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From Director's Desk

Dear Readers,

It is a delight to meet you through this Newsletter which brings out quite few innovative programmes made by the Centre with the encouragement and support of the University Grants Commission and others associated with. We are looking forward for an excellent and meaningful Conventions both at Imphal and Kochi for PLANNER-2004 & International CALIBER-2005 respectively with the response is slowly picking up. For the first time, we have also touched new milestone of conducting in-service training programme for School Librarians of Kendriya Vdyalayas for Library Automation and Networking and E-Resource Management which was a grand success. Another innovative area in which INFLIBNET moved a step forward happens to be that of D-Space Workshop in collaboration with Osmania University, Hyderabad. This has encouraged us to march successfully implementing a Digital Library at our Centre using D-Space to access the data available from different sources for the benefit of Researchers, Scientists and other academicians. We are also pleased to inform you that some of our young Scientists **Shri J K Vijayakumar**, **has attended the 70th IFLA General** Conference at **Argentina** and **Dr. V S Cholin has received the ASSIST International Award for the Paper contest besides getting the recognition as a Professional Young Scientist of the SIS.**

Regular training programmes of IRTPLA, E-Resource Awareness and SOUL are touching new heights. The ongoing UGC-Infonet is moving with a splendid vigor enveloping the E-Journal presence in the Universities. There has been an encouraging usage from the academicians from different parts of the country. Now the Centre is actively collaborating with other Inter university centres (IUC's) in the E-Learning programme.

We are looking forward to your continued support and encouragement.

Dr. T A V Murthy

Participants of 5th E-Resource Management Training Programme along with Prof. Dayanand Dongaonkar, Secretary General AIU, New Delhi.

Prof. V. S. Prasad, Director, NAAC and Prof. Asha Kanwar, Commonwealth of Learning along with Director and Staff of the Centre during their visit.

Prof. Nupur Prakash, Member Governing Board, INFLIBNET presenting a bouquet to His Excellency, The President of India Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam.

Participants of SOUL Training Programme held at INFLIBNET centre.

One day Training Programme on "Access to Chemical Abstracts using STN" held at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani.

Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET addressing Participants of One day Seminar cum Workshop held at Kakatiya University, Warangal.
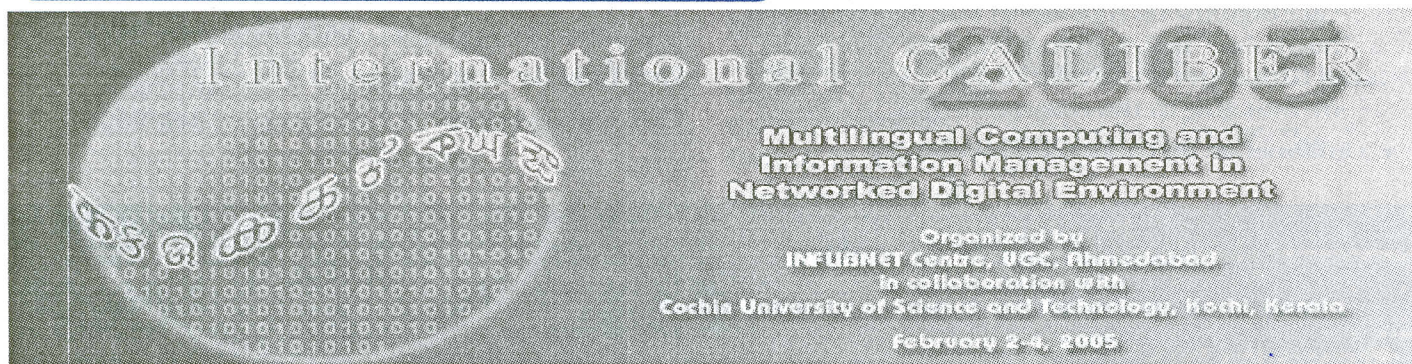

Participants of SOUL Training Programme held at INFLIBNET Centre.

Participants of the D-Space Training Programme along with faculty jointly organised by INFLIBNET Centre and Osmania University.

International CALIBER 2005

Multilingual Computing and Information Management in Networked Digital Environment

Organized by
INFLIBNET Centre, UGC, Ahmedabad
in collaboration with
Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala
February 2-4, 2005

> *Every year INFLIBNET Organises an international convention called CALIBER (Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions) in collaboration with different Indian universities. This is the premier convention in India which provides a unique forum to the library and information professionals, teachers, IT professionals, consultants and users involved in automation and networking of libraries as well as information providers to come together and interact on the subjects of mutual interest.*

The twelfth CALIBER in the series, for the year 2005, has been themed as

"Multilingual Computing and Information Management in Networked Digital Environment"

and will be hosted by Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala

during February 2-4, 2005.

The official language of the convention will be English.

CALL FOR PAPERS

International CALIBER 2005 invites contributed papers and case studies on various aspects of the conference theme and sub-themes as listed below:

Multilingual Computing and Natural Language Processing

Multilingual Computing- Encoding issues, Scripts, Fonts. Character recognition and other challenges, Natural Language Processing, Multilingual Indexing Tool, Multilingual and Multimedia Access

Content Management and Information Management

Content Structuring and XML- Web Cataloguing, Metadata, Dublin Core, EAD, TEI, XML, Crosswalk, Automatic Classification, Document Clustering, Methodologies, Techniques, Indexing, Retrieval, Content Management, Multimedia

Digital Information Processing and Interoperability

Archiving, Digitization, Preservation, Information Retrieval, Digital Library Architecture, System Scalability, Systems Design, Distributed solutions, Web Services and Interoperability - Agents related to digital Information, Cross-domain searching, Browsing, Metasearch, OpenURL Framework OAI-PMH.

Digital Libraries and Services

Digital Library Development Issues, Digital Library Services, Digital Library and E-learning, Digital Library Applications. Subject Gateways, Library Portals, Digital Library Consortia, Wide area and high-speed Networks.

