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From Director's Desk

I wish to express my profound thanks to all the national and international participants who have made the International CALIBER-2003 a grand success at Ahmedabad. It has been a rewarding experience and encourages us to plan effectively.

We are also happy to inform that under the guidance of Dr. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC, we are making rapid progress in the area of E-journal subscriptions consortia and very soon we should be in a position to make its presence felt among the academic community. Already over 61 universities have received clearances for connectivity under UGC-Infonet programme and the activity is catching up at a very faster rate. We are also working in close co-ordination with NATP of ICAR for collaborating in the areas of Networking and E-Journal subscription consortia for the scientists and academics in the areas of Agricultural Science and Technology in the country.

Our SOUL software is ready for end-to-end automation. Many of us have been perceived it as something tangible, like a physical product. But, we have to get over that mindset and see it more as a tool that improves efficiency and brings in a lot of checks and balances. It should also be seen as an intellectual property.

The purpose of this newsletter is to disseminate information not only on INFLIBNET activities, but also on any aspect of Library and Information Science that may be of interest to the academic community. This serves document discussions of interest as well as news concerning you, your research efforts, and your organization. Please send any pertinent materials, notes, minutes or reports to Editorial Board. News Column will typically be available prior to publication in print, from INFLIBNET website.

We would appreciate receiving items having to do with:

Research and opinion:

Abstract or reports of an on-going or unpublished research

Bibliographies and materials available on specified subjects

Analysis or description of new technologies

Comments or opinion on the art of Library networks

Events

Notes, Minutes or summaries of meetings etc. of interest to Library and information Science, Computer professionals.

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People

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Announcements of change in personal status and affiliations.

I hope that readers of this Newsletter will find the contributions stimulating and as always, I am happy to receive comments or suggestions for future contents.

- Dr T A V Murthy
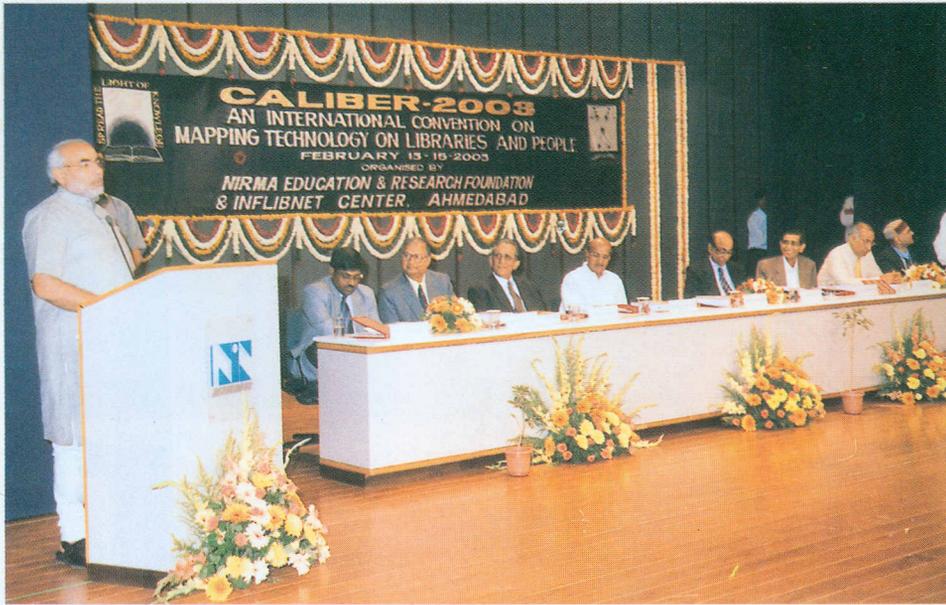
Shri Narendra Modi (Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat) inaugurating **INFLIBNET**'s International CALIBER-2003 held at NERF, Ahmedabad. Dr S Ramani, Dr D K Basu, Dr T A V Murthy, Dr Karsanbhai Patel, Prof. N. V. Vasani, .Dr. Anup Singh, Mr. H. Anilkumar and Mr. Ambubhai Patel are also seen on the dais.
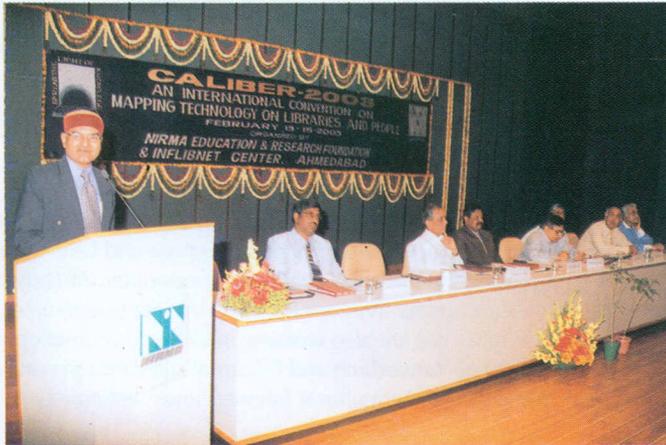
Dr T A V Murthy addressing the delegates of International CALIBER-2003 during the concluding session. Prof. Girish Agrawal, Shri P. Pannervel IAS and Shri S M Salgar are also seen on the dais.
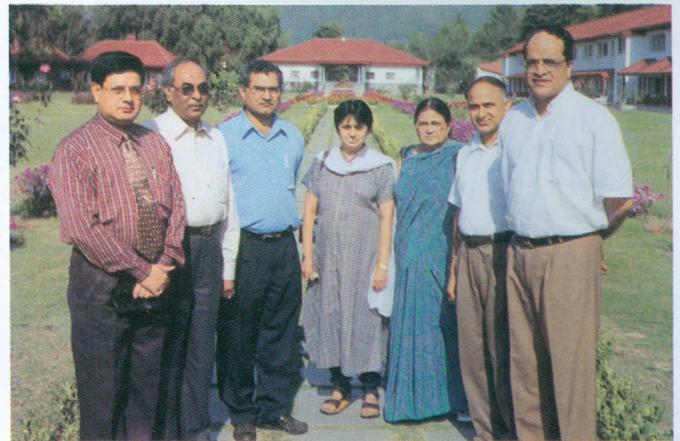
Dr T A V Murthy (third from left) with Dr V N Rajasekharan Pillai (extreme right), the newly appointed Vice-Chairman of UGC, and other NAAC peer team members during their visit to University of Kashmir, Srinagar recently.
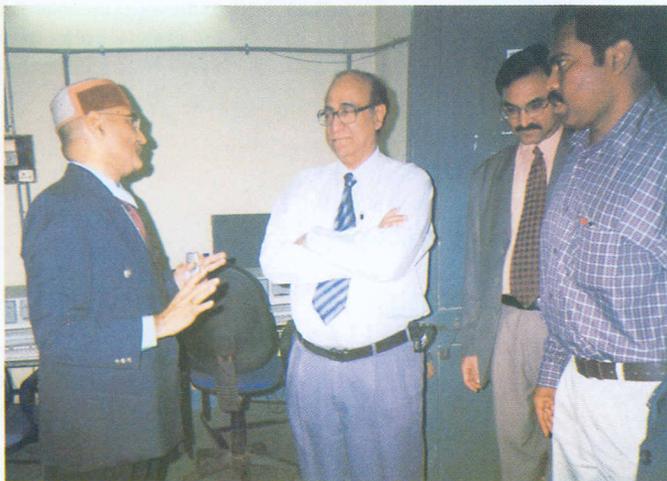
Dr S Ramani, Chairman, **INFLIBNET** Governing Board with Dr T A V Murthy, Shri D P Negi and Shri B Ramesh, during his visit to **INFLIBNET**.

