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From the Director's Desk

The INFLIBNET's mission is to ensure free flow of relevant information conducive to the advancement of Academic community in particular and society at large; and resource sharing of knowledge and promoting creativity that new technologies provide; and assisting the universities and college libraries to build the infrastructure through networks and by organising the training professionals.

We at INFLIBNET are gearing up to meet the challenges provided by technological advancements, developing a variety of training packages of *Library Automation at different parts of the country for the benefit of* Professionals and users now onwards. The new roles that are the need of the hour are information environment which consists of the Internet and Information access, Information policy, Intranets, Extranet excellence, starting with the basics (servers) managing networks and telecommunication systems. These will help the Academic force excel in their pursuits. Further these innovations are searchers, as decisionmakers; and as designers and in this path undoubtedly, the Librarians will continue to play an important role in the Information seeking behaviour. In the last year concluded IFLA conference the final theme was on creating the GLOBAL LIBRARY of the future in which professionals are to digitize, navigate, distribute and Archive the world's knowledge for the benefit of humanity. These aspects reflect in our "Green lights for computer Development in Academic Libraries" generously supported by UGC through us in a big way.

Comments and suggestions on the Newsletter are appreciated, and I would also like to encourage you to let us know topics of themes that you would like the INFLIBNET to take up at next CALIBER. In the forthcoming CALIBER – 2002, we plan to take up INTERNET ENGINEERING IN LIBRARIES at JAIPUR. We invite your active support, participation, write up/articles that are relevant to Indian context.

(T.A. V. Murthy)
DIRECTOR

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CALIBER - 2001

INFLIBNET's annual national convention, CALIBER-2001 was held on 15th and 16th March, 2001 at Pune in collaboration with University of Pune. The theme of the convention was "Creation and Management of Digital Resources". This theme was divided into four sub-themes, based on which various technical sessions were held.

The inaugural session was held on 15th March at 1000hrs. It was presided over by Prof. A. S. Kolaskar, Vice-Chancellor of Pune University. The convention was inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, former Director of C-DAC, who also delivered the inaugural address. Shri S. M. Salgar, Acting Director, INFLIBNET Centre gave an over view of INFLIBNET and its future plans. Prof. (Ms.) Harsha Parekh, Chairperson of the Programme Committee gave details of the technical sessions planned during the convention.

In spite of postponement and short notice available to the participants, the convention had a good response. About 285 delegates registered for the convention. Eighty four papers were received for presentation. Only 39 papers were selected for inclusion in the proceedings volume. Due to the large number of papers received for presentation, parallel sessions had to be held. In addition to the normal technical sessions, a separate session "SOUL Forum" was held for the first time. Here, users and prospective users of SOUL interacted freely with INFLIBNET staff regarding various aspects of this software.

Panel discussion on "Road ahead for INFLIBNET" was held on the concluding day. In addition to the Acting Director, INFLIBNET Centre, three senior university librarians viz. Dr. A. R. Sethi from Panjab University, Prof. N. M. Malwad from Karnatak University and Prof. P. K. Jayswal from

AssamUniversity participated in the panel discussion.

Prof. R. G. Takwale, Ex-Vice-Chancellor of Pune University and also of IGNOU, was the Chief Guest at the valedictory session. Report on the convention and its recommendations were presented in this session by Dr. M. B. Konnur, the Rapporteur General.

Tutorials

Two pre-convention tutorials, in parallel were held on 14th March, 2001. Tutorial on "Development of databases in Indian languages" was conducted a CDAC by its faculty. Another tutorial on "Metadata" was conducted at IUCAA by the faculty of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. Both these tutorials were attended by about 84 participants.

In a nut shell, this CALIBER was a great success.

GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

INFLIBNET's collaboration with Rajasthan Government

- (1) Government of Rajasthan has embarked on a major task of introducing the information technology in the academic sector in a big way. In next two years, all the college libraries are being planned to be computerized as a part of its over all goal of introducing IT in all the sectors. A three member group lead by Shri Sudarshan Sethi, I.A.S..
- (2) Director, College Education, Rajasthan Government along with Prof. Ashwini Kumar, Director of Central Library, Rajasthan University and Shri O. P. Vaishnav, Librarian, Govt. Bangur College, Pali, Rajasthan visited INFLIBNET on 2nd June, 2001 with an

objective to have a collaboration and seek the technical assistance in computerizing the college libraries in a phased manner. A detailed discussion on the following points was held with Dr. T.A.V. Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET.