Papers typed in MS-Word can be sent as attachment to INFLIBNET directly through E-Mail or in a floppy by post. The length of the paper should normally be within 5000 words. Papers should contain full name and affiliations with e-mail of author(s), an abstract, author biography and references properly cited in the text of article. The paper should neither be published anywhere nor should have been kept under

consideration for publication elsewhere and the author should agree to transfer the copyright to the conference organisers. A passport size photograph(s) of author(s) has to be submitted with the paper. Detailed Guidelines and Editorial policy for CALIBER 2005 are available in the conference, website http://web.inflibnet.ac.in/caliber2005/index.jsp

Registration from can be downloaded from INFLIBNET Website						
Registration Fees	**Indian Delegates**		**Students & Retired Persons**		**Foreign Delegates**	
					SAARC	Other Countries
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Conference Fees :	Rs. 800/-	800	400	400	US$ 50	US$ 150
Accommodation Advance :	Rs. 300/-	—	300	—	—	—
Total :	Rs. 1100/-	800	700	400	US$ 50	US$ 150

Note: 1. Rs. 100 /- will be charged extra for spot registration.
        2. Delegates selecting payment option C and D will not get kit for CALIBER 2005

About Host and Venue

The Cochin University of Science & Technology, originally known as University of Cochin, came into being in 1971 through an Act of the Legislature and later on by the Cochin University of Science & Technology Act 1986, the University of Cochin was re-organised and converted into a full fledged University of Science and Technology. The high level performance of the University has been reflected in its being selected by UGC as a "Centre of Excellence". It is the only Indian University to get long-term massive financial assistance from the Government of Netherlands under the MHO Programme. The University has entered into academic tie-ups and exchange programmes with several institutions in North America, Europe, and Japan. Visit http://www.cusat.ac.in

Cochin University Library, established in 1977, has built up a balanced and rich collection on all branches of Science and Technology, Social Sciences, Humanities, Language and Legal Studies. It is a member of INDEST Consortium and UGC Infonet Consortium for on line subscription of journals. Library LAN has become a part of campus wide Network, Library WEBOPAC is online. With the inauguration of automated and networked library system on 10th March, 2000, the Library got the rare distinction of being one of the few fully computerized University libraries in India. Visit http://library.cusat.ac.in

Kochi (Cochin), 'the Queen of the Arabian Sea', with its palm fringed lagoons, beautiful sea views, serene backwaters and wooded isles is a magnificent place where many ancient cultures and traditions gracefully mingle with modern life style. It is a unique place in the world map where you can see a Jewish Synagogue, Portuguese churches, remnants of Dutch architecture, a couple of mosques, Hindu temples with exquisite carvings and Chinese Fishing Nets. It is Kerala's most cosmopolitan city with characteristic vibrant air and the commercial as well as industrial capital of the state. Mattancherry and Fort Kochi have an old world charm with the blend of Dutch, Portuguese and English bungalows and quaint narrow streets while mainland Ernakulam offers a different picture of a busy sizzling city. Kochi is one of the finest natural harbours of the world. Visit http://www.cochin.org

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PLANNER-2004 Update

INFLIBNET has been organizing regional convention named PLANNER (Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North Eastern Region) in collaboration with universities and other academic institutions located in North East part of India. The second PLANNER – 2004 is being organized in collaboration with Manipur University, Imphal during November 4-5, 2004.

The main theme of this year PLANNER is Content Creation, Access and Management in Networked Environment". The sub-themes and the topics to be covered are

- ❖ Digitization, archiving and Indexing
- ❖ Networking, Access and Retrieval
- ❖ Content Management

There has been overwhelming response for this convention with more than 150 participants already registered for the event. The convention provides unique opportunity to the library and information science professionals, Computer professionals and others in the north eastern region as well as for the professionals from other parts of the country to discuss various issues that are of relevant to the current developments to meet the challenges in their respective university / institution.

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UGC Infonet Update

9th Training Programme for the Computer Persons from Universities covered under UGC Infonet was held during 28th June to 3rd July, 2004 at ERNET India, New Delhi. 11 participants 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.

E-Subscription: News

1. E-Resource Training held at INFLIBNET

The 5th course on E-resource management using UGC-Infonet was organized by INFLIBNET during 17-21, May 2004. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Dayanand Dongaonkar, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dongaonkar emphasized the importance of access to all literature from all scholers whether from private or UGC funded institutions. He lauded the initiatives of UGC and the role of INFLIBNET in enhancing higher education in the country. Director, INFLIBNET highlighted the activities of the centre and spoke about the new initiatives. 16 sessions were held during the course with one external faculty. The hands on was given

for accessing the resources. 15 participants participated in the programme.

The 6th course on E-resource management using UGC-Infonet was organized by INFLIBNET during 12-16, July 2004. The course was inaugurated by Prof. M N Desai, former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University. In his inaugural address he appreciated the efforts of UGC-Infonet for providing scholarly access and urged the librarians to take the maximum benefit and meet the individual requirements of academicians. Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET, in his presidential remarks highlighted the importance of UGC Infonet initiated by the Chairman UGC and role of INFLIBNET in enhancing the higher education system in India. During the five days course, 16 lectures were arranged of which 2 lectures were handled by invited resource persons and few presentations by the publishers viz. Cambridge, Elsevier Science and the remaining sessions were handled by the faculty members from INFLIBNET. These Lectures mainly focused on aspects relating to implementation of UGC Infonet and related to the network management and E-resources covered under the programme. Besides the lectures, there were the demos / practical sessions on setting LAN, network security, Mail server, webserver, Access to Chemical Abstracts, Access to Biological Abstracts, Access to gateway portals, Access to Cambridge, Elsevier Science and other titles, digital library software using greenstone, web designing etc. Participants expressed that the research and academic community will be thrilled with this initiative and they were deprived till nowof these resources. 19 participants attended the programme and took the benefit.

2. One – Day User Awareness training programmes held:

Awareness is very important for success of E-Subscription initiative. Nineteen One-Day User Awareness Programmes for using E-Resources under UGC Infonet Faculty members, Research Scholars and Librarians were conducted in the following Universities during April-May 2004 as per the following schedule.

No	NAME OF UNIVERSITY	DATE	COORDINATOR FROM UNIVERSITY
1.	Sardar Patel University, Gujarat	01.04.2004	Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti Tiwari
2.	Mangalore University, Mangalore	05.04.2004	Dr. M. K. Bandi
3.	University of Pune, Pune	05.04.2004	Dr. S. K. Patil
4.	Anna University, Chennai	05.04.2004	Dr. (Mrs.) Lalitha Jayaraman
5.	Avinashilingam Institute (Deemed University) Coimbatore	06.04.2004	Dr. (Mrs.) N. Ushakumari
6.	Shivaji University, Kolhapur	06.04.2004	Mrs. Sumitra Jadhav
7.	University of Mysore, Mysore	07.04.2004	Prof. (Mrs.) Shalini R. Urs
8.	Karnataka University, Dharward	07.04.2004	Prof. C. R. Karisiddappa
9.	Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai	07.04.2004	Prof. A. Srimurugan
10.	Bangalore University, Bangalore	08.04.2004	Dr. M. Anjanappa
11.	Goa University, Goa	08.04.2004	Dr. P. V. Konnur
12.	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	08.04.2004	Dr. P. Ramanathan
13.	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	20.04.2004	Dr. N. Parameshwaran
14.	Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi	22.04.2004	Dr. M. D. Baby
15.	University of Calicut, Kozhikode	23.04.2004	Dr. Rosemma Joseph
16.	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	27.04.2004	Shri Rajendra Kurup
17.	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong	18.05.2004	Dr. Veena Saraf
18.	Tezpur University, Tezpur	19.05.2004	Prof. M. Bhuyan
19.	Manipur University, Imphal	21.05.2004	Dr. CH. Radheshyam Singh

Many more user awareness programmes are planned at other universities during October / November 2004.

