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1. Introduction

The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre is an autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) located in the Infocity, Gandhinagar. Major activities and services of the Centre are geared towards modernization of academic libraries and information centres, promotion of information transfer and access, support scholarship, learning and academic pursuits. The Centre acts as a nodal agency for networking of libraries and information centres in universities, institutions of higher learning and R & D institutions in India. The Centre was established as an independent autonomous Inter-University Centre of the UGC in May 1996 and set out to be a major player for promoting scholarly communication among academicians and researchers across the country.

The technology being a driving force in the contemporary education system, the Centre has taken-up a number of initiatives for the benefit of the academic community in India. These initiatives include i) IndCat, a unified online catalogue of books, theses and journals available in major university libraries in India; ii) SOUL 2.0, state-of-the-art integrated library management software; iii) e-Shodh Sindhu for extending access to selected scholarly electronic journals and databases to eligible universities, centrally-funded technical institutions and colleges in different disciplines; iv) Shodhganga for enabling online submission of doctoral theses and dissertations by research scholars in an open access digital repository; v) Shodhgangotri for facilitating research scholars to submit approved synopsis of research proposals submitted to their universities; vi) InfoPort: INFLIBNET's Subject Gateway for Indian Electronic Resources; vii) e-PG Pathshala, a project assigned to the UGC by NME-ICT, MHRD where in e-content are being developed in 77 subjects at postgraduate level; viii) VIDWAN, a premier database of profiles of scientists and faculty members working in leading academic institutions and other R & D organisations involved in teaching and research in India; ix) e-Acharya - an Integrated e-content portal: a web-based portal consisting of all e-content with funding from NME-ICT, MHRD; x) ICSSR Data Service: Social Science Data Repository for setting up of repository and hosting of NSS and ASI datasets into the data repository; and xi) National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), a project assigned by MHRD for ranking institutions of higher education across the country.

2. Mission and Vision

☞ Leveraging on the latest technology, create a virtual network of people and resources in academic institutions with an aim to provide effective and efficient access to knowledge through perseverance, innovation and collaboration;

☞ Provide seamless, reliable and ubiquitous access to scholarly, peer-reviewed electronic resources to the academic community in all educational institutions with a focus on services and tools, processes and practices that support its effective use and increase value of this information;

- ☞ Build and strengthen ICT infrastructure in educational institutions with value-added services;

- ☞ Develop tools, techniques and procedures for secure and convenient access management enabling users to access information in electronic format from anywhere, anytime;

- ☞ Develop resource selection guides and online tutorials for effective delivery and usage of e-resources; and

- ☞ Facilitate the creation of open access digital repositories in every educational institution for hosting educational and research content created by these institutions.

3. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Centre, as per the Memorandum of Association (MoA), are as follows:

a. to promote and establish communication facilities to improve capability in information transfer and access that provide support to scholarship, learning, research and academic pursuits through cooperation and involvement of concerned agencies;

b. to establish information and library network - a computer communication network for linking libraries and information centres in universities, deemed to be universities, colleges, UGC information centres, institutions of national importance and R&D institutions, etc. avoiding duplication of efforts;

c. to facilitate academic communication amongst scientists, engineers, social scientists, academicians, faculty, researchers and students through electronic mail, file transfer, computer/audio/video conferencing, etc;

d. to undertake system design and studies in the field of communications, computer networking, information handling and data management;

e. to establish appropriate control and monitoring system for the communication network and organize maintenance;

f. to collaborate with institutions, libraries, information centres and other organizations in India and abroad in the field relevant to the objectives of the Centre;

g. to promote R&D and develop necessary facilities and to create technical positions for realizing the objectives of the Centre;

h. to generate revenue by providing consultancies and information services; and

I. to do all other such things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above-mentioned objectives.

4. Physical Infrastructure

The Centre is housed in its new institutional building constructed on land measuring 10,000 Sq. Mtrs in Infocity, Gandhinagar. It is located amidst reputed institutions such as NID, DA-IICT and NIFT. The building, consisting of Administrative, Academic and Residential Blocks, is designed by internationally acclaimed architect and renowned academician Dr Balkrishna V Doshi of Vastu-Shilpa in consultation with other experts in the field of sustainable, eco-friendly and energy-efficient building. The building is furnished tastefully by M/s Godrej. It is partially air-conditioned and partially air-cooled following tenets of a green building.