Shri S M Salgar speaking in the E-Subscription regional meeting held at Andhra University, Visakhaptanam. Shri V S Cholin is also seen.

International CALIBER-2003 Report

INFLIBNET Center's International CALIBER-2003 was successfully organized at Nirma Education and Research Foundation, Ahmedabad during 13 - 15 February, 2003. The theme of CALIBER – 2003 was "Mapping Technology on Libraries and People". This was the 10th convention in the series and was the First International event. Total of 316 delegates participated in this convention, which include delegates from USA, Philippines, UK, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh apart from Indian delegates. There was an overwhelming response to the call for papers. Authors from different countries contributed and presented papers during the convention. In the proceedings of CALIBER-2003, 67 full text papers and 39 abstracts have been published. About 100 delegates registered for two pre-conference tutorials on "Designing and Implementation of Local Area Network" and "Developing Digital Collection". Prof. B.H. Jajoo, Computer & Information Systems Group, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and Dr. Jagdish Arora, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai were the resource persons for these tutorials, respectively.

The conference was inaugurated by **Shri Narendra Modi**, the Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat State. After lighting the lamp, Shri Modi released the proceedings volume of CALIBER – 2003. Shri Modi in his address, emphasized that the knowledge must spread and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues should not come in the way of knowledge dissemination. Dr. Karsanbhai Patel, Chairman, NERF released the souvenir and CD of CALIBER proceedings. Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET Centre highlighted the activities & plans of INFLIBNET for promoting IT culture in academic sector and transforming Indian academic libraries. He also informed about UGC-Infonet programme, which is coming up in a big way. Under the programme, INFLIBNET will subscribe to core journals in electronic form and make them accessible to academic community in India. Dr. Dilip Kumar Basu, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University delivered the keynote address. Dr. S. Ramani, Chairman, Governing Board of INFLIBNET, in his opening remarks, highlighted the role of private institutions and trusts, who would play a vital role in making the education truly global one. Dr A K Singh, Director, NIM welcomed the delegates earlier and Shri H Anil Kumar, Organising Secretary, CALIBER-2003 proposed the vote of thanks.

Total deliberations of the CALIBER-2003 were divided in to four technical sessions under sub themes. The first session on "Library Automation" started with the theme paper presented by Dr T A V Murthy and Shri V S Cholin from INFLIBNET Centre. 23 papers were presented in this session out of 43 selected papers. Sh. A R Sethi of Punjab University chaired this session. The second session on "User Studies" was held in parallel and started with the theme paper from Prof I V Malhan of Jammu University and was chaired by Prof. K C Sahoo of Hari Singh Gaur University. There were about 19 papers presented out of 28 selected papers. The third session was on "Consortia" and had the theme paper presented by Prof Ajit Kembhavi of IUCAA and Dr T S Kumbar of INFLIBNET. Total 11 papers were presented in this session out of 25 selected papers and was chaired by Dr R B Gaddagimath of Gulbarga University. The session on "Telecommunication" was chaired by Prof I K Ravichandra Rao of DRTC, in which 4 papers were presented out of 11 selected. Dr P K Jaiswal of Mizoram University acted as the Rapporteur General of the conference and he was assisted by Dr Pravakar Rath, Prof. R S R Varalaxmi, Mr V S Cholin, Mr K Prakash, Mr Rajesh Chandrakar, Mr Rajendra Thaty, Ms Swadha

library professionals, information providers and users involved in automation and networking of libraries to come together and interact on the subjects of mutual interest in the North Eastern region. **First PLANNER** on **Automation of Libraries in North Eastern Region: Trends, Issues and Challenges** is being hosted by **North Eastern Hill University, Shillong** during **November 6 - 7, 2003.** In future, this special event would regularly be held at _North Eastern universities/institutions on rotational basis_.

PARTICIPATION

This Convention provides a unique opportunity to;

❖ Academicians and researchers looking for information access facilities to enhance academic pursuits in North Eastern Region.

❖ Librarians and their professional colleagues of Universities, Colleges and Institutions in North Eastern Region.

❖ Faculty members from library and information science departments in North Eastern Region.

❖ Information Scientists and professionals engaged in library automation and networking in North Eastern Region.

❖ Professionals working in R & D libraries in North Eastern Region.

❖ Information providers, consultants and users in North Eastern Region.

❖ Professionals from other academic institutions in North Eastern Region.

❖ Computer and IT professionals in North Eastern Region.