User awareness training programmes at 65 more universities

The success of UGC-Infonet initiative depends on the actual usage of these resources. This calls for user education and faculty and research scholars and students need to be trained in using these electronic resources. The statistics of usage by the academicians across the country is very encouraging and this need further enhances through more and more awareness programmes. INFLIBNET Centre has already conducted these awareness training programmes at 35 universities and will continue to have such programmes over the next two months. In order to ensure better access to scholarly resources subscribed under UGC-Infonet 65 such programmes will be conducted.

3. STN Training

INFLIBNET Centre has been making its best effort through UGC-Infonet E-Journals Programme to provide access to electronic journals in all areas of learning. These resources are accessed by individual universities based on the IP address range supplied by them. It was observed that access to Chemical Abstracts is essential for Faculty and Research Scholars in the area of Chemistry. Though the access to chemical abstracts is very expensive, through UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium this is being made available to all universities who are in need to access Chemical Abstracts. As per the recommendations of the National Negotiation Committee 10 universities have already been given the access to Chemical Abstracts through Sci-Finder. Though this facility will be expensive, but the access through Sci-finder is essential, as it is expected that the usage in these 10 universities would be very high. On the other hand, all other universities heve been provided this access through STN. There is only difference, through Sci-finder the access will be 24 hours with one login at a time, however the access through STN is pay per view and 5 persons can simultaneously access the data based on pay per view facility. Hence access will be based on **"Pay Per View",** and the entire payment will be made by INFLIBNET for accessing the Chemical Abstracts. Each university has been provided with 5 login and passwords to access the same and training has been organized at nine places during the period. These programmes were coordinated by Dr. V S Cholin at Ahmedabad, Dr. P V Konnur at Goa University, Dr. Lalitha Jayaraman, at Anna University, Chennai, Dr. M D Baby, at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, Dr. Suresh Jindal, at University of Delhi, Dr. M Ishwar Bhat, at BITS, Pilani, Ms. Nalini Raja at University of Mumbai,. The second programme at Ahmedabad was organized by Dr. V S Cholin during July 2004. All these programmes were conducted successfully by Mr. Makrand Waikar and Ms. Jyoti Singh of Sci-edge Information, Pune. The Director, INFLIBNET, Dr. T AV Murthy, thanked all the coordinators for their full support in successfully conducting these specialized programmes.

List of Universities covered for STN Training Programme

1. Gujarat University
2. The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
3. Sardar Patel University
4. Saurashtra University
5. Bhavnagar University
6. Bangalore University
7. Karnatak University
8. Mangalore University
9. University of Mysore
10. Anna University
11. Madurai Kamraj Univeristy
12. Pondichery University
13. Andhra University
14. Cochin University of Science & Technology
15. Mahatma Gandhi University
16. University of Calicut
17. University of Kerala
18. University of Mumbai
19. Shivaji University
20. Goa University
21. Nagpur University
22. Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya
23. University of Delhi
24. Jawaharlal Nehru University
25. Jamia Milia Islamia
26. Jamia Hamdard University
27. Aligarh Muslim University
28. University of Jammu
29. University of Kashmir
30. University of Rajasthan
31. Jiwaji University
32. Kurukshetra University
33. Birla Institute of Technology & Science
34. Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology
35. Guru Nanak Dev University
36. Punjabi University
37. Nagpur U niversity

38. Kuvempu University, Shankarghatta

39. Bharati Vidyapeeth

40. Dr. B R A Marathwada University, Aurangabad

41. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded

42. Banasthali Vidyapith

43. Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

44. North Gujarat University, Patan

45. South Gujarat University

Remaining Universities will be taken up very soon for the STN Training.

4. Forthcoming Programme Announcement

National Seminar on Access to E-resources under UGC-Infonet –E-Journals Consortium

UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium initiative taken by the Chairman University Grants Commission (UGC) is to facilitate free access to scholarly journals and databases in all areas of learning to the research and academic community across the country. The programme has been dedicated to the nation by His Excellency the President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on 28th December 2003 from Vigyan Bhavan during the concluding of Golden Jubilee celebrations of University Grants Commission. More than 2000 scholarly journals and databases are already made available for access which will cross 4000 journals in next few months. This effort has started making very good impact on the research and academic community and very encouraging usage is noticed. However, awareness is the key to exploit and utilize this scholarly literature in better way. There is a need to inform all the faculty, research scholars, students and library professionals to understand the benefit of this programme in the light of huge resources made available first time in the country for higher education sector. In order to facilitate the research and academic community the access to scholarly resources, it is proposed to conduct two days national seminar at five different places across the country for taking the benefit by attending the programme nearby. These seminars are organized with an aim to:

1. To inform the users about the UGC-Infonet initiatives.

2. To inform number of features for scholars viz. article alerts, TOC alerts etc.

3. To spread awareness about the UGC-Infonet e-journals consortium and its resources.

4. To know the additional resources required for meeting the users expectations.

5. To serve and strengthen the higher educational system of our country through more effective, efficient and systematic approach.

6. To provide a platform to discuss the important issues of UGC-Infonet e-journals consortium at national level.

Seminar Highlights

❖ Presentations on new initiatives of UGC-Infonet and E-Journals Program

❖ Presentation by Invited speakers

❖ Demonstrations, Exhibition, Commercial Presentations

❖ Panel Discussion to discuss the important issues relating to E-Journals/databases

The programmes are initially planned at five cities and are held on different dates. The schedule of the same is given.