- ◆ Networking of Central Library with all college libraries in Rajasthan.
- ◆ Exchange of Information.
- ◆ Training of Library Personnel.
- ◆ Software support.
- ♦ Sharing of INFLIBNET data.

From the discussion it is emerged that Government of Rajasthan is keen to computerize more than 350 college libraries and connect them with the respective university libraries for promoting the usage of existing resources.

Dr.T.A.V. Murthy, Director INFLIBNET offered to work with Rajasthan Government to improve the overall infrastructure for the purpose of automation. He also assured the officials of the State Government that all the possible technical assistance from INFLIBNET will be extended to the maximum extent and suggested that a detailed proposal involving the State Government, INFLIBNET and UGC be worked out.

This being the first meeting, preliminary steps on the above subject were discussed. Rajasthan Government has been suggested to come out clearly with the plan of implementation in different phases. This opportunity was also used to explore the possibility of holding the CALIBER-2002 at Jaipur in collaboration with Government of Rajasthan and University of Rajasthan.

The above matter is now under active consideration of Rajasthan Government and INFLIBNET is hopeful that this collaboration will come through, and will serve as a model to the rest of the states in the country towards computerization of the college libraries.

ICSSRWORKSHOP

A five days Workshop on "Access to Social Science Information in the Networked Environment" was held at INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), New Delhi (ICSSR) from 11-15 June, 2001. This Workshop was sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research, The Hague (WOTRO). This workshop was second in its series, the previous workshop on "Internet and Social Science Information" was held at INFLIBNET during 13-16 December 1999. This workshop was held under the series of workshops that are being planned by NASSDOC to be held in different parts of the country to create the awareness about the Social Science Information usage. The response for the workshop was overwhelming and 24 participants took part in the workshop consisting of students, teachers and librarians who took active part in both lectures and hands-on-use of Internet. There were ten lectures on the following topics spread over five days.

- ◆ Social Science Information Nature, Type, Growth
- ♦ Introduction to INFLIBNET
- ◆ E-Information Environment Scenario in India
 : Today and Tomorrow

- Social Science Information Sources and Services
- ◆ Information Sources on INTERNET
- ◆ Impact of Internet on Social Science Research
- ◆ Role of INFLIBNET for Academic and Research Community
- ♦ CD-ROM databases in Social Sciences
- Criteria for Evaluation of INTERNET Resources

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K G Tyagi, Director NASSDOC, New Delhi on 11th June, 2001. He highlighted the importance of Social Science Research in the new millenium. He has also pointed out the efforts of ICSSR in the field of Social Science Research, Invited lecture from Dr. S N Pradhan of Physical Research Laboratory, dwelt on the basics of Internet and networking concept. Prof. Vidyut Joshi, the former Vice - Chancellor of Bhavnagar University, and currently the Director of Centre for Social Studies - Surat, delivered an invited lecture on "Impact of Internet on Social Science Research" and shared his own experience of using Internet for research. Dr. K G Tyagi, Ms. Nutan Johry, both from NASSDOC and Mr. S M Salgar, Dr. T S Kumbar, Mr. Premchand and Mr. V S Cholin of INFLIBNET delivered lectures on different topics mentioned above.

The Workshop focussed on practical usage of Internet and retrieval of Social Science Information. Participants were provided with sufficient course material consisting of more than 280 pages with large number of websites including that of Subject Gateways, Virtual Libraries, Search Engines etc dealing with Social Science information.

Each participant was provided with one PC with Internet connectivity to provide the hands-on-experience. The technical team of INFLIBNET consisting of Mr. Premchand, Mr. V S Cholin, Mr.

Yatrik Patel, Mr. S K Sharma, Mr. K Prakash, Mr. Rajesh Chandrakar, and Mr. Úmesha provided valuable guidance during the practical sessions.

