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From Director's Desk

Dear Readers,

Due to unavoidable reason two issue not be brought out on time, and all these issues now combined. We cordially invite you to attend our international Convention CALIBER - 2006, being held during February 2-4 at Gulbarga University, Gulbarga. We have been able to reach out to college community through the help of UGC - Regional offices under the guidance of Prof. V. N. Rajshekharan Pillai, Chairman, UGC and conducted number of INFLIBNET awareness programs in coordination with these regional offices. I am happy that the colleges identified under this scheme would get e-journals very soon under UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium which is successfully being utilized at more than 100 Universities in the country.



The 3rd PLANNER was a successful venture we have conducted in collaboration with Assam University, Silchar during November 10 -11, 2005. The convention was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Petroleum Sh. Santosh Mohan Dev. We profoundly thank all the delegates and authors of the papers. The SOUL training programs maintained its tempo. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has placed order for 53 installations which was executed in three weeks time. Our special efforts to North East and Jammu and Kashmir states under PM office were conducted in a record time under the guidance of prof. V.N. Rajashekharan Pillai. Director to Sri Lanka during May 2005 to participate in the consortia program. I am also happy to welcome back Dr. V. S. Cholin, Scientist - B, after his fulbright stint at Ohio LINK- OSU USA and Mr. Rajesh Chandrakar, STO- I after his Commonwealth Fellowship. Sh. H.G. Hosmani, Scientist-B, and Sh. Umesh Gohel STA visited National Library Australlia during September 2005 under Professional development activities. Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar has also received SATKAL "Young Librarian" award.

With your support we look forward to many more achievements and wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year 2006.

Dr. T.A.V. Murthy



Training Programme on Installation and Operations of SOUL Software held during 18th July 22nd July 2005



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Sh. Oommen Chandy inaugurating the "All Kerala College Principals Conference" at Trivandrum



User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Banasthali Vidyapith



Hon'ble Union Minister Sh. Santosh Mohan Deb with others on the Dias during PLANNER 2005 held during November 10-11, 2005 at Assam University Silchar.



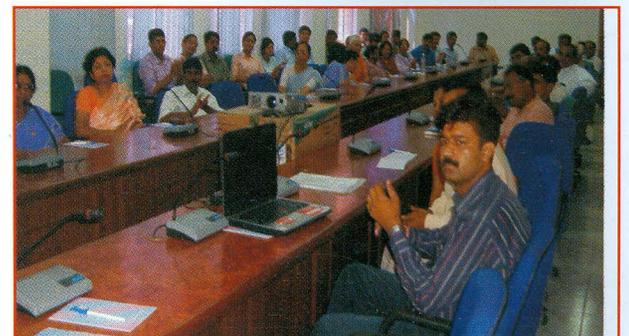
Dr. T.A.V. Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET receiving a memento from 'Grathalya Sarvasyam', at Vijaywada.



Hon'ble Minister of school Education West Bengal Sh. Kanti Biswas with other dignitaries during the workshop conducted by UGC-EURO office.



Vice-Chairman of UGC V.N. Rajasekharam Pillai inaugurating seminar on Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET at Vijaywada during 20-21, August 2005



Participants in User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi.

CALIBER – 2006 – Announcement

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 2006, has been themed as **International Convention on “Dynamic Interoperable Web based Information Systems”** and will be hosted by Gulbarga University Gulbarga, during February 2-4, 2006.

The sub-themes are:

Sub theme 1

Open Access and Interoperability

- Integrating electronic information through Web
- Dynamic Web applications for libraries
- Interoperable Web services using open source software (OAI initiatives/OAI publishing)
- Metadata harvesting
- Quality control on Web
- Open source and risk management

Sub theme 3

Semantic Web and Ontology

- Semantic Web standards
- Wi-Fi Applications in Libraries
- RFID Applications in Libraries
- Ontology

Sub theme 2

E-Information Literacy

- Information literacy teaching
- Creating Web courses – case studies
- Web technologies for user education
- Changing role of Librarian in the light of interoperability
- Assessment or measurement of online resources using UGC-Infonet program
- Evaluation of electronic services
- Integrated information retrieval

Sub theme 4

Information Portals

- Portals – Role of Libraries
- Portals in Consortium Environment
- Dynamic Web applications for Libraries
- Institutional repositories case studies

Guidelines for Paper Submission

Pre-Conference Tutorial

In view of the increasing demand from the professional colleagues, INFLIBNET will be organizing one tutorial on February 2, 2006 at 9.30 hours on Building Digital Libraries using D-Space- by Mr. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET Centre.