5. Scientific and Technical Activities

5.1.Library Automation

The Centre proactively helps universities to automate their libraries using SOUL 2.0, the integrated library management software developed by INFLIBNET. The INFLIBNET Centre signed an MoU with all the 166 universities on library automation which provides for universities to contribute their bibliographic records of documents available in their libraries to the IndCat: Union Catalogue of the INFLIBNET Centre.

5.1.1   IndCat: Union Catalogue of Indian Universities (https://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/)

IndCat consists of a union catalogue of books, Serials and PhD theses available in university libraries. It contains bibliographical records of 1.42 crores books from 176 university libraries, 35,248 unique journals with holdings information for 223 universities and 2,74,622 bibliographic records of theses from 317 universities.

☞   **Union Catalogue of Books: Subsets**

The union catalogue of books has two subsets namely GujCat and NERCat that are separately designed on demand of the concerned geographic regions:

I.   **GujCat:** The GujCat, a subset of IndCat, is unified online library catalogue of books available in major college/institute/university libraries within Gujarat state. GujCat contains a bibliographic description, location and holding information of books available in libraries in Gujarat. A separate dedicated web-based interface is designed to provide easy access to the merged catalogues of libraries in Gujarat. GujCat is a major source of bibliographic information that can be used for inter-library loan, collection development as well as for copy cataloguing and retro-conversion of bibliographic records within Gujarat.

ii. **NERCat:** The NERCat, an online catalogue of books in universities in North-Eastern Region, is another subset of IndCat. NERCat is designed and implemented to restrict searching of bibliographic records to university libraries in the North-Eastern region, so as to promote resource sharing amongst university libraries in the North-Eastern region.

iii. **Copy Cataloguing:** The copy cataloguing feature of the IndCat facilitates downloading of bibliographic records in MARC21, CCF or ASCII format. The downloaded bibliographic records can be imported to any library management software compliant to MARC21 bibliographic format including SOUL 2.0. Effectively, librarians/cataloguers can copy catalogue bibliographic records of books instead of creating a new record which is a time-consuming and cost-intensive process.

5.1.2 Software Development: SOUL 2.0: Integrated Library Automation Software
https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/soul/

☞ **SOUL 2.0:** INFLIBNET Centre contributes towards the automation of libraries through SOUL software developed in-house. SOUL has more than 3,400 + installations across the country.

☞ **SOUL Support Service:** The Centre has appointed Eight SOUL Coordinators in different geographical regions of the country. Besides, the INFLIBNET Centre coordinates the activity of maintenance and promotion of SOUL Software in the state of Gujarat and Rajasthan.The Centre uses multiple methods to reach out to the SOUL users and resolve their queries in real time including a dedicated helpline (079-2326-8300), Google-chat and Team Viewer for remote access to SOUL servers of users.

5.2 Open Access and Open Data Initiatives

☞ **Shodhganga (http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/):** Launched in January 2010, Shodhganga, a reservoir of Indian Theses, host more than 2,24,313 full-text theses from 397 universities. The initiative got momentum when eligible universities were provided access to plagiarism detection software, and funds were given to them for digitization of backfiles of theses and for setting-up of ETD labs in their respective universities between 2013 and 2016.

☞ **Shodhgangotri (https://shodhgangotri.inflibnet.ac.in/):** Initiated in 2013, Shodhgangotri, is a repository of research in progress that hosts 6450+ synopses / approved research proposals submitted by 63 universities.

☞ **ICSSR Data Service - Indian Social Science Data Repository (http://www.icssrdataservice.in/):** The project assigned to the INFLIBNET Centre in 2015 by the ICSSR, host 140 datasets from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on the platform customized using NADA software.

5.3 Library Consortium and its By-product

☞ **e-Shodh Sindhu (2015) (https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/):** Launched in 2015, e-ShodhSindhu provides access to more than 15,000 e-journals and 31 lakhs books to more than 4,000 institutions including universities, centrally-funded technical institutions and colleges. NLIST is the college component of e-ShodhSindhu that provides access to more than 6,000 electronic journals and 31,00,000 e-books to more than 3,900 colleges.