Professionals from other parts of the country can also participate in PLANNER-2003.

THEME OF THE CONVENTION

In changing scenario of Indian Libraries, INFLIBNET has played major role in bringing IT culture and establishing infrastructure in Indian Universities. In spite of major initiatives of INFLIBNET, libraries encounter manifold problems and uneven developments, but major problem is the emergence of new technologies. E-resources, digital libraries, search engines, Library Consortia, Standards and formats are some important issues, which need discussion. Keeping all the above issues in mind, the Programme Committee has selected the theme of the convention as **Automation of Libraries in North Eastern Region: Trends Issues and Challenges.**

The sub-themes and the topics to be covered under each sub-theme are given below.

1.   IT based Activities

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have brought revolutionary changes in handling, delivering and storage of information. The transition of traditional library collections to digital or virtual collections presented the librarian with new opportunities and challenges. The internet, especially WWW has given the librarian a new dynamic role to play in the society and serve the new information in better ways than every before. Because of the powerful features of web i.e. distributed, heterogeneous, collaborative, multimedia, Standards and Protocols, architecture, world wide web has revolutionized the way people access information and has opened up new possibilities in areas such as digital libraries, Virtual libraries, efficient information retrieval and dissemination. Topic under this sub-theme are:-

❖ Library automation

❖ Database Development

* ❖ Standards and Protocol

* ❖ Search Engines

* ❖ Electronic Document Delivery

* ❖ Digital library collections – making and managing

2.   Emergency of Consortia

The recent development of library consortia can be considered as a major step towards library cooperation.   Impact of electronic resources on collection development; new developments in e-journal licensing, various pricing models of consortia, the roles of librarians, and library consortia has brought revolutionary changes in the field of Library and information science.   It is important to notice the initiative of INFLIBNET at national level for subscription of e-journals for entire academic community, which will provide better, easier and faster access to number of electronic journals to the end users.   In order to obtain the benefits of electronic journals, INFLIBNET has taken up number of initiatives at national level. It is appropriate to discuss following topics under consortia.

* ❖ UGC-INFONET

* ❖ Library Consortia

* ❖ Electronic Publishing

* ❖ E-Journal Subscription

* ❖ Copy right and IPR

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

We solicit your submissions of papers in any areas of the theme and the sub themes, which will explore issues in effectively and efficiently informing users through information technology. Papers based on research, practical experience and survey will only be accepted for presentation and inclusion in the pre-convention volume. Full papers, on different themes, as per the standard format should reach the Editors directly on or **before 30 September 2003**.   Papers should not exceed 10 single spaced pages (Use A4 Format, Times 12 Pt font, Margins: Left – 3 cm, others – 2 cm). The cover page must contain: an abstract, brief resume of author, 3-5 keywords, names and affiliation of author(s) author's e-mail, phone, fax, postal address along with passport size photograph. Papers should be submitted in MS word by email or on Floppy to the editors.

Paper on **IT based activities** should be sent to the following editor

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REGISTRATION FEE :

The Delegate registration fee is **Rs 500/-.** The delegates will be provided with convention kit, Proceedings volume, lunch and tea (on two convention days only). TA/DA and accommodation charges will have to be borne by sponsoring

organization/participants. Please send your completed registration form along with the registration fees through a Demand Draft drawn in favour of **Organising Secretary, PLANNER – 2003**, payable at Shillong to Mrs. I MaJaw, Organising Secretary, PLANNER – 2003, not later than **September 30, 2003.** DD should be drawn from nationalized banks only. Please note that delegate registration fee of Rs 500/- for the PLANNER, does not include accommodation fee. Students and retired library professional can register by paying only **Rs 200/-.**

TUTORIALS

INFLIBNET will be organizing two pre conference tutorials on **6 November, 2003** on following topics. Tutorial fee is Rs 100/- per delegate.

1.   Building up of Digital Libraries

2.   How to set up LAN in Libraries

Experts in respective fields will conduct these tutorials. The focus will be on practical aspects and problem solving. Each tutorial will be of three hour duration. Both the tutorials will be held in parallel, from 9.30 – 12.30 hrs. The charges per tutorial is **Rs. 100/-** and is to be paid in advance by DD to the "Organising Secretary, PLANNER – 2003" payable at Shillong on or before September 30, 2003. The fee covers tutorial materials and tea.

ACCOMMODATION

Please note that accommodation has to be booked in advance by making payment. Arrangements are being made to accommodate the delegates in Guest Houses / Hostels furnished with minimum required amenities. Delegates who need accommodation may send **Rs. 300/-** as accommodation booking fee along with the registration fee. For any accompanying person, additional accommodation fee of Rs 300/- per person may be sent. Delegates may indicate request for accommodation in the registration form. This will be done on first come first served basis. Person desirous of staying only in Hotel may kindly contact Organising Secretary for rates and availability.

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E-SUBCRIPTION NEWS

E-Sub Regional Meetings Held

The priority set by Prof. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, UGC for the academic and research community on E-subscription took momentum during this period. The initiative took lot of interactions among the professionals during the CALIBER-2003 and it was recommended to get feedbacks from university librarians.

One of the major issues in e-subscription is relating to the selection of core list of electronic journals and databases in all the major disciplines. In this direction special meetings were convened by Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET at seven different places covering the entire country. This meetings were called at different regions to save the expenditure and also for the convenience of the librarians to attend the meeting within the short notification. Around 70 librarians were called to understand the requirements of journal titles. The comprehensive list of journals prepared at the center was sent to around 70 libraries to get the list of useful titles.

The first meeting was held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on 3 March, 2003. Dr. Sukhbir Singh was the local coordinator for conducting this meeting. 13 librarians were invited and 9 of them could attend. Dr. T A V Murthy briefed about the e-subscription initiative of UGC-INFLIBNET. All the librarians appreciated the effort of UGC in providing effective access to scholarly literature as the universities are facing lot of difficulty in subscribing to important costly publications. The meeting was fruitful to understand the important issues relating to e-subscription with the participation from other invited professors also.