Place	Tentative Dates	Coordinator
Vadodara (M S University)	25-26, October 2004	Dr. K H Shukla
Goa (Goa University)	29-30, October 2004	Dr. P V Konnur
Bangalore (Bangalore University)	29-30, November 2004	Dr. M Anjanappa
Delhi (Delhi University)	6-7, December 2004	Prof. V S Verma
Kolkatta (Jadavpur University)	10-11, December 2004	Prof. K K Mallik

Important Dates

The last date for sending the Registration forms for Ahmedabad and Goa will be **15th October 2004** and for other three programmes the last date is **10th November 2004**. Since there is no registration fees for attending the programme the selection of the candidates for attending the programme is based on the first come first served basis.

Who can register for the Seminar?

The seminar will be useful for the faculty, research scholars, library science professionals working in the universities funded by UGC. Priority will be given to the participants from 100 universities provided this electronic journal access facility.

Why you should attend the Seminar?

The seminar will provide unique opportunity to know more about the access to scholarly journals and databases which was not available few years ago, and will enable the participants to understand different types of resources subscribed and made available for access. Presentations by different publishers will also enable the participants to know more about the advantages of having electronic access with features like the article alerts, Table of contents alerts etc are provided on to the desktop of the scholars. There are many more interesting presentations by the invited speakers.

How can I register?

Interested faculty, research scholars and library science professionals working in the universities funded by UGC are requested to fill up the registration form and send the filled in form to the Director INFLIBNET. Please note that the programmes are arranged on different dates at different places. Participants may look for their convenient date and place and put their choice of preference against the places in the registration form. INFLIBNET will try its best to accommodate the participants in their first choice of preference, however once the number of participants exceed for one programme they may be asked to attend the programme at their second / third choice of preference. Send the filled in application form to the Director, INFLIBNET as per the address given in the registration form.

Registration fees if any

There is no registration fees for attending the seminar and the participants are provided with free seminar kit, course material, lunch, dinner, tea and snacks during the two days seminar.

TA/DA

INFLIBNET will not be able to pay any TA/DA to participants for attending the programme, hence the seminars are scheduled at different places so that the people can attend the programme at their nearby places. However they may claim the TA/DA from their offices who get the sponsorship from their respective universities. However those who wish to attend the seminars on their own also are encouraged.

Accommodation?

Participants may make their own arrangement for their stay during the seminars, however those who need accommodation during the seminar may clearly mention their requirement in the registration form and pay the accommodation charges Rs. 200/- in the name of Director, INFLIBNET by DD/Cheque. Please add Rs. 20/-for outstation cheques. The coordinators of the seminar will try their best for accommodation in the guesthouses etc. Please note that participants opting Delhi, are requested to make their own arrangement for accommodation.

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Programme Schedule(subject to change)			
DAY 1		**DAY 2**	
Event	**Time**	**Event**	**Time**
Registration	08.30 – 09.15	Access to Chemical Abstracts	09.30 – 10.45
Inaugural Session	09.30 – 10.45	Tea Break	10.45 – 11.00
High Tea	10.45 – 11.00	Presentation by 2 publishers	11.00 – 12.00
UGC-INFONET and E-Journals		Presentation by 2 publishers	12.00 – 13.00
Consortium	11.00 – 13.00	Lunch Break	13.00 – 14.00
Lunch	13.00 – 14.00	Presentation by Invited speaker	14.00 – 15.00
Use of Reference Guides	14.00 – 15.00	Tea Break	15.00 – 15.30
Presentation by Invited Speaker	15.00 – 16.00	Panel Discussion/feedback	15.30 – 17.00
Break	16.00 – 16.15	Concluding Ceremony	17.00 – 17.30
Presentation by Publishers	16.15 – 16.45		
E-Learning	16.45 – 17.30		

For more information visit **http://www.inflibnet.ac.in** under what's new column

5. E-Resources: Friendly to visually impaired too!!! - A Unique user of the electronic resources at INFLIBNET.

Under UGC-Infonet consortium INFLIBNET has subscribed online resources for the use of Research and Academic community of the country providing opportunity to access scholarly journals and databases. Shri Durlabbhai M Patel, born visually impaired working as a lecturer in Govt., Polytechnic, Ahmedabad and doing his Ph. D entitled "Historio – Political Readings of the Major fiction of Amitav Gosh" in English literature from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad is one among those who regularly visits the Centre to get the information for his research work.

He opines that E-Resources available in INFLIBNET is of very much helpful for his research work and got tremendous benefit out of these with the help and co-operation of INFLIBNET staff. He fondly remembers that he got many important articles to develop his research hypothesis. He expressed that if he get the information in print he has to get it scanned and has to listen the content of the literature with the help of a software called 'Jaws for Windows 5.0' a special software developed for the people, who are visually impaired.

Instead of that he is getting the scholarly literature directly in Electronic format under the UGC –Infonet E-journal consortium, taking it either in floppy or in CD takes it to the home and listens it in his PC with the help of 'Jaws for Windows software' by which he is saving his time and money. He says that the electronic information available in INFLIBNET is of high value as compared with print as well Braille counterpart and can get idea about latest developments in the arena of English Literature.

He owes his thanks to Dr. T A V Murthy, Director and other staff at INFLIBNET for their much needed assistance in getting the value information and urges the authority to make arrangement for installing the 'Jaws for Windows 5.0' software, by which he can directly listen the E-content and get the idea more easily.

INFLIBNET Training Programme

IRTPLA: Reports:

Rajasthan

INFLIBNET Regional Training Pogramme on Library Automation(IRTPLA) was held at Mohanlal Sukhadia University Udaipur during 8-12, March 2004. 21 participants participated in the programme from different libraries in the region. The Program was inauguarated by Prof. A K Singh, Vice Chancellor Mohanlal Sukhadia University. Keynote address was delivered by Sh. S M Salgar, Senior Scientist, INFLIBNET

focusing on the initiatives of the centre with special reference to SOUL software and UGC-Infonet. Sh. H G Hosamani and Ms. Ms. Vaishali Parikh were the resource persons from INFLIBNET. The programme was coordinated by Prof. K K Sud, Officer – In-Charge was the co-ordinator for the programme.

Himachal Pradesh

IRTPLA training program for the state of Himachal Pradesh was organized at Himachal Pradesh University during 26-30 July, 2004. Prof L R Verma Vice Chancellor has inaugurated. Shri Premchand Scientist-C and Shri Suresh Kumar Project Scientist from INFLIBNET was the resource persons from the INFLIBNET Centre and Shri R P Sharma acting Librarian was the coordinator for the programme. 30 library professional participants were participated.

Jammu and Kashmir:

IRTPLA training program for the state Jammu and Kashmir of will be organized at Allama Iqbal Library the University of Kashmir from 20th -24th Sept, 2004. Prof. Reyaz Rufai University Librarian will be coordinating the Program.