This Workshop created lot of excitement among the participants and they looked very satisfied at the end of the workshop, which they candidly expressed during the feedback session held at the end. Workshop ended at 6.00 p.m. on 15th June, 2001 and Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET graced the concluding session and distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. Kumbar Coordinator of the Workshop profusely thanked the sponsoring agencies viz. ICSSR and WOTRO and the participants for making the workshop a success.

SEVENTH WORKSHOP

INFLIBNET Centre organised 7th Workshop on "Automation and Networking of University Libraries" under the INFLIBNET Programme. This workshop was a first step for the new set of universities funded recently under INFLIBNET. This week long workshop was held for heads of these newly funded 19 university libraries. The workshop started on 25th June 2001 and will end on 1st July 2001.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Jeetendra Desai, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith and Dr. T AV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET Centre presided over the function. In his inaugural address Prof. Jeetendra Desai, highlighted the importance of library and library professionals in the research and development in the academia. He cited his own experience with the librarians. Dr. T A V Murthy speaking on the occasion emphasized the need for modernization of libraries and urged the librarians to adopt the new technology to handle

the diverse information. He also said that, India is rich in its heritage and lot of knowledge and wisdom is available in the country, and we have to make this knowledge available to our research and academic community through the way of content creation. 18 participants took part in this workshop and took the benefit. This workshop was held as a part of series of human resource development programme of INFLIBNET.

There were 13 lectures in all and 5 of them were handled by invited speakers and the rest were handled by the faculty at INFLIBNET. These lectures mainly focused on various aspects relating to implementation of INFLIBNET Programme and recent trends in IT. Besides the lectures, the participants were exposed to Demonstration of SOUL (Software for University Libraries) – Library management software developed by INFLIBNET, Access to Union databases developed at INFLIBNET, and on Internet. A visit was also organized for the participants to the computerized library to give better insight on the automation activity.

Interesting feature of the workshop was, presentation by the participants on the activities being carried out in their respective libraries and the action initiated by them in the successful implementation of the Programme. At the end of the workshop feedback session was also arranged where participants expressed their further expectations from INFLIBNET and their role in implementing project.

The concluding session was held on 30th June, 2001 at 1700 hrs. Dr. T A V Murthy graced the occasion and distributed the certificates. The participants of the workshop expressed that, they have gained enough confidence in the proper implementation of the project.

UNIVERSITYVISIT

Mr. V S Cholin visits RECON Libraries:

Five university libraries are provided with funds under the Recon project to convert the library catalogue into machine readable form. These libraries were further assigned different subjects and were expected to convert the records in the first six months as per the guidelines provided by INFLIBNET. To submit the progress report based on the work for first six months before the release of further grants, Mr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET visited Indian Institute of Science. Bangalore, and University of Mumbai during 26th - 30th March, 2001 and Jawaharlal Nehru University during April, 9-11 to have the status of Recon work in these libraries. The progress report was collected and discussed with the authorities for further course of action on the Recon work at these libraries. It was observed that there was a need to speed up the work. Discussions were held with concerned persons for the further course of action to overcome difficulties faced by them. Mr Cholin also visited Bangalore University during one of these days, to know the progress being made by this library in Automation.

Visit to Jamia Hamdard University, Kurukshetra University, Seth Jaiprakash Mukhand Lal Institute of Technology, Radur, Haryana:

During his visit of JNU, Mr. V S Cholin also visited the above mentioned universities / institutions and demonstrated operation of SOUL. Also necessary guidelines were given for proper implementation of INFLIBNET Programme.

Dr. T S Kumbar visits Bharati Vidyapith and Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune.

Bharati Vidyapith and Tilak Maharshtra university, covered under INFLIBNET Programme invited Dr. T S Kumbar to deliver few lectures at the institutes and also discuss the various issues in Automation and Networking under INFLIBNET Programme. He has also attended the library automation committee meeting and suggested the hardware and software to be acquired under the programme.

SOUL DEMONSTRATION

Demonstration of SOUL:

The SOUL software developed by INFLIBNET has become very popular and getting attention of many libraries. There is heavy demand for the demonstration of the software from all corners. Though it is difficult to arrange the demonstration at individual places, INFLIBNET has been trying its best to arrange the demonstration of this software. During this period the demonstration was arranged at the following places.

