periodicals.
- f. Documentation in Social Science since 1971.
- g. Bibliography of Marathi theses.

03. Audio-visual & Microfilming unit

A Microfilming and audio-visual unit was established in the Jayakar Library from the donation received from Pu La. Deshpande Foundation in 1987. The Library has microfilmed rare books, Marathi periodicals and manuscripts.

04. UGC Study Centre

The library runs a reading room at the Ranade Institute for under graduate students from affiliated colleges from Pune city.

05. Automation

The work of automating library functions and services was initiated in the year 1987. This activity has been streamlined with the financial assistance from INFLIBNET. A multi user LIBSYS software was purchased in 1992. The library has created databases of books, periodical holdings, theses etc. With financial assistance the library has purchased DEC Alpha 2000 along with 10 Pentiums and more than 22 terminals are installed to facilitate users and staff to speed up the activities. So also, new advances of technology like e-mail, fax, internet are actively used in the library.

Steps for full fledged automation via retrospective conversion of bibliographic records of books and periodicals, bar-coding of documents, creation of membership database have already been undertaken. The library has been actively participating in information and library network of UGC (INFLIBNET) and PUNENET by contributing data to the databases. More than 1,00,000 records representing library holdings are accessible through OPAC. Library has created its web site.

06. Future Plans

With the help of INFLIBNET's financial assistance, the retrospective conversion can be enhanced and holdings can be made available for online access. The library plans to have CD Net in its premises. In the coming years library is looking forward to digitise the rare materials available with it, use barcode technology and develop web pages for the library.

INDIAN LIBRARY OPAC

1. J.R.D Tata Memorial Library.
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
<http://144.16.72.104/lsearch.html>
2. Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay
http://www.library.iitb.ernet.in/lib_search.html
3. Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Goregaon. Mumbai
<http://www.igidr.ac.in/lib/opac.htm>
4. Indian Institute of Technology – Delhi
<http://www.iitd.ernet.in/cgi-bin/lbrows1.cgi>
5. Indian Institute of Management, Indore
<http://www.iimidr.ernet.in/book.html>
6. University of Hyderabad
<http://202.41.85.208/libsys/jclient.html>
7. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), B C ROY LIBRARY, Calcutta
<http://203.197.126.103/BCRoylibrary/default.asp>
8. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Central Library, Madras
<http://www.iitm.ac.in/research/depts/centlib.htm>
9. Institute of Rural Management, Anand
<http://irma.irm.ernet.in>
10. National Centre for Science Information, NCSI Library Catalogue, Bangalore
<http://144.16.72.156/ncsilib/bkcir6.htm>
11. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Library, Mumbai
<http://www.tifr.res.in/~library>
12. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics library
<http://www-library.saha.ernet.in>

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VISITORS

Mrs. Kalpana Dasgupta, Director, Central Secretariat Library, Delhi and President, Indian Library Association visited INFLIBNET Centre from 27th-28th June, 2000. During her visit, she delivered two lectures to the participants of nineteenth training course on "How to plan for your library automation :Issues to be considered" and "Role of standards in library automation". She also interacted with INFLIBNET staff and got acquainted with various activities being carried out at INFLIBNET Centre. She spent time to see SOUL software designed and developed by INFLIBNET.

FEEDBACKS

The Editorial Board requests the librarians, and others to contribute news items pertaining to important activities and events taking place in their universities. We also solicit your comments, suggestions in making this newsletter an effective media to communicate INFLIBNET activities