Visits :

Students from BE(CS) and (IT) of Government Engineering college Department of Technical Education, Gandhinagar, Gujarat State, visited INFLIBNET Centre on 10th Sept,2004 and 14th Sept, 2004. There were two batch of 50 students each. They were fully co-coordinated by the Centre. They visited all 8 divisions and the interacted with our scientists regarding Setting of different servers applications and configurations network architecture, Database development application and utilities, data Security, online access of e-journals and other activities of the Centre.

KVS – INFLIBNET In-service Training Programme for School Librarians on Library Automation, Networking and E-Resources Management

Kendriya Vidyalaya's were established in the year 1963-64 starting with 20 schools and now they are 871 in number having enrolment of about 8 lakh students and more than 40,000 teachers. They are spread all over the country. Kendriya Vidyalayas were conceived and came into being as pacesetters. The recruitment of staff is a nation-wide affair with a high degree of choice for quality. A carefully conceived curriculum, a uniformly split-up syllabus, text-books and the teachers' guides prepared by the NCERT and the CBSE, updated teaching methods, well-planned co-curricular activities, games and sports, library service etc. all these and more are integral features of Kendriya Vidyalayas.

The Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghatan, Gandhinagr had asked INFLIBNET Centre to conduct

the training programme for KVS School Librarians. The training programme was named as "KVS – INFLIBNET In-Service Training Programme For School Librarians On Library Automation, Networking and E-Resources Management" with three weeks duration, specially designed for kendriya vidyalaya school Library professionals. Discussions were held with senior staff of KVS and INFLIBNET technical staff for designing this kind of specialized course. The topics were selected keeping in view of the objectives of this programme, i.e., creating awareness about the most modern technologies and nurturing IT culture in KVS Librarians. The following are the broad topics selected in which specialized and comprehensive lectures were delivered and practicals were conducted;

❖ Personality Development & Communication.

❖ Basics of Computer and Hardware

❖ Bibliographic Standards

❖ WINISIS and GENISIS

❖ Library Management Software Systems and SOUL

❖ Planning for LAN in Libraries

❖ Networking Security Issues

❖ Mail Server and Web Server Configurations & Applications

❖ Website Designing and Hosting

❖ Digital Libraries Creation using Green Stone

❖ Impact of INTERNET and Identification of Resources

❖ INTERNET Resources and Gateways for School Libraries

❖ Archiving and IPR Issues, etc.

Study tours to different Libraries, like Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad to understand the proper implementation of modern technologies, were also arranged for the participants. Projects and assignments were assigned to participants compulsorily, which had to be completed and presented using PowerPoint prior to the concluding session. Projects component and assignment were as follows;

❖ About Library and its services

❖ SOUL Software – Each Module

❖ Designing of Library Websites

❖ Creation of Digital Library using Green Stone Software

❖ Searching and Identification of Internet Resources

❖ Evaluating the Programme

❖ Future Plans

In addition to the project, Pre-test and Post-tests were also conducted for participants to evaluate their awareness about the IT applications. 45 participants from different Regions across the country viz. Ahmedabad (6), Bangalore (3), Bhubaneswar (7), Chennai (5), Hyderabad (6), Kolkata (10), Mumbai (4) and Silchar (4) attended the training programme.

During the three weeks, 51 lectures were scheduled. Three lectures were handled by the external resource persons viz. Sh. Satish Deshpande and Sh. D R Kulkarni from British Council Library, Ahmedabad and Dr. S S Shirurmath, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. Five lectures were handled by KVS faculty and remaining 44 lectures were taken by the INFLIBNET faculty members.

During the training programme, lectures were organized in the morning sessions and afternoon sessions were meant for practical, so all the participants spent sufficient amount of time in the Computer Lab and each participant got one computer to practice.

Participants had opportunity to visit Gandhinagar and Ahhmedabad. Participants were highly enthusiastic to learn new things and were active in both the lectures and practical sessions, hence the whole programme emerged out as very interactive one.

Participants were provided reading material and handouts and other presentations by resource persons and "internet resources for school librarians" which are given in the CD-ROM.

The inaugural function of the training programme was held on May 28, 2004. The training programme was inaugurated by Prof. Ilaben Naik, Dean of Faculty Education from Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad who gave a key note address. In her address she highlighted the importance of information technology in delivering the library services. Dr. T AV Murthy gave a presidential remarks and Sh. S M Salgar, Senior Scientist of INFLIBNET Centre briefed about the training programme course contents. Mrs. Vinita Sharma, Prinicipal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad furnished perspectives of training programme on behalf of KVS.

Prior to the concluding day on June 16, 2004, all participants were requested to present their assignments, project work about their library, services, what they have learnt and future plans. The concluding session was held on June 17, 2004. Sh. O V S Sikarvar, Principal, KVS Ahmedabad welcomed the august gathering. Report on the training programme, was presented by Sh K Prakash, Course Coordinator. Two participants gave a course feedback and they were very much satisfied with

the training programme. Dr T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET Centre distributed the certificates and gave a presidential address. Sh. P K Kaul, Education Officer, KVS and Sh. S M Salgar, Senior Scientist, INFLIBNET also spoke on this occasion.

The programme was very successful and all participants were happy in learning new things. Dr T A V Murthy was the course Director and Mr K Prakash and Mr H G Hosamani acted as the course coordinators. Shri Ashok Achtani, Section Officer, INFLIBNET provided the logistics for coordinating the programme.

D-Space Workshop held :

A workshop on Developing Digital Library using DSpace, was jointly organised by Osmania University and INFLIBNET Centre at Hyderabad during June 28-July 2, 2004. *It was organized in the context of the* growing interest in Developing Digital Libraries especially using DSpace by various LIS professionals. The workshop was aimed at encouraging the LIS Professionals to build their own institutional digital libraries and repositories by providing background knowledge of digital library and its related software, by offering hands on experience in using DSpace software. About 25 participants drawn from various premier Institutions and organizations across country participated in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Prof Y Venkatarami Reddy, the Vice Chancellor of Jawwaharlal Nehru Technology University, Hyderabad. Dr. ARD Prasad, DRTC Bangalore, Prof Lakshman Rao, Osmania University, Mr Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D and Mr. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET Centre were the resource persons for the programme.

dArchive India (Digital Academic and Research Content Hosted By INFLIBNET for Value Education-India) a Digital Archival for Indian Universities is the outcome of successful launching of a Digital Library using the Dspace by INFLIBNET (https://dspace.inflibnet.ac.in). Submission facility in this site allows all the academicians, researchers, scientists to contribute their publications to this initiative.