- 1. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 2. Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi
- 3. Seth Jaiprakash Mukhand Lal Institute of Technology, Radur, Haryana
- 4. Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
- Refresher course at Gujarat university, Refresher course
- 6. Refresher Course at Gujarat Vidyapith
- 7. For the visitors from Rajasthan Government

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY PROFILE

A Profile of Ramesh Mohan Library, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages

Introduction

The Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), an autonomous institution under a registered society, is a national institute of higher education deemed to be a university. It provides for the study of English and foreign languages and their literatures, the organisation of research, the training of teachers, the production of teaching materials, and extension services, to help improve the standards of English and foreign languages in India.

The library was started along with the Institute in 1958 to provide bibliographical, documentation and information support to the teaching and research programmes of the Institute. It has moved into its new building in July 1988 and then it was named after Professor Ramesh Mohan, Former Director of the Institute.

Mission

RML is committed to serve as a national resource center for providing high quality bibliographic and information services to support the study, teaching, research and consultancy activities relating to language teaching, linguistics and literatures of English and other foreign languages.

Collection

With a strong collection of 1.22 lakh items, RML has a variety of documents such as books, periodicals, dissertations, reports, off-prints and microforms.

Library Collection (as on 17.7.2001)

| Language | Books | Periodicals |
|----------|----------|-------------|
| Arabic | 5,212 | 7 |
| English | 73,400 | 376 |
| French | 8,064 | 8 |
| German | 14,752 | 19 |
| Japanese | 93 | _ |
| Russian | 19,205 | 14 |
| Spanish | 1,984 | 8 |
| Total | 1,22,710 | 432 |

RML has a specialised and representative collection of books mainly in the areas of language teaching, linguistics and literature relating to the above languages. The collection in English language teaching and linguistics is very strong and is regarded as the most comprehensive one not only in India but also in South Asia. In addition, RML has small collections of books in Indian languages such as Bengali, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

Under the INFLIBNET project and with financial assistance of the UGC, the library has acquired a server and five nodes and has also carried out local area network during 1999-2000. The SOUL software developed and designed by the INFLIBNET, is being utilized for preparation of library database. Till date, library has created bibliographic details of around thirty thousand books. Library plans to complete the retro conversion of English books during the financial year 2001-2002.

Membership

The membership of RML is open to faculty members, participants and non-teaching staff of

the CIEFL. Visiting research scholars are entitled to all services of the RML except borrowing books out of the library. RML offers institutional membership to other libraries/corporate bodies/educational institutions on payment of membership fee of Rs.10,000 per annum.

Services

a) Internet and E-Mail

RML provides free Internet and e-mail services to CIEFL members for research and academic purposes.

b) Delnet Database Access

Being a member of the Development Library Network (Delnet), users of RML can know/ exploit the collections and services offered by Delnet as well as its member libraries spread across the country and abroad.

c) INFLIBNET Access

RML is a member of the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) and has total access to all the databases produced by it. With INFLIBNET financial support, RML has embarked upon total automation of its operations/services. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) using SOUL software is being built up and presently it provides access to over 20,000 bibliographic records of RML collection.

d) Reference Service

RML provides bibliographic references, helps readers in the citation of documents and also guides them in the location of documents.

e) Current Awareness Service

This is provided through the monthly newsletter Jfsager.

f) Selective Dissemination of Information

Whenever any material relating to the specific interest of a reader is received in the library, then the reader concerned is informed about the same in no time.

g) Document Delivery Service

If a book/periodical needed by a reader is not available in its collection, then the same would be procured on inter-library loan from any other library and supplied to the reader concerned. Being a part of the Delnet, users of RML can search for books available in Delhi libraries and place requests through inter-library loan using online facility.

h) Carrel Facility

To facilitate prolonged study in the reading rooms, 44 carrels have been provided for use of research scholars.

i) Photocopying Service

Photocopies of documents available in the RML can be had against payment @ 70 paise per exposure subject to copyright laws.

j) Compilation of Bibliographies

RML undertakes CD-ROM-based searches of international bibliographic databases such as LLBA and provides bibliographies on specific topics of user's needs. From time to time, RML compiles bibliographies in specific subject areas to meet the demands of scholars.