☞ **INFLIBNET Access Management Federation (INFED) (http://parichay.inflibnet.ac.in/):** Initiated in 2017, INFED provides off-campus access to e-resources to users of the institutes which are covered under e-ShodhSindhu. More than 60 institutions are benefitting from this initiative.

☞ **InfiStat (https://infistat.inflibnet.ac.in/):** InfiStats, a by-product of e-Shodh Sindhu launched in 2015, facilitate monitoring and evaluation of usage statistics of subscribed e-resources made accessible to the member institutes under e-Shodh Sindhu.

☞ **Bibliometric and Scientometric Studies:** The Bibliometric Group was set up to study the impact of access to e-resources on research productivity in universities in India. Research profiles are being developed for every member university. These profiles include research output of a university including annual and cumulative growth of research publications, the impact of research, H index etc.

☞ **Plagiarism detection software (PDS):** The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre is planning to provide web-based Plagiarism Detection Software/Tool (PDS) (variably called anti-plagiarism / duplication screening/similarity check tool). The PDS facilitates easy detection of plagiarised content in the academic and research works. The MHRD is planning to provide Plagiarism Detection Software to 960+ Universities/Institutions which include all Private Universities and CFTIs.

5.4 E-learning, Content Development and MOOCs

☞ **e-PGPathshala (http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in):** Initiated in 2012, e-PG Pathshala picked-up momentum from 2014 onwards. INFLIBNET coordinates development of e-content in 70 subjects across all disciplines, its repository hosts 18000 e-text, videos, self-assessment and learn more.

☞ **Vidya-mitra (http://vidyamitra.inflibnet.ac.in/):** Project assigned to the INFLIBNET Centre in May 2014, Vidya-mitra is an online learning portal for all the e-content projects developed under the NME-ICT, MHRD. Vidya-mitra hosts 62,000+ Video (Self-learning / e-Tutorial) and 45,000+ eText.

☞ **SWAYAM (for PG Course) (https://swayam.gov.in/):** Launched on July 9, 2017, the INFLIBNET Centre is a nodal agency for coordinating for MOOCs for PG courses. More than 80 courses are being prepared for the MOOCs and 60 non-technical PG courses were offered on SWAYAM platform during the year under report. The INFLIBNET Centre is also nodal agency for offering seven courses in library and information science (LIS) on SWAYAM Platform. These seven courses in LIS, launched on SWAYAM platform in the month of November 2017, have been successfully completed in March 2018. These seven courses have also been approved for re-run during 2018 and 2019 on popular demand.

☞ **SWAYAM-PRABHA (https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/):** Launched on 9th September 2017, the INFLIBNET Centre has developed a portal for SWAYAM-PRABHA and is hosting and archiving of videos for 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes.

☞ **UGC-MOOCs (https://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in):** A Vertical of SWAYAM, is an instrument for self-actualisation providing opportunities for life-long learning. Here learner can choose from hundreds of courses.

☞ **FASSAI'S FSKAN (https://fssai.gov.in/fskan):** A system of the network of organizations with the aim to facilitate a scientific co-operation framework by the coordination of activities, the exchange of information, the development and implementation of joint projects within the Food Authority's responsibility FSSAI has established Food Safety Knowledge Assimilation Network (FSKAN).

5.5 Ranking and Accreditation

☞ **India Ranking 2016, 2017, 2018 (NIRF) (https://www.nirfindia.org/):** Launched in September 2015, the first edition of India Rankings was launched in 2016. The INFLIBNET Centre developed a portal to capture data required for ranking of institutes. The Centre also provided data on publications, citations and patents for all applicant institutes.

☞ **e-NBA (http://enba.nbaind.org/Account/Login.aspx):** National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has assigned the task of developing a full-fledged online platform for accreditation workflow management system for technical institutes in December 2017.

☞ **ARIIA (https://www.ariia.gov.in/):** ARIIA is an initiative of MHRD to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst students and faculties. INFLIBNET is a technical partner.

☞ **NAAC (http://www.naac.gov.in/):** NAAC has assigned the job of providing publications, citations, h-index and other related bibliometric data to NAAC for institutions that are to be accredited in November 2017.

5.6 VIDWAN and Research Information Management (RIM) Service - IRINS

https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in & http://irins.org/irins

☞ **Vidwan:** Project assigned to the INFLIBNET Centre in May 2014 by NME-ICT, Vidwan consists of detailed profiles of more than 29, 818+ Indian scientists and faculty members working in 4,078+ academic and research institutions.