The second meeting was held at University of Madras, Chennai on 4 March, 2003 for the state of Tamilnadu, Kerala and Pondicherry. Dr. R Vengan, University Librarian was the local coordinator for the meeting. Sh. S M Salgar, Scientist – G briefed about the important activity of UGC-Infonet and Sh. V S Cholin, Scientist –B, presented the e-subscription initiative of UGC-INFLIBNET. Lot of interactions took place among the members who attended the meeting. Rev Fr. Dr. S J Ignacimuthu, Vice Chancellor, University of Madras also met the members and appreciated the

effort of UGC - INFLIBNET in providing e-access to scholarly literature. 8 librarians in that region attended the meeting out of 11 called for.

The third meeting for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Chattisgarh was held on 5 March, 2003 at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. Prof. R S R Varalakshim, Head, Department of Library and Information Science coordinated the meeting. Sh. S M Salgar highlighted the important initiative of UGC-INFLIBNET and then clarified many issues. Sh. V S Cholin made presentation on the e-subscription initiatives of INFLIBNET. Members attending the meeting appreciated the effort and looked forward for its early implementation for the benefit of research and academic community. 8 librarians could attend the meeting.

The fourth meeting was held for the states of UP, Bihar and Jharkhand at B R Ambedkar Agra University, Agra on 6 March, 2003. 10 out of 11 librarians attended the meeting and had useful discussion. Dr. T A V Murthy highlighted the important activities initiated by UGC through INFLIBNET and the role of INFLIBNET in these activities. All the members appreciated the idea of providing e-access to scholarly content especially when the UGC-Infonet is going to connect each university to the network. The meeting was coordinated by Prof. S M Tripathi, OSD- Library, Agra University.

The fifth meeting was held at Tripura University, Agartala for the North Eastern states and West Bengal on 7 March, 2003. Five members attended the meeting representing the five states in this region. Sh. S M Salgar and Sh. V S Cholin discussed number of issues relating the new initiatives of INFLIBNET. Dr. H S Chakravarthy, Dy. Librarian, Tripura University was the coordinator.

The sixth meeting for the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh was held at Ahmedabad on 8 March, 2003. Dr. T A V Murthy highlighted the efforts of the center and Sh. V S Cholin made presentation on e-subscription initiative. 9 librarians participated in the discussion.

The seventh meeting of Librarians from the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa was held at Karnatak University, Dharwad on 22 March, 2003 Prof. C R Karisiddappa, Head, DLIS, Karnataka University welcomed the librarians and Dr. T A V Murthy, Director of INFLIBNET spoke on INFLIBNET & UGC initiatives. Shri K Prakash of INFLIBNET made a presentation on E-subscriptions: efforts made by INFLIBNET. Dr. Harish Chandra, Librarian of IIT, Chennai also shared his views and experience on e-subscriptions. Prof. Saidapur, Dean, School of Sciences and Head, Dept of Zoology, Karnatak University also spoke on this occasion and he welcomed the idea.

36 libraries have sent the data relating to their requirements and same was analysed at INFLIBNET and was used to select the titles in the first phase. The national negotiation meeting, scheduled to be held on 3rd April, is expected to give more clarity on these issues.

SOUL NEWS

SOUL updated version

INFLIBNET Centre formally released Software for University Libraries (SOUL) in February, 2000 during CALIBER at Chennai. The popularity of this library management software can be gauged from the fact that in a short span of 3 years it has been supplied to more than 160 institutions. All software have a few bugs initially, which come out with actual usage, and SOUL is no exception. We also received a large number of suggestions from user libraries to improve some functionalities of SOUL. Though we had been carrying out modifications from time to time, based on specific requests from libraries, it was decided to put concentrated efforts and bring out a new version of SOUL, which will meet demands of most of the academic libraries. After strenuous efforts, INFLIBNET came out with a new version of SOUL. After rigorous testing, copies of the new version were sent to 125 user libraries, free of cost, who had bought SOUL earlier. Since in the new version, several database fields and their definitions were changed, a separate utility was developed to help old users to migrate old SOUL database to new one. This utility has also been sent to old users. This conversion is limited to the Catalogue and Circulation modules only. The updated version of SOUL was also supplied to 35 new users of SOUL. INFLIBNET is flooded with demands and requests from many more universities, colleges and other institutions for supply of network version as well as college version of SOUL.

Installation and Operation Training Programme on SOUL

The sixth, seventh and eighth programmes for SOUL purchasers was conducted at INFLIBNET Centre during 17 – 21 February, 24 – 28 February and 3 – 7 March 2003 respectively. Total 31 participants attended these programmes from the institutes who have newly purchased SOUL Software. Shri Ashok Achtani, Section Officer acted as the Coordinator for these three programmes.

The ninth and tenth Programmes will be held at INFLIBNET Centre during 21-25, April and 2-6, June 2003 respectively

For more details contact Director, INFLIBNET Centre.

Training Programme on SOUL at Solan, Himachal Pradesh

Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni (Solan) organized a *"Training programme on SOUL for the working librarians of Himachal Pradesh Education Department"* during 6-10 January, 2003. Prof. S. S. Negi, Vice Chancellor of the University inaugurated the programme. Dr. S D Sharma, Librarian (I/C), Dr. M S Pathania, Dy Librarian and coordinator, Shri Prem Chand (INFLIBNET), and Shri M L N Chary (CIEFL, Hyderabad) also spoke on the occasion. 18 working librarians selected from public and college libraries of Himachal Pradesh attended the programme. Shri Premchand and Shri M L N Chary handled sessions on SOUL and INFLIBNET activities.

Demonstration of SOUL at IGNOU, New Delhi

Shri B Ramesh, Scientist-B conducted a Demonstration of SOUL Software at Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi on March 04, 2003. IGNOU have shown their interest to introduce SOUL in Library Science courses.

UGC-INFONET NEWS

2nd Training Programme on UGC Infonet was held during February 24 – March 1, 2003 at ERNET India, New Delhi. 14 particpants attended this programme from selected universities. Shri Meharban Singh, Senior Manager, ERNET India and Shri S K Sharma, Scientist –B, INFLIBNET Centre were the course coordinators.