Alerting Journals

With a view to keeping the members of the RML abreast of the recent developments in their chosen field, RML brings out the following publications regularly:

- a) Acquisitions List
- b) Jfsager
- c) CIEFL Library Informatics: This is a computerized documentation service covering English journals received in the RML. It was started in August 2000 and is of immense help in locating nascent journal articles.
- d) Index to Theses

Computer Laboratory

RML has a full-fledged, IBM-based computer laboratory with LAN for automation of all its in-house operations and services.

Training Programmes

New users are provided with in-house training to familiarize them with RML's resources/services and to enable them to access electronic sources of information—both Indian and foreign.

Conclusion

Modernization and reorientation of the library and information services of RML is in progress. These steps, it is hoped, would equip the members of the faculty and participants to meet the challenges of new millennium, which is referred as 'Knowledge Millennium'. Keeping in view the emerging information superhighways that are sweeping the nations with electronic information, RML has taken a number of strategic initiatives to transform itself into a force that embraces new technologies while ensuring equality of access, freedom of expression and respect for diverse perspectives.

In short, RML occupies a pride of place among the specialized Indian academic libraries and is rated as one of the richest repositories of nation's cultural heritage as represented in literary works. RML extends a hearty welcome to all serious-minded scholars—both from India and abroad—to exploit its rich collection and varied services.

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NEW DIRECTOR



Dr. T.A.V. Murthy: The New Director of INFLIBNET

Dr. T.A.V. Murthy has joined INFLIBNET as the Director on 1st June, 2001. He is the first Director from the library science profession to hold such a prestigious position of this national network. Dr. Murthy carries with him a rich experience and expertise of having worked and managed a number of libraries in many prestigious institutions in the country viz. Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad; Institute of Defence Management, Secundrabad; University of Hyderabad; Small Industry Extension Training Institute, Hyderabad; Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; National Library, Calcutta; Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA) and Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad. He also worked as a Post-Graduate Research student in his early days with Catholic University of America, Washington - DC and Casewestern Reserve University, Cleveland - Ohio, USA. During his association with all these institutions, he has done an outstanding work in introducing innovative services using the IT. Some of the highly noticeable contributions are setting up KALANIDHI Reference Library and Manuscript Information System, Multimedia Digital Project at IGNCA and Digital Laboratory at CIEFL. Dr. Murthy's contributions to these institutions in particular and the profession

at large in the country are well known. He has been associated with number of universities in the country and has guided number of Ph.Ds and actively associated with the national and international professional associations. He has also been associated at quite a few committees at national level and has published good number of research papers. He has also been responsible for conducting number of innovative training programmes in the institutes wherever he has worked. Dr. Murthy has M.Sc. in Library Science from Catholic University of America and Ph.D. in Library Science from the Karnataka University, Dharwad. He is a Fellow of Society of Information Scientist. He is endowed with the extraordinary oratory skills and in-depth knowledge about the IT and scientific management of the libraries.

INFLIBNET, which is a 10 year old body set up by UGC to promote the modernization of the academic libraries is expected to be a major player amongst the several IT based institutions in the country, under the able leadership and the direction of Dr. T.A.V. Murthy. The INFLIBNET staff is happy to have him as a new Director and wish him a success.

FORTH COMING EVENT

- 1 INFLIBNET is conducting twentieth training programme on Application of Computers in Library and Information Science from September 10th to 6th October, 2001 for library professional of newly funded universities under INFLIBNET programme at Ahmedabad. For more information, contact Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.
- 2 National Conference on Recent Advances in Information Technology: READIT 2001 with main theme on Digital Asset Management will



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MINIMUM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

Server:

- ★ Pentium @233 MHz with 64 MB RAM
- ★ 1.2 GB HDD
- ★ 32 x CD-ROM Drive
- ★ 1.44" Floppy Drive
- ★ ·Colour Monitor (SVGA)
- ★ Ethernet Card 10/100 Mbps
- ★ Windows-NT Operating System
- ★ MS-SQL Server 7.0

Client:

- ★ Pentium @233 MHz with 32 MB RAM
- ★ 1.2 GB HDD with 10 MB Free space
- ★ 1.44" Floppy Drive
- ★ Colour Monitor (SVGA)
- ★ Ethernet Card 10/100 Mbps
- ★ Windows-95 Operating System