SOUL News

The 23rd Training Programme conducted during 19-23 April, 2004. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

The 24th Training Programme conducted at HARTON, Chandigarh during 15-17, May, 2004. 16 Participants attended the programme.

The 25th Training Programme conducted during 21-25 June, 2004. 18 Participants attended the Programme.

The 26th Training Programme conducted during 26-30 July, 2004. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

The 27th Training Programme conducted during 30 August to 3 September, 2004. 20 Participants attended the Programme.

Professional News

INFLIBNET Joins NISO (http://www.niso.org)

NISO, the National Information Standards Organization, a non-profit association accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), identifies, develops, maintains, and publishes technical standards to manage information in our changing and ever-more digital environment. NISO standards apply both traditional and new technologies *to the full range of information-related needs,* including retrieval, re-purposing, storage, metadata, and preservation. Various leaders of the organizations in the fields of publishing, libraries, IT and media serve as Voting and Alliance Members of the NISO. Hundreds of experts and practitioners serve on NISO committees as Officers of the association. Where INFLIBNET is one of the organizations, approved by the NISO Board of Directors as Voting Member. Dr. T A V Murthy, Director is voting representative to NISO. Mr. Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientific & Technical Officer–I, is the alternate.

INFLIBNET is also representative of Technical Committee MSD5 of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS-http://www.bis.org.in) since last one year, where Dr. Murthy is Principal Member and Mr. Chandrakar is Alternate.

Forth-Coming Events

ALIC2004 –The First Asian Library and Information Conference will be held during November 21 - 24, 2004 at Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Theme for the conference is "**Libraries - Gateways to Information and Knowledge in the Digital Age**". Contact address: ALIC2004, GPO Box 701, Bangkok 10501, Thailand . Email: rogram@alic2004.org or visit, http://www.alic2004.org/alic2004.html

SIS-2005 23rd Annual Convention & Conference of Society for Information Science will jointly be organised by SIS, New Delhi and Department of Library and Information Science & Dr V S K Library of Andhra University at Visakhapatnam – 530 003 during 27-29 Januray, 2005. Main theme of the Convention is **Delivery of Information Services through Distributed Digital Environment.** For more details contact Prof. R.S.R.Varalakshmi, Organizing Secretary, SIS-2005, Department of Library and Information Science, Andhra University,

VISAKHAPATNAM - 530003. E-mail: vsn1234@ hotmail.com Phone: 0891 2844385-7(O); 0891 2535251(R) or visit conference website http://sis-india.netfirms.com/sis2005.htm

IASLIC XXI National Seminar will be organized by DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta during 31 Dec 2003 - 3 Jan 2004. Theme of the Seminar will be "**Information Support for Rural Development**". Contact Dr K P Mazumdar, Organising Secretary, Head-DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta-700 032 or Hon. General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, Scheme No 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkatta-700 054 or visit http://www.iaslic.org.

E-Learn 2004 — World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education is an international conference organized by the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) and co-sponsored by the International Journal on E-Learning. It will be held in Washington, DC, USA during Nov. 1-5, 2004. Visit the site at http://www.aace.org/conf/eLearn/

Staff news

Sh. J K Vijaykumar attended IFLA-2004

Mr. J K Vijaykumar has been selected for IFLA travel grant and will be attending the World Library and Information Congress: 70th IFLA General Conference and Council to be held during **August 22th - 27th 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina** on "*Libraries: Tools for Education and Development*" He has been invited to attend the IFLA pre-conference in Brazil as well. Sh. J K Vijaykumar is Scientific and Technical Officer working with INFLIBNET for the last 5 years and has been awarded earlier with OCLC Early bird fellowship.

International Award for INFLIBNET Staff

Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B of INFLIBNET Centre has received the "American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) International award in ASSIST International Paper Contest and placed sixth. for his article titled, "*Study on application of information technology for effective access to resources in Indian university libraries*". The award carries ASSIST Individual Membership for two years. The winning paper will be considered for publication by Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*, which is edited by Toni Carbo.

Dr. V S Cholin is working with INFLIBNET Centre since 1993, holding Ph. D in Library and Information Science has also received Fulbright professional fellowship 2004-2005. He has been awarded SIS-Professional Young Scientist-2004 and best paper award from Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation RRRLF in 2002. He has more than 25 papers to his

credit. Attended IFLA-2003 conference held at Berlin, Germany. He is currently heading the Informatics Division of the Centre and looking after the prestigious UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium.

Director INFLIBNET and all the staff congratulate Dr. V S Cholin for this achievement.

Mr. Manoj Kumar, Scientist-D, INFLIBNET in ASIANET channel.

Mr. Manoj Kumar, Scientist-D, INFLIBNET was interviewed by ASIANET a Malayalam channel which has a one million viewer base. Mr. Manoj Kumar spoke about the INFLIBNET and its activities with special emphasis on its two new initiatives UGC-Infonet and E-Journals Consortia and was telecasted on Asianet, appeared in a segment called 'Suprabhatham' from 7.30 AM to 8.30 AM on 10th June 2004. The programme was based on the Interview, questions and answers about new media viz. electronic collections, e-journals in general and INFLIBNET activities and UGC-Infonet in particular.

S R Ranganathan's Day Celebration

Dr. S R Rangnathan's Day was celebrated at H T Parekh Convention Centre, Ahmedabad Management Association jointly organized by INFLIBNET Centre, ADINET and Ahmedabad Management Association on 28th August 2004. Dr. Arun Kumar Dave, The vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp and delivered inaugural address. Sh. Mahendrabai Patel, President AMA released the CD and addressed the gathering on the occasion. Sh. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Chairman, ADINET Governing Council, and Director CEE, gave presidential remarks. Sh. S M Salgar, Scientist-G welcomed and Sh. P C Shah, Hon Director ADINET proposed vote of thanks. There were seven technical sessions and seven papers were presented on different aspects of E-products for libraries and information centres. There were more than 250 participants from in and around Ahmedabad attending the programme and it was a grand success. Dr. Urmilaben Thakar and Sh. Kirit Bhavsar worked as Rapporteurs.

Independence Day Celebration

The 58th Independence Day of the Nation was celebrated in the Centre on 15th August, 2004. Sh. S M Salgar, Scientist-G of the Centre hoisted the national flag in the campus of the Centre. INFLIBNET staff, their families attended the flag hoisting ceremony. Professors and other staff members of the Gujarat University with their family who are residing in the staff quarters also attended the function. Sh. Salgar speaking on the occosation highlighted the need

for improvements in all areas of the activities. Cultural programme was organized and the prizes were distributed to the winner. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. V S Cholin and Smt. Sahana Munshi.