☞ **Research Information Management (RIM) Service (http://irins.org/irins/):** New initiative taken-up on behest of MHRD in 2017, Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS) is web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service that facilitates the academic, R&D organisations and faculty members, scientists to collect, curate and showcase the scholarly communication activities and provide an opportunity to create the scholarly network. It has integrated with academic identity such as ORCID ID, SCOPUSID, Research ID, Microsoft Academic ID, Google Scholar ID for ingesting the scholarly publication from various sources.

5.7 Website Development and Maintenance

The Centre maintains a comprehensive Website in English and Hindi for all its activities. RSS (Real Simple Syndication) technology is used to facilitate users and bloggers to harvest recent updates from the Centre's website. Web 2.0 features and functionalities, including Wiki, Blog, Chat and Discussion Forum, RSS feed, etc. were incorporated in the Website.

Web services to Government Agencies and Initiatives (all initiatives taken on best of MHRD in the year 2017 - 2018)

☞ **Study in India (https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/):** Study in India is a web portal designed for foreign students seeking to study in India. It provides all the information one needs on Indian educational institution in India, how to plan their studies, how and where to stay in India, what kind of events are planned, application processes, etc. The core part of the portal is institute login (where institute can define their seat quota to foreign student) and student login (where a registered student can participate in the choice filling, mock counselling and final counselling).

☞ **Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat (EBSB) (http://ekbharat.gov.in/):** A portal hosts details of events being organised by different states. Events include cultural programme, academic programme, etc. EBSB is designed to promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States.

☞ **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) for Institutes (http://unnatbharatabhiyan.gov.in/):** Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India.

☞ **Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) (http://nmtt.inflibnet.ac.in/):** PMMMNMTT is a Scheme launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The aim of the scheme to improve the quality of the school and higher education by addressing comprehensively all issues related to more than 1,00,000 college and university teachers, teaching, teacher preparation, professional development, Curriculum Design, Designing and Developing Assessment. INFLIBNET Centre is providing web and technical development support.

☞ **Scheme for Higher Education Youth for Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) (https://shreyas.ac.in/):** SHREYAS is a programme conceived for students in degree courses, primarily non-technical, with a view to introduce employable skills into their learning, promote apprenticeship as integral to education and also amalgamate employment facilitating efforts of the Government into the education system so that clear pathways towards employment opportunities are available to students during and after their graduation. INFLIBNET centre provides webtechnical and development support.

☞ **National Testing Agency (NTA) (https://www.nta.ac.in/):** INFLIBNET Centre provides website development and technical support. The portal facilitates platform which automates the complete administrative process of "Exam Observer: "Training Practice Centre:, mobile-app, etc.

5.8 UGC Web Site and e-Governance @ UGC

☞ The UGC gave the responsibility for the development and maintenance of its website as well as for automation of its various schemes, Grant Management System and e-Scholarship-Fellowship Award Registration Tracking System (e-SARTS).

☞ **e-Governance @ UGC-Schemes:** Developed more than 30 web services for UGC for its scholarship, fellowships, travel assistance, General Development Assistance, women hostel, autonomous and heritage institutions, Distance Education, etc.

6. Human Resource Development & Consultancy

One of the important objectives of the Centre is to impart training in the use of ICT to library and information science professionals working in university and college libraries. Since the inception of the Centre, 738 training programmes/workshopsand 59 annual conventions/conferences were hosted focusing on the library

automation, networking, e-resource awareness, institutional repositories, etc., benefiting 60,759 participants. INFLIBNET Regional Training Programmes for Library Automation (IRTPLA) and User Awareness Programmes on e-resources, Shodhganga and plagiarism detection software were conducted across the country in collaboration with the universities and colleges. National and International Conventions called PLANNER in North-eastern regions and International CALIBER in various states of India are being organized bi-annually as part of the human resource development activities. Below table provides number of human resources development programmes conducted across the country and number of participants who benefitted from these programmes.