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Intimation to Authors(s) : January 15, 2006

Last date of Registration : January 15, 2006

Convention Dates : February 2-4, 2006

Tutorial : February 2, 2006

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PLANNER – 2005 Report

Third Convention PLANNER 2005 was organized by INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with Assam University Silchar during November 10-11, 2005. The theme of the convention addressed was "Digital Collection Management and E-journal Management in Libraries". Planner 2005 was the third successful convention organized by the centre in its series of programs for promoting library Automation and networking in the North Eastern (NE) region of the country. Librarians, Information professionals' academics and administrators from the NE Region met

their colleagues from the rest of the countries.

The convention was inaugurated by the Hon. Union Minister Shri Santosh Mohan Dev and was presided over by Prof. S C Saha, Vice Chancellor of Assam University. Professionals from Bangladesh and United Kingdom also attended the convention. Hon. Minister Shri Deb thought that digital information storage and delivery was in keeping with the cherished dream of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore for storing universal knowledge for the benefit of humanity.

Prof. S C Saha, VC Assam University gave the presidential address and released the Souvenir and Proceedings. Dr. T A V Murthy in his powerful keynote address said that the Government of India is committed to support the provision of digital information resources. Scientists and researchers require access to information at their desktop to do their jobs efficiently. Sh. V D Srivastava, University Librarian and Organizing Secretary of PLANNER-2005 welcomed the guests and participants while Sh. H G Hosamani, Chief Convenor, PLANNER-2005 proposed vote of thanks.

Technical papers were presented in three separate sessions. The technical sessions were chaired by Prof. Pravakar Rath, Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Sh. Manoj Kumar, Scientist-D, INFLIBNET Centre and Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET Centre. There were presentations by commercial houses relevant to the needs of the library and information professionals. Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D, INFLIBNET Centre conducted a tutorial on "Building Digital library using DSpace" chaired by Prof. Narendra Lakhar, Department of Library and information Science Gauhati University. Ms. Gurdish Sandhu in her valedictory message emphasised the importance of sharing the knowledge. Librarians are the custodians of knowledge and they need to ensure the knowledge is made easily accessible by all. Sh. Premchand, Scientist-C, welcomed the delegates in the valedictory session and Sh. Manoj Kumar, Scientist-D, INFLIBNET spoke on behalf of Director INFLIBNET. Prof. S C Saha, Vice Chancellor, Assam University gave valedictory remarks.

RECOMMENDATIONS of PLANNER-2005

After discussions with many participants, and having received reports from chairs and rapporteurs of the technical sessions, following recommendations are submitted for the consideration of the concerned authorities.

1. The SOUL package developed by INFLIBNET

should be made available to all universities, colleges including library and Information Science departments in the North East region. This will help to form a strong base for library automation/computerization that could lead to networking and digitization.

2. All libraries in the region should be helped to develop technical expertise to handle library technologies (library management systems, website, networks, learning management systems, hardware/software management). Dedicated staff (Information scientists, Systems administrators, programmers / Analysts) for these operations is necessary for making efficient use of these technologies and digital collections.
3. Develop training modules for the library staff, which can be delivered online, and /or onsite as and when required. Library departments in the region should be encouraged financially and technically to develop and deliver such short training programmes as needed. To cascade the training interested individuals be identified and trained to provide onsite training in each library in the region.
4. Library automation should be extended to all the libraries in the region and encouraged to share resources. Expertise and resources be provided to develop digital collections and regional digital repository.
5. Library staff in the region is isolated. To expose staff to new technologies and service delivery methods initiate staff exchange programmes nationally and internationally.
6. Take advantage where possible of wireless and satellite communication technologies to connect all the libraries in the region. Thereby, preventing the development of digital divide.

Status of UGC Infonet Connectivity in Universities as on December 20, 2005

1	Agreement Signed	147
2	Funds Released From UGC	150
3	PO Received by ERNET	149
4	Site Survey/Link Procurement started	0
5	Site Survey/Link Procurement Completed	0
6	Equipment Shipped	0
7	Installation In Progress	1
8	Existing ERNET Link	21
9	Link Commissioned	148
10	Number of Universities received training at ERNET	129
11	Number of Participants trained at ERNET	137

All links less than 256 Kbps are upgraded to 256 Kbps. Now minimum bandwidth for UGC-Infonet is 256Kbps.

UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium - update

Awareness is very important for success of E-Subscription initiative. 22 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-Sept. 2005 as per the following schedule. The user awareness programs at other universities will be held during January-March 2006. Following is the list of universities with faculty deputed from INFLIBNET and the names of the coordinators at different universities.

Sl.No	Name of the Universities	Date	Faculty/Staff deputed	Co-ordinator
1.	Jammu University	20th September, 05	Sh Premchand Sh. B Ramesh	Dr. I V Malhan
2.	Kashmir University	19th September, 05	Sh Premchand Sh. B Ramesh	Dr. Reyaz Rufai
3.	Himachal Pradesh University	23rd September, 05	Sh Premchand Sh. B Ramesh	Prof. A K Ahluwalia
4.	Jawaharlal Nehru University	25th September, 05	Dr. V S Cholin Ms Satyabati T	Dr. Koganuramath M
5.	Jamia Milia Islamia University	26th September, 05	Dr. V S Cholin Kum. Satyabati T	Dr Gayas Makhdumi

6.	Gauhati University	29th September, 05	Dr. V S Cholin Kum. Satyabati T	Sh. Abhijit Sharma
7.	Dibrugarh University	30th September, 05	Dr. V S Cholin Kum. Satyabati T	Prof. P K Bhuyan
8.	Arunachal University	3rd October, 05	Dr T A V Murthy Sh Maltesh M Dr. V S Cholin	
9.	Pt. Ravishankar University	5th October, 05	Sh R K Chandrakar Sh Suresh Chauhan	Dr. A Sen Gupta
10.	Vidyasagar University	27th September, 05	Sh R K Chandrakar Sh Suresh Chauhan	Sh. Sunil Ch. Mallik
11.	University of Burdwan	28th September, 05	Sh Rajesh K Chandrakar Sh Suresh Chauhan	Sh. Bikash Mukhopadhyay
12.	North Maharashtra University	14th October, 05	Sh K Prakash Sh Suresh Chauhan	Pro Dr. B V Pawar
13.	Dr. B R Ambedkar Marathwada University	17th October, 05	Sh K Prakash Sh Suresh Chauhan	Dr. Shakuntala Lomte
14.	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University	18th October, 05	Sh K Prakash Sh Suresh Chauhan	Dr. S P Satarkar
15.	Bharati Vidypeeth	21st October, 05	Sh K Prakash Sh Suresh Chauhan	Dr. Shailesh Lele
16.	Manonmaniam Sundernar University	24th October, 05	Sh Manoj Kumar K	Dr. D.Pathinettam Padiyan
17.	Gandhigram Rural Institute	25th October, 05	Sh Manoj Kumar K	Dr. J.Abraham
18.	Banasthali Vidyapith	18th October, 05	Dr. V S Cholin Prof. S D Vyas	
19.	Mohanlal Sukhadia University	17th October, 05	Dr. V S Cholin	Prof. Madhu Sudan Sharma
20.	Sri. Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning	18th October, 05	Sh B Ramesh Sh Umesh Gohel	Dr. Tata Rao
21.	University of Madras	21st October, 05	Sh B Ramesh Sh Umesh Gohel	Dr. R Samyuktha
22.	Sri. Venkateshwar University Tirupati	17th October, 05	Sh B Ramesh Sh Umesh Gohel	Dr. Arunaprasad Reddy C

Advanced Website Designing and Database Management

INFLIBNET organized specialized workshop "Advanced web designing and database management" during June 27 to July 1 2005. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. B V Buddhadev, HOD, MCA Department, L.D College of Engineering Ahmedabad. There were 22 participants from different institutes all over the country. The lectures mainly focused on various aspects relating to implementation web designing, web hosting and database management. Hands on practice were given in designing the web site of their own library. At the end of the workshop feedback session was also arranged where-in participants expressed their further expectations from INFLIBNET and their role in implementing what they have learnt within that short 5 days workshop. The participants of the workshop expressed that, they gained enough and were confident that they would be able to implement what they learnt here in their work places. Sh. B Ramesh, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET Centre coordinated the programme.