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Library Profile

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani Library: An Inflibnet consortium member

Hybrid library model

BITS Library has been making determined efforts to become a truly hybrid library wherein both electronic and paper based information sources are used alongside each other. The service delivery is done in a seamlessly integrated way. The hybrid library model at BITS has two aims: (i) To improve the delivery of library service in the campus by making use of both printed and electronic resources which compliment each other (ii) To provide information anytime anywhere. The Hybrid libraries recognize the importance of printed materials, and they make effective use of technology in order to improve the access to them. On the other hand, they realize the potential of the digital media and seize the opportunity in order to provide larger quantity of information to the users in a distributed information environment. The Hybrid library concept is very significant especially in BITS which is a specialized university offering both degree, postgraduate and research programmes in Sciences, Engineering and Humanities. While the undergraduates depend heavily on the printed materials, the postgraduates and researchers do the info-mining of electronic resources.

Campus wide Computer Network – NEURON (Next generation Enabled University wide Redundant Optical Network)

The institute has a state of the art completely switched, IPVC capable, voice enabled network. It is one of the largest network infrastructures among the educational institutions in the country. It supports 5000 data ports, and provides connectivity to each hostel room, staff houses, library building, instructional buildings, lecture halls, laboratories and guest house. It uses gigabit fiber optic back bone to provide 100 MBPS desktop connectivity at each data port. The institute network is connected to outside world using 4 MBPS shared Internet leased circuit. All students and staff members are provided with internet facility. The NEURON was completed in January, 2004. To coincide with the launch of NEURON, the BITS Library developed an information rich library portal which serves as the main library interface.

New Library Building

BITS got a new library building which was inaugurated on 19th March, 2004. With over 65000 sft floor area and 750 seating, this is one of the biggest and finest library buildings of recent times. A large part of the floor is marbled, the building has been

designed with a view to give palatial ambience and there is an abundance of place to walk around. The features include Dholpur stone pillars, Jharokas, Arches, Chandeliers, Rajasthani paintings and plenty of natural light. The high ceiling and skylights make it highly energy efficient and also provide the necessary insulation against the temperature extremities. The new library is a good blend of Rajasthani architecture, aesthetics and modern technology. Facilities in the library are: reading halls and stacks, toilets, e library, study carrels, meeting hall, audio visual room, and informal seating areas. The greenery both inside and outside the library provide the necessary soothing to the eyes. The library is located close to all academic blocks of the institute and has generator back up for power breakdowns. While cables are used for LAN, wireless internet is accessible and anyone can access the internet on his/her laptop in the library.

Computerization Programme

BITS library uses the Libsys library automation software on Linux platform. Almost 80% of the book records have been computerized. The books have been bar coded and all library routines have been automated. The library web OPAC is accessible on the library homepage and book reservations, enquiries etc can be done from the student rooms/ staff residences.

Support of UGC and INFLIBNET

UGC has been very supportive to BITS especially for library development. Apart from the grant of Rs 49 lakhs for the library building, UGC provided a non recurring grant of Rs 6.5 lakhs for library automation in 1999-2000 and thereafter it has been providing recurring grant of Rs 1.75 lakhs every year for library automation. BITS Library is a member of the Inflibnet consortium and getting access to more than 2000 electronic journals and the statistics show very high usage by the BITS faculty and students. Under UGC-Infonet BITS Pilani is supported with 512 KBPS additional bandwidth and the necessary hardware.

Library collection

The present collection is about 2,15,000 volumes which includes books and back volumes of journals. The collection is specialized in the area of Science and Technology, Management and Pharmacy and Biological Sciences. However, there is an adequate collection of books on Literature, History and General reading. The library inherited the rich collections of the erstwhile Birla Colleges of Arts and Science which opened in Pilani in early 1930s. Therefore there is a good collection of rare and old books, back volumes (since 1920s) and manuscripts which have been carefully preserved.

Plans for the future

World of librarianship is fast changing and also are the requirements of library users. Both the library and the user habits are highly influenced by the technological advances which we have been witnessing especially during the past couple of decades. The library has to evolve continuously amidst the changing technological environment and also the user needs. Plans for BITS Library for the near future include : (i) Digitisation of rare books and manuscripts (ii) Increase the online content by creating digital files of old question papers, theses etc (iii) Providing remote access to the library resources for faculty and students posted in the various towns for practice school work (iv) Integration of printed and e resources and provide seamless search facilities (v) Conduct workshops and training programmes relevant to the librarians of the north-west states.

for further details please write to Dr M Ishwara Bhat, Librarian, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (Rajasthan) PIN 333 031 Email : ibhat@bits-pilani.ac.in

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WARANGAL: The Kakatiya University library is organising a seminar-cum-workshop on e-consortia of UGC infonet on April 26 at the Physics seminar hall. According to the member-in-charge, K. Suresh Babu, and the librarian K. Ramanaiah, the UGC through its organ, Information & Library Network at Ahemdabad is establishing a consortium of e-journals, which could be accessed on the Internet. The director of INFLIBNET T.A.V. Murthy would deliver the keynote address.

26న కెయులో 'ఇ-కన్సార్షియా'పై సెమినార్

వరంగల్ (ఔయ్ క్యాంపస్), ఏప్రిల్ 24 (ఈనాడు): కాకతీయ యూనివర్సిటీ కేంద్ర గ్రంథాలయం ఏప్రిల్ 26వ తేదీ ఉదయం 10.30 గంటలకు భౌతిక శాస్త్ర సెమినార్ హాల్లో 'ఇ-కన్సార్షియా ఆఫ్ యూజీసీ ఇన్ఫోనెట్'...