Training Status as on 31st March 2019

Sr No	Name of the Programme	Programmes	Total Participants
1	IRTPLA(INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation	96	3261
2	Onsite / In House Training	76	979
3	Awareness Programme on UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortia/E-resource	83	14421
4	N-LIST Awareness Programme	35	2765
5	Specialised Training Programmes at INFLIBNET Centre	119	2189
6	Jointly Organized Training Programmes / Workshops with Universities	64	8204
7	SOUL Training Programme	147	3091
8	ShodhGanga Awareness Programme/Anti Plagiarism	48	7710
9	e-PG Pathashala: Content Creation for Post Graduate Courses	15	334
10	NML Training Programmes	10	301
11	MOOCS/SWAYAM/UGC Programmes	02	159
12	Other Collaborative Training Programmes	43	4054
	Total	**738**	**47468**

Sr No	Name of the Programme	Programmes	Total Participants
1	Jointly Organized Training Programmes / Workshops/ Seminars for Librarian with ADINET	24	3055
2	CALIBER	20	7125
3	PLANNER	11	2630
4	National Seminars	02	375
5	National Conference on ETD	02	106
	Total	**59**	**13291**

7. Library (http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/library/)

The INFLIBNET Centre has a specialized library having a unique collection on library and information science, computer science, communication and information technology. The library is fully computerized using SOUL 2.0 integrated library management software. The library has around 2,000 documents including books, journals and magazines. The collection of the library is available online through the web OPAC at http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/library

The INFLIBNET Library plays a vital role in the collection development and dissemination of scientific and technical information to meet the present and future needs of the Centre. The Library maintains a database of i) participants who have attended various training programmes at INFLIBNET Centre; ii) Institutions having SOUL installations; and iii) Universities and its contact details including e-mail and website addresses. This database is accessible through the INFLIBNET Website.

8. ICT Infrastructure@INFLIBNET Centre

The main objective of the Centre is to provide proactive help to the universities in library automation and to mediate resource sharing amongst them. The computing and network infrastructure are the main assets of the Centre, which is designed and planned based on the requirements of schemes, projects and activities of the Centre, its scientists and staff. Basic infrastructural facilities such as Computer Laboratories, Walk-in User's Facility and Data Centre are being maintained to support all its essential computing activities.

8.1 Servers, Desktops and Laptops

The Centre has added more PCs, Laptops, gadgets and other equipment with high configuration in 2017-2018 with total no. of 190 PCs, 38 laptops and 24 servers for scientists, project staff, walk-in User's Facility,

Training Laboratories, etc. 190 PCs include five PCs that were purchased for setting-up ICSSR Data Services at ICSSR, New Delhi. 23 servers include servers that are installed at the Data Centre of INFLIBNET Centre either as staging servers for hosting services such as Web services, INFLIBNET Website, Shodhganga,NLIST, NLIST Proxy Server, InfoPort, e-PG Pathshala, IndCat, DNS server, Intranet server, UGC website, e-SARTS, etc or as development servers as well as servers that are co-hosted at BSNL Data Centre for mirroring mission-critical services. One of the servers was transferred to ICSSR that mirrors ICSSR Data Services hosted at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

The IT infrastructure at INFLIBNET is being upgraded to cope-up with the cutting edge technology as well as to meet the requirements of high-ended, storage-intensive and mission-critical computing. During the year-end report, the Centre acquired the following addition computing and network infrastructure:

Sl. No	Computer and Network Equipment	Quantity
1	NAS box (116 TB)	2
2	SAN box (10 TB)	1
3	Blade Servers (INFLIBNET + BSNL)	14
4	Rack Servers (INFLIBNET + BSNL)	11
5	Computer (Desktops)	9
6	L3 Switch	2
7	L2 Switch	26
8	Biometric Attendance device	2
9	Tower Server	1
10	Laptops	9
11	Wi-fi controller	1
12	Wi-fi access points	46

9. Publications

The INFLIBNET Centre has two major publications i.e. Quarterly Newsletter and Annual Report. Both publications were brought out and distributed across all academic institutions in India. The copies of the Newsletters and Annual Reports are downloadable in PDF format and the "Publications" on INFLIBNET website at http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/publication/. The copies of Annual Reports, PLANNER and CALIBER proceedings are also available through the Institutional Repository (IR) in PDF format. The course materials of various training programmes and workshops, lecture notes, presentations and newspaper clippings are also available in the IR of the Centre at http://ir.inflibnet.ac.in.