STAFF VISITS

Dr. T. A. V. Murthy visited following universities and institutions

23 – 24 January	ILA National Conference at Bangalore and JTT Meeting at Delhi
3 February	Inauguration of New Library Building and Lecture on UGC Infonet at Jain Viswa Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan.
6 – 9 February	E-Subscription meeting at Hyderabad and delivering keynote address for National Seminar organized by Acharya N G Ranga Agriculture University, Tirupathi.
2-4 March	E-Subscription meeting held at Delhi, Agra, Amritsar and Chandigarh.
9-17 March	Visit to University of Kerala as a member of NAAC peer team and visit to Techno Park, Thiruvananthapuram, MG University, Kottayam, Cochin University of S&T, Kochi and Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
21-23 March	Regional Meeting on E-Subscription at Mumbai & Goa.

Shri Prem Chand visited HARTRONCO., Chandigarh and demonstrated SOUL to district librarians of Haryana state on 6 January, 2003

Shri B Ramesh was invited as a resource person for the "Workshop on Automation of Government/ District and Central libraries, its networking issues and problems" conducted by Dept of Public Libraries, Govt of Andhra Pradesh during 20-23 January, 2003. He visited Hindu college, Guntur (AP) and discussed about networking issues related to LAN/WAN etc and about the process of

automation of the library with authorities on 10 March, 2003. He also visited Advanced Numerical Research Group (ANURAG) and Advanced System Laboratory (ASL) at DRDO, Hyderabad for SOUL installation and training during 11-13 March, 2003.

Shri Yatrik Patel and **Shri J K Vijayakumar** were invited as resource persons for UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme and Refresher Course held at Academic Staff College, Saurashtra University, Rajkot during January 26-30, 2003.

Shri Suresh Panwar visited Jain Viswa Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan along with Director on 3 February, 2003.

INFLIBNET SPORTS MEET & REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

INFLIBNET Sports & Recreation Club organized Sports Meet during 22-25 January, 2003. Tournaments for Cricket, Badminton, Carrom, Chess etc. were successfully organized with overwhelming participation by the staff members and trainees.

The Centre also organized a function for hoisting the National Flag and celebrating the Republic Day on 26 January, 2003. Dr. T.A.V. Murthy, Director of the Centre hoisted the National Flag in the campus of the Centre. INFLIBNET staff with their families attended the function. On this occasion, Dr. T. A. V. Murthy addressed the gathering and distributed the prizes to the winners of the sports meet.

STAFF NEWS

Shri Umesha, Scientific & Technical Asstt. - II (Library Science) and Dr. T.S. Kumbar, Scientist - D (Library Science) have resigned from their posts held at INFLIBNET on 14 February, 2003 and 27 February, 2003 respectively.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ICADL 2003 - the 6th International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries, will be hosted by the National Library of Malaysia and the Librarians Association of Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8 -11 December, 2003. The theme of the conference is **"Digital Libraries: Technology and Management of Indigenous Knowledge for Global Access"**. For enquiries, please contact: ICADL 2003 Secretariat, National Library of Malaysia 232 Jalan Tun Razak, 50572 Kuala Lumpur Tel : 603-2681 4329 Fax : 603-2681 1676 Email: saonah@nlm.pnm.my or visit http://www.ftsm.ukm.my/icadl2003/.

XXIV All India Conference of IASLIC will be held at Survey of India, Dehradun in December, 2003. Theme for the conference selected is **"Knowledge Management in Special Libraries in Digital Environment"**. Full papers can be sent to Shri Hiran Kumar Dutta, Convenor, Editorial Committee, XXIV All India Conference, IASLIC, P291 CIT Scheme, Kankurgachi, Kolkatta – 700 054 or by e-mail to iaslic@vsnl.net latest by 11 August 2003.

National Seminar on New Public Library in the Information Age is being organised by Foundation for Information and Communication, Chennai in collaboration with Connemara Public Library

Chennai and RRRLF, Kolkatta during 12-13 June, 2003. Theme of the seminar is **"New Public Library in the Information Age"**. For more information contact Dr B. Ramesh Babu, Reader, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005 or mail to beeraka_r@yahoo.co.uk

National Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright in the Digital Era is being organized by CHMK Library and DLIS, Univeristy of Calicut during 16-17 May, 2002 at, Kozhikode, Kerala. This seminar will be sponsored by the Library Endowment and University of Calicut. For more details contact Chairman/Organising Secretary, National Seminar, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Calicut, Kozhikode, Kerala – 673635.

Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET) will organize **Two short-term training Programmes on CDS/ISIS and WINISIS for Librarians** during 19-23 May, 2003 and 26-30 May, 2003 respectively at ADINET. For details visit http://www.alibnet.org/activities.html or contact; Hon. Director, Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET), C/o INFLIBNET Centre, Gujarat University Campus, Ahmedabad-380009. Ph: 079-6305630, 6300368 I E-mail: adinet@wilnnetonline.net

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Dr T A V Murthy will be serving in the Editorial Board of **Journal of Digital Information Management (JDIM ISSN 0972-7272)** -the new international peer reviewed and exclusive journal sponsored by the Digital Information Research Foundation. JDIM is a quarterly journal in digital information science and technology, concentrating on all aspects of digital information management. It broadly covers digital information processing, digital content management, digital world

structuring, digital libraries, metadata, information management and other related fields. It would act as a portal to the digital information world. Good quality papers in the form of original contributions, research papers, ongoing research, and case studies on the above listed areas with a new and creative approaches in information management, visions that present new viewpoints and challenges can be sent for publication. For more details visit http://www.dirf.org/jdim/ or contact Editors; Dr Daisy Jacobs, School of Information Science, Pretoria University, Pretoria-60002, South Africa. E-mail: daisy.jacobs@up.ac.za (or) Dr P. Pichappan, [Digital Information Research Foundation], Department of Library & Information Science, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar 60002, India. E-mail: ppich@vsnl.net

Prof M R Kumbhar Memorial Lecture was organized by Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), Karnataka University, Dharward on 22 March, 2003 coinciding with the seminar of College Librarians from Karnataka. Dr T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET delivered the memorial lecture and talked about the Virtual Library environment including the electronic publications. He narrated the major initiatives taken-up by UGC to connect all the Universities through UGC-Infonet and providing scholarly access to journal collection using the E-Subscription initiative of UGC through INFLIBNET. Prof M Khajapeer (Vice Chancellor, Karnatak University) chaired the session. Prof C R Karisiddappa (Chairman, DLIS, Karnataka University) organized the programme, in which more than 200 library professionals across the state attended. This memorial lecture was organized in honor of Late Prof M R Kumbhar, who served the University for over 3 decades, a dedicated academician, who spent all his time to develop the cause of Library and Information Science education and research.