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पुस्तकालय कर्मियों के लिए प्रशिक्षण शिविर शुरू

शिमला। हिमाचल प्रदेश विश्वविद्यालय में 'इनफ्लिबनेट' अहमदाबाद और 'इकडोल' के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में विवि व इससे संबंधित कॉलेजों के पुस्तकालय कर्मियों के लिए सोमवार को पांच दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण शिविर शुरू हुआ। इस शिविर में पुस्तकालय कर्मियों को पुस्तकालय प्रबंधन की नवीनतम तकनीकों की जानकारी दी जाएगी। शिविर का उद्घाटन विवि के कुलपति प्रो. एलआर वर्मा ने किया।

उन्होंने प्रतिभागियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि पुस्तकालय के कर्मचारियों को अपने विषय की नवीनतम जानकारी होनी आवश्यक है। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्ष 1995 में 'इनफ्लिबनेट' ने विवि के पुस्तकालय के कंप्यूटरीकरण और विकास के लिए पांच लाख रुपये का अनुदान दिया था। उन्होंने आशा जताई कि प्रशिक्षण शिविर में भाग लेने वाले प्रतिभागी पुस्तकालय प्रबंधन की नई तकनीकों की जानकारी प्राप्त करके अर्जित ज्ञान का उपयोग अपने पुस्तकालयों में करेंगे।

प्रो. वर्मा ने बताया कि विवि परिसर को 'ऑप्टिकल फाइबर नेटवर्क' से जोड़ने का कार्य इंजीनियरिंग व प्रौद्योगिकी संकाय के डीन प्रो. आरसी शर्मा की देखरेख में शुरू किया जा चुका है। शिविर में 'इनफ्लिबनेट' के सूचना विज्ञानी प्रेम चंद और सुरेश कुमार ने प्रतिभागियों को पुस्तकालयों के कंप्यूटरीकरण से होने वाले फायदे गिनाए। विवि के लाइब्रेरियन आरपी शर्मा ने कुलपति व प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत करते हुए इस प्रशिक्षण शिविर और विवि पुस्तकालय के बारे में जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि विवि के मुख्य पुस्तकालय में 1,76,699 पुस्तकें और 16,664 जर्नल हैं। इस शिविर में विवि व इससे संबद्ध महाविद्यालयों के 45 पुस्तकालय कर्मचारी भाग ले रहे हैं।
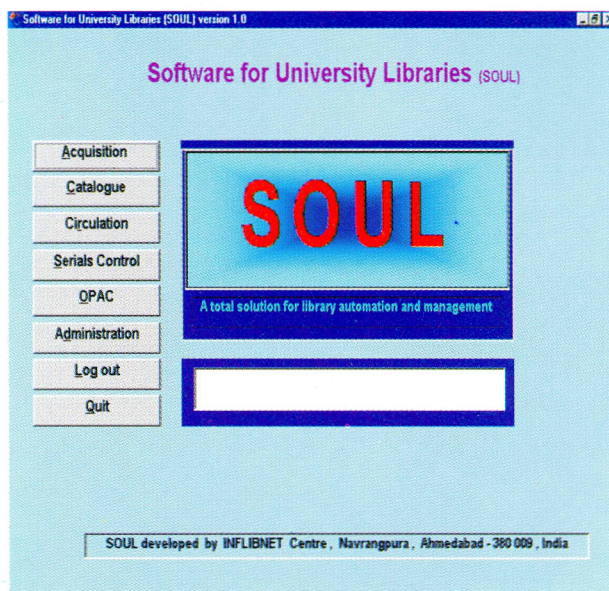
SOUL Software (Software for University Libraries)

The SOUL is 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
- Barcoding facility
- 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 low cost
- INFLIBNET is IUC of UGC. Non-profitable Organization

Manual in English and Hindi language

UGC-Infonet and E-Journals consortium

(Connecting universities and providing access to scholarly journals and databases for Indian Academic community)

The UGC-Infonet is a major initiative of University Grants Commission (UGC) to make use of the benefits of Information and communication Technology (ICT) to all the universities and colleges across the country. Under this program the universities have been provided connectivity with the assistance of ERNET. INFLIBNET Centre is a nodal agency to monitor, decide, the connectivity and provide content over the network. Universities have been provided the bandwidth ranging from 128 Kbps to 2 Mbps depending on the perceived needs of the specific university and the infrastructure available. More than 115 universities have already got the connectivity under the scheme during the last one year.

UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium is another initiative of UGC executed by INFLIBNET Centre in order to facilitate free access to scholarly journals and databases in all areas of learning to the research and academic community across the country. The programme will go a long way in mitigating the severe shortage of periodicals faced by university libraries for many years, due to the ever-widening gap between the growing demand for literature, and the limits of available resources. This effort has started making very good impact on the research and academic community. Presently more than 2000 scholarly foreign journals / databases are made available for access by subscribing to more than 20 publishers/vendors and it is expected to cover many more resources to meet the requirements of the research and academic community.

Please visit **http://web.inflibnet.ac.in/econ/index.htm** to know more about this program.

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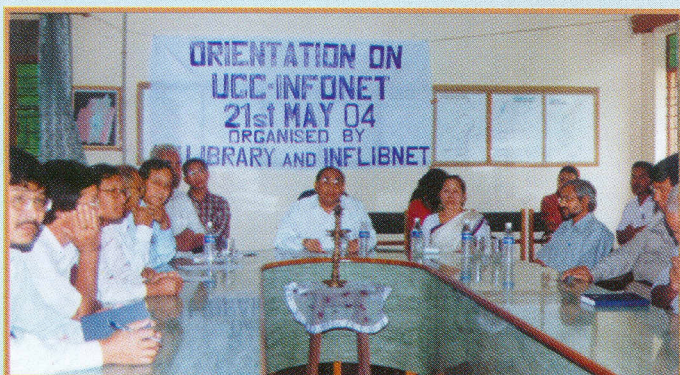Email: ckshah_iii@yahoo.com

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Participants of UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium user awareness programme at Karnatak University, Dharwad.
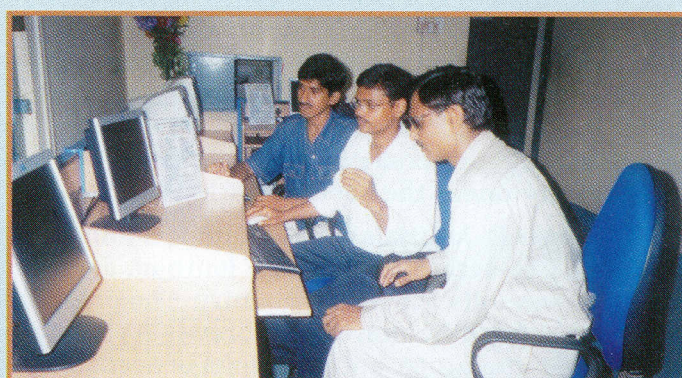

UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium user awareness programme at Manipur University, Imphal.

UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium user awareness programme at Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

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UGC-Infonet E-Journals consortium user awareness programme at Kerala University, Thiruvanthapuram.

Mr. Manoj Kumar, interviewed by ASIANET a Malayalam channel. *(See page 13)*

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