10.   Human Resources

The centre employs administrative, scientific and technical personnel for achieving its defined objectives. The technical personnel are most qualified in the library, information and computer sciences. As on 1st April 2019, the centre has 25 scientific and technical staff including 2 staff who retained lien with the Centre, 9 administrative staff and 75 manpower agencies project staff on its rolls.

10.1   Staff @INFLIBNET Centre

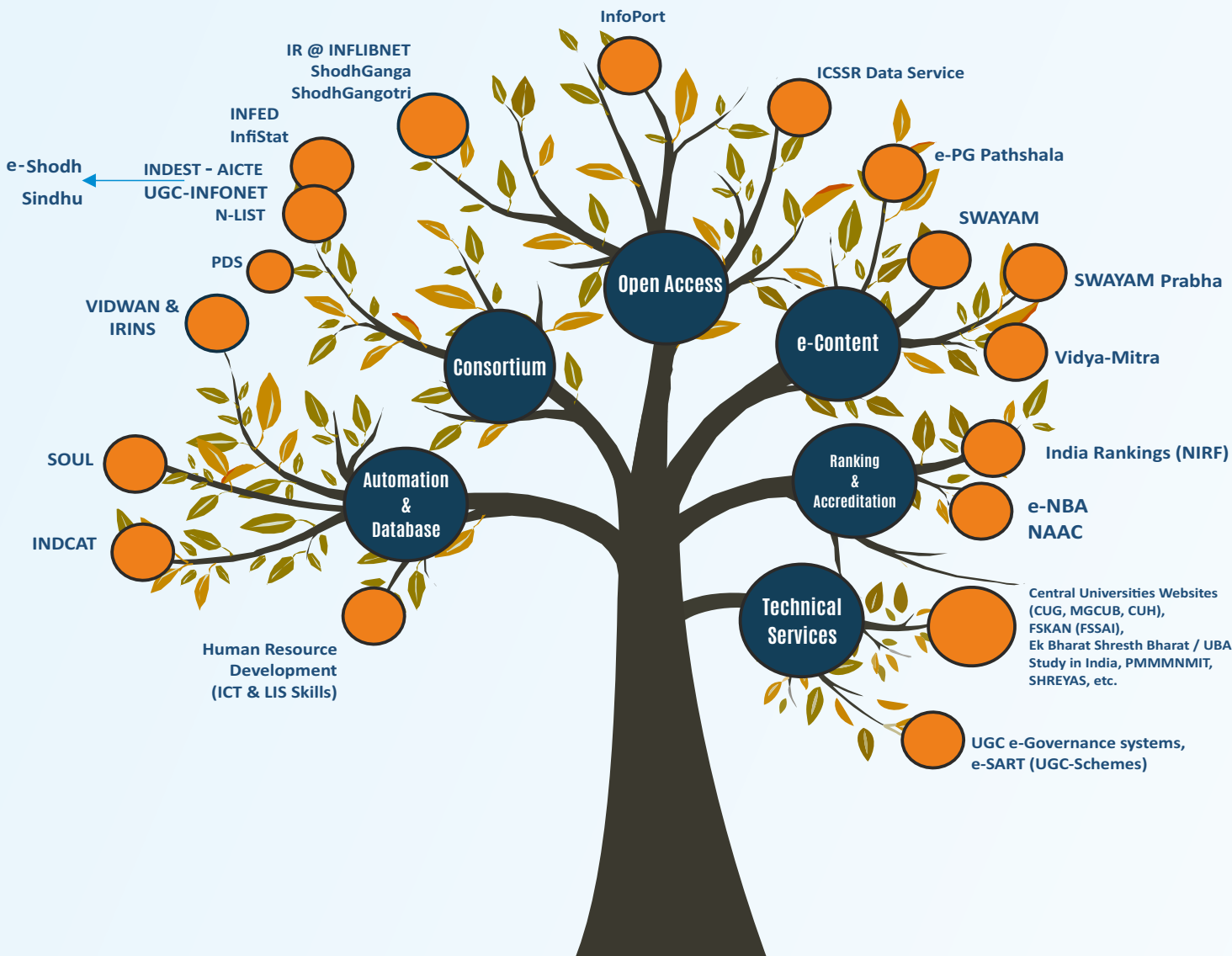| Council	Governing Board
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