Kerala Library Assocoation organized a talk on "Networking of Academic Libraries in India: INFLIBNET's initiatives" by Dr T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET at Thiruvananthapuram on 10 March, 2003. Dr B Ekbal (Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University) chaired the programme. Shri N Parameswaran (Dy Librarian I/C, Kerala University and President of KLA) welcomed the gathering and Shri E Hashim (Secreaty of KLA) proposed vote of thanks. Around 70 professionals attended the programme.

Health Sciences Library and Information Network (HELINET) Consortium, first medical library consortium launched by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore on 15 March, 2003. Dr Ved Prakash Misra (Chairman, PG Committee, Medical Council of India) launched HELINET in the presence of Dr R Chandrasekhara (Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS), Dr (Mrs) S Kanatha (Former Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS), Dr K M Srinivasa Gowda (Registrar, RGUHS), Dr Y J Visweswara Reddy (Registrar of Evaluation, RGUHS) and Dr Ramraj Urs (Librarian, RGUHS and Coordinator of HELINET). The objective of HELINET is to network all the libraries of affiliated colleges under RGUHS for promoting resourse sharing and bringing them in to digital mainstream. Under this scheme, the affiliated colleges will get access to around 600 scholarly journals from 24 leading international publishers and will expand in future.

Informed Librarian Online is a monthly compilation of the most recent tables of contents from over 225 valuable library and information-related journals, e-journals, magazines, e-magazines, newsletters and e-newsletters. This current awareness service helps to keep us informed and abreast of all library trends. It is an easy, timesaving way to stay on top of our

professional reading by listing all current contents in one place, fully hyperlinked to the contents. Visit the site http://www.infosourcespub.com/book4.cfm

LIBRARY PROFILE- BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

The Bangalore University Central Library facility supports teaching and research needs of the Bangalore University. The Library has been, over the years successfully catering to the information needs of all the departments in Jnana Bharati Campus. Another Library Unit has been functioning at the Central City College, Bangalore to cater the needs of the departments situated in the city campus.

Collection

The Library has 2,86,828 volumes as on 31-3-2001 and subscribes to 250 current periodicals, over 60 popular magazines and 30 newspapers. The library has several CD-ROM and multimedia products and users are trained in handling these products. Plans are drawn to acquire CD-ROM products in various disciplines over a period and save resources and also to share the resources with other libraries. Inter-library loan service supplements its stock by obtaining materials from other libraries on demand by the users.

Implementation of INFLIBNET Programme

Banaglore University was selected for the financial and technical assistance under INFLIBNET programme and started library automation. SOUL - the library management software developed by INFLIBNET was installed in Auguest 2000. By using SOUL software the database of books (1,27000

records), theses (5000 records) and serials (1106 records) were created. The Library has LAN with 32 nodes. The Library has automated library operations using SOUL software and the library database is accessible to all the users in the Library. The Library database consists of all books, back volumes of periodicals, current journals and theses/dissertations.

Online Public Access Catalogue

The Library card catalogue has been replaced with computer-based Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) with the help of SOUL. The OPAC allows search by author, title, subject, key words, boolean search etc., The Computer Catalogue, OPAC is extremely user-friendly and enables searches to be conducted with ease and speed. All the users are trained to handle OPAC as part of the orientation programme. Books are processed using AACR-2 code for cataloguing and Dewey decimal classification system for classification.

Special Services

Photocopy facility is available on payment basis for all the members of the library. Bibliographical search from the library book database, E-Mail Service and Internet browsing are also provided to the users. Under the INFLIBNET document delivery service, the library can procure Xerox copies of periodical articles or any other document with permissible charges as decided by the INFLIBNET. The library also provides literature service using the 16 databases in social sciences mounted at the INFLIBNET. The specific request for literature search may be sent to the library. The Library has provision for inter-library loan with other libraries within the city and outside library.

Training Programmes for 2003

INFLIBNET is planning to conduct number of specialized training programmes for working library and information professionals, under its human resource development activities during the current year. These training programmes are being planned with sufficient emphasis on usage of emerging technologies for face-shift of traditional libraries. Special programmes will be arranged on "E-Resources Management using UGC-Infonet" (for library professionals from funded universities under UGC-Infonet programme), "Website Designing and Hosting", "Digital Library Development and Management", "Bibliographic Control in Indian Academic Libraries", "Library Automation Management (in Hindi)", "Training Programme for Agricultural University Librarians under NATP/ICAR", "SOUL Orientation Programmes (for SOUL purchasers). Besides these, a special convention is being organized for North Eastern Region professionals called **"PLANNER –2003"** during 6 - 7 November, 2003 at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and 20 INFLIBNET Regional Training Programmes in Library Automation (IRTPLA) are being planned in different parts of the country in collaboration with participating university libraries. A series of In House Lectures on different subjects, by experts from INFLIBNET and outside are also being planned for this year. Announcements of these programmes will appear in INFLIBNET website, newsletter etc, time to time.

For further details please write to The Director, INFLIBNET Centre.

Web Enabled Expert's Database in S & T

Under the DSIR/NISSAT sponsored project on "Developing and Managing a Web Enabled Database of Experts Manpower: Module in the Area of Science and Technology", INFLIBNET Centre has got a mandate to compile and organize profiles of senior scientists, professors, readers and technologists working in the national laboratories, S & T departments of central and state governments, institutions of national importance, universities and other R & D organizations. At present "Web Enabled Database of Experts in Science and Technology" contains around 20,000 profiles and the same is available at http://nissat.inflibnet.ac.in. We request you to visit the site and register in the database online. Our existing experts are requested to update their profiles and recommend peers for registration. Institutes are requested to check for the inclusion of all their scientists.

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Man with an e-mission

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લવ એટ ફર્સ્ટસાઈટ નહિ પણ વેબસાઈટ પર

ગાંધીનગર, શુક્રવાર

પહેલા પ્રથમ નજરે પ્રેમ થતો હતો, હવે વેબસાઈટ પર પ્રેમ થાય છે તેમ મુખ્યમંત્રીએ નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ નિર્મા ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ખાતે એલિબ્વર-૨૦૦૩ના એક કાર્યક્રમ વેળાએ જણાવ્યું હતું.

આ પ્રસંગ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સંબોધતા તેમણે એવી પણ ટિપ્પણી કરી હતી કે, કૉમ્પ્યુટર સાથે જોડાયેલું માઉસ એ જ્ઞાનનું પ્રતિક છે. (ભગવાન) ગણેશના વાહન ઉંદરના સંદર્ભમાં) પરંતુ જો કૉમ્પ્યુટર શોધાયું હોત તો તેને માઉસ નામ ન અપાત કારણ કે, ભારત બિનસાંપ્રદાયિક દેશ છે.

Convention organised on library automation

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AN international convention on automation of libraries began at the Nirma Education & Research Foundation on Thursday.

The three-day convention, CALIBER 2003: Mapping Technology on Libraries & People, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

Organisers said that 220 delegates, including librarians from universities and colleges across the country, had enrolled, and about 100 papers were to be presented.

CALIBER (Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education & Research Institutions) is organised every year to bring together the library staff of universities, IITs, IIMs, NITs, and computer professionals.

The convention was first held in 1994, in Ahmedabad. This is the tenth convention, being held here for the second time.

CALIBER 2003 has been jointly organised by Information and Library Network Centre (Inflibnet), an autonomous Inter-University Centre under the University Grants Commission (UGC) and NERF. The convention began on Thursday with tutorials on, 'Designing and Implementing Local Area Networks' by Prof B H Jajoo, IIMA and 'Developing Digital Collections' by Dr Jagdish Arora, Librarian, IIT, Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, Modi said, "This is an excellent platform for academicians from different universities and institutes to interact. If we want our country to be a part of the global education scenario, we need to identify our strengths and overcome our weakness."

Concurrent to the convention, an exhibition on Information Products and Services and Books, is being held at the NERF Campus on all the three days. Around 20 stalls have been put up, among others, by Elsevier—publishers of books on Science and Technology, Ebsco and Emerald Insight—Business and Management Database providers, Monitor Electronics (Pune)—Library Security Systems providers, Vargis Electronic Publishing and Allied Publishers.

MEET... T.A.V. Murthy

INFLIBNET in Regional News

HE DREAMS of the day when all the libraries and departments in all the 294 universities, 14,000 colleges and 300 other centres of higher learning across India would be able to 'talk' to each other and share their resources to create an e-ocean of knowledge.

The director of the Information and Library Network Centre (Inflibnet), T.A.V. Murthy, knows, however, that this is easier dreamt of than done.

For the past three years, Dr. Murthy has been working to break down this daunting task into manageable units with realistic deadlines. The objective: to arm the nation's libraries with the most powerful tools in the IT arsenal.

Using its Software for University Libraries (SOUL), Inlibnet has been trying to create a unified data-base of all knowledge that exists in the country's institutes of higher learning.

The major problem with trying to link up libraries is that different libraries follow different standards and different platforms of storing and indexing data. Moreover, there is the problem of language.

Dr. Murthy laments the fact that even after half a century of Independence, adequate efforts have not been initiated to try and collate the knowledge and literature that exists in different Indian languages.

Inflibnet has already brought under one IT roof more than 145 universities in the country using SOUL. Today, a research scholar sitting in a State in the south can log on to the Inflibnet site and access data from a library in say, Kolkata. Here, according to Dr. Murthy, lies one of the miraculous achievements of networking.

Even though about 150 universities in the country are

'The Kerala University should not miss the Information Technology bus'.

currently offering doctoral degrees, only a handful have the 'abstracts' in, say, chemistry or the biological sciences, so indispensable for research scholars. Once the libraries are linked up, then all these abstracts would be available on the Net for free, for any scholar to take advantage of.

Dr. Murthy points out that just providing a network is not sufficient. That is why Inflibnet is into training of library and information science professionals in the ways of the world of IT-enabled libraries. Already, 1,200 such professionals have been trained, not only to manage information flow in modern libraries, but also to pass on those skills to others in their organisations.

According to Murthy, these efforts have brought about a perceptible change in the quality of these libraries. Earlier, libraries used to swallow up grants meant for modernisation with little to show in return by way of additional infrastructure or services.

Now Dr. Murthy, armed with a mandate from the UGC, is also in the thick of action trying to link up universities under the Rs. 30-crore UGC InfoNet scheme inaugurated by the Prime Minister in 2002. Under this scheme, 60 universities have already been networked by ER Net.

Dr. Murthy was part of the team from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the UGC that recently concluded its assessment tour of the University of Kerala. He points out that the university, which has an enviable pool of academic talent, must get its act together and take full advantage of the ongoing nationwide networking drive.

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SOUL Software (Software for University Libraries)

The SOUL, a state-of-the-art library automation software is designed and developed by the INFLIBNET. It is user-friendly software and works under client-server environment. It is suitable for any library including university and college libraries. It has six modules viz. Acquisition, Cataloguing, circulation, serials control, OPAC and Administration.

STRONG FEATURES OF SOUL

- Windows based user friendly software
- Well-designed screens
- Logically arranged functions with extensive help messages
- Based on client server architecture
- Allows scalability to the users
- Does not need extensive training
- Multi-user and multi language facilities
- No limit on simultaneous accesses
- Supports internationally known standards such as CCF and AACR II. MARC-21 etc.
- OPAC is very user friendly and accessible over the web using any GUI based browsers.
- Available at affordable cost
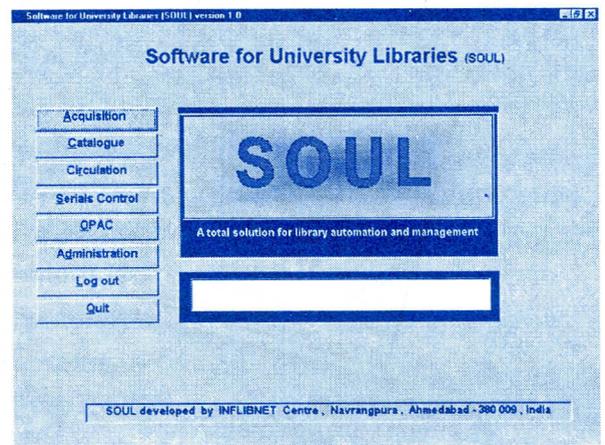
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National Award for INFLIBNET Staff

Shri V. S. Cholin, Scientist-B and Shri Yatrik Patel, Scientist-B of INFLIBNET Centre have received the "Second Best Article Award" in Best Professional Article Competition-2002 of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkatta for their article titled, "Model Strategic Plan for Public Library and Information System in India: Role of INFLIBNET". The prize distribution ceremony will be held at Bhai Kaka Hall, Near Law Garden, Ahmedabad on 22 May, 2003 and the article will be published in "Granthana" journal of RRRLF. Shri V S Cholin holds B.Sc and MLISc and has completed Doctoral Research and submitted thesis of Ph.D to Karnatak University. He has been working with INFLIBNET since 1993. Shri Yatrik Patel holds B E in Computer Science from MS University of Baroda and has been working with INFLIBNET since 1998.

Director and INFLIBNET staff join with all professionals in congratulating them on their outstanding achievement.

Shri Premchand addressing the participants of training programe on SOUL held at Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan. Prof S S Negi and Dr S D Sharma are also seen on the dais

Mrs Sumathi Ramaswamy, Programme Officer, Ford Foundation, New Delhi is in discussion with Dr T A V Murthy, Shri S M Salgar and Shri C K Shah of INFLIBNET Centre.
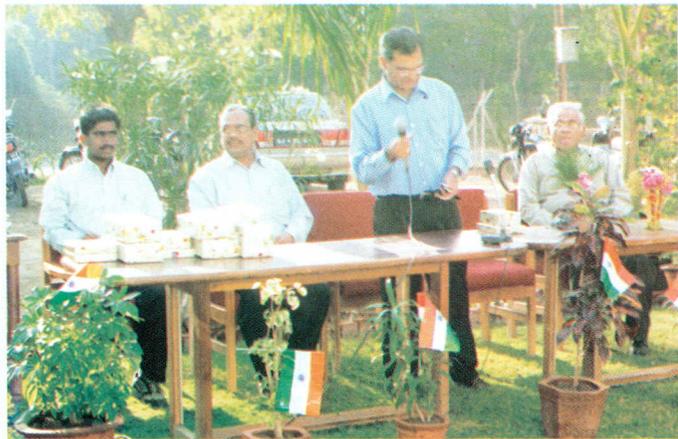
Dr T A V Murthy addressing the staff members and their families during Republic Day celebration held at INFLIBNET Campus. Shri S M Salgar, Shri C K Shah and Shri V S Cholin are also seen.

Participants of 6th orientation programme for SOUL purchasers with faculty members and administrative staff of INFLIBNET

Participants of 8th orientation programme for SOUL purchasers with faculty members and administrative staff of INFLIBNET.

PLANNER- 2003

Convention on

Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North Eastern Region

Automation of Libraries in North Eastern Region: Trends, Issues and Challenges

November 6-7, 2003

organised by

INFLIBNET Centre

in collaboration with

North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

ANNOUNCEMENT

WORKSHOP ON WEBSITE DESIGNING AND HOSTING

Organised by **INFLIBNET** Centre, Ahmedabad

16 – 20 June, 2003

Synopsis

Most people recognize the importance of the Internet, but few realize how easy it is to learn the skills required to make a basic web presence. Numerous institutions and libraries are switching their presence on to the web by hosting their websites and making their databases online. As UGC-INFONET, a project of UGC is fast coming up; the universities have to be ready with the content and the WebPages so that they can be mounted onto the web server. **INFLIBNET** Centre has identified this challenge and designed a 5 day training course on website designing and hosting.

Contents

The Basics of HTML, Web Page Customisation with Cascading Style Sheets, GIFs, & JPEGs, HTML Editing and Proofing Tools, HTML Tables, HTML Forms, Embedding Multimedia, HTML and Embedded Programming

Suitable for

The course is intended for library / information science professionals who need to develop high-quality websites for their universities / institutions / colleges.

Number of participants

A maximum of 16 candidates will be selected for the course on first come first served basis.

Delivery

To an even greater extent than normal, this web site design course is delivered through hands-on exercises, backed up by experts actually involved and having practical experiences.

Schedule, dates and location

5 days form 16 to 20 June, 2003 at Information and Library Network Centre

Fee details

Rs 1500.00 per person. This fee covers the cost of the workshop kit containing the training material, Internet access time and working lunch including two teas during the sessions. The fee is to be paid by a single Demand Draft drawn in favor of Director, **INFLIBNET** Centre. DD should be obtained only from a nationalized bank.

Boarding and lodging

INFLIBNET will arrange free accommodation (with minimum required amenities) to all the participants on prior reservation.

Application

The application form, downloadable from **INFLIBNET** website should be submitted to The Director, **INFLIBNET** Centre, (An IUC of UGC), Near Gujarat University Guest House, PB No: 4116, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380009, Gujarat on or before 9 June, 2003 latest by 5.30 PM along with a recent passport size photograph of the applicant. Application without photograph will be rejected.

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