Dspace Workshop at MG university Kottayam, Kerala

Dr T A V Murthy inaugurated the National workshop on building digital Libraries using Dspace jointly organized by MG University, Kottayam and INFLIBNET at MG University, Kottayam on 9th May 2005. Vice Chancellor, Dr Jancy James was the president of the inaugural function. Dr Yunus Kutty, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr C S Menon, Member Syndicate and Director, Sh Manoj Kumar K, Inflibnet Scientist, and Sh P Rajendra Kurup Workshop Co-ordinator etc. spoke in the function. Dr ARD Prasad and Dr Devika Madally from DRTC were the external experts apart from Sh Manoj Kumar K, INFLIBNET. The workshop was organized for 5 days and 30 participants attended the workshop.

ग्रंथालय स्वचालन पर राष्ट्र भाषा में राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला

६ जून से १० जून, २००६

सूचना एवं पुस्तकालय नेटवर्क केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद द्वारा ग्रंथालय कर्मियों (प्रोफेसनल्स) की स्थानीय भाषा में प्रशिक्षण की आवश्यकता को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए, ग्रंथालय स्वचालन के प्रभावी क्रियान्वयन हेतु हिन्दी माध्यम में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम दिनांक ६ जून से १० जून, २००५ तक आयोजित किया। यह ग्रंथालयों में स्वचालन एवं नेटवर्किंग के क्रियान्वयन हेतु आवश्यक सैद्धांतिक एवं प्रायोगिक पक्षों से सम्बन्धित पाँच दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम था। भारत में यह अपनी तरह की हिन्दी माध्यम में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर ग्रंथालय स्वचालन एवं नेटवर्क के क्षेत्र में तीसरी कार्यशाला आयोजित की गई। इस कार्यशाला में भारत के कोने-कोने के पुस्तकालयों से आयो हुए २१ अभ्यर्थियों ने भाग लिया तथा आवश्यक उपकरणों एवं तीव्र गतियुक्त इंटरनेट सुसज्जित कमप्यूटर कार्यशाला एवं विषय विशेषज्ञ वैज्ञानिक कर्मियों से तकनीकी विषयों को सीखने, समझने तथा जानने का अवसर प्राप्त किया। प्रतिभागीयों को सुबह से सायंकाल तक सैद्धांतिक पक्ष के साथ-साथ कमप्यूटर पर प्रयोगात्मक पक्ष का लाभ भी दिया गया। हिन्दी माध्यम से ही विभिन्न पक्षों पर अध्ययन सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई गई। कार्यालय का संयोजन डॉ. टी.ए.वी. मूर्ति निदेशक एवं श्री एस. एम. सलगर, वैज्ञानिक - जी के मार्गदर्शन में श्री एस.के.शर्मा, वैज्ञानिक-बी (कम्प्यूटर विज्ञान) द्वारा किया गया।

कार्यशाला का आयोजन निम्नलिखित उद्देश्यों को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए केन्द्र के निदेशक डॉ. टी. ए. वी. मूर्ति के विशेष रुचि एवं प्रयासों का प्रतिफल है।

- ग्रंथालयों के स्वचालन एवं नेटवर्किंग कार्य प्रबंधन एवं क्रियान्वयन हेतु क्रियाशील कर्मियों को तैयार करना।
- ग्रंथालयों में डेटाबेस सृजन एवं आंतरिक संक्रिया लागू करने हेतु कर्मियों में आत्मविश्वास विकसित करना।

- स्वचालन एवं नेटवर्किंग के अन्तर्गत आनेवाली विभिन्न समस्याओं के निपादन हेतु प्रतिभागियों में उपयुक्त कौशल विकसित करना ।

- प्रतिभागियों को अधिकतम समय स्वतंत्र कम्प्युटर उपयोग प्रदान कर प्रायोगिक अनुभव (इसे कैसे करें) प्रदत्त करना ।

कार्यशाला का विधिवत उद्घाटन दिनांक ६ जून, २००५ डॉ. (श्रीमती) रंजना बी. आरगडे, रीडर एवं विभाग प्रमुख, भाषा विभाग, गुजरात विश्वविद्यालय, के कर कमलों द्वारा सम्पन्न हुआ । कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता भारत के जाने माने सूचना वैज्ञानिक एवं इनफ्लिबनेट केन्द्र के निदेशक डॉ. टी.ए.वी.मूर्ति ने की । अपने उद्घाटन भाषण में डॉ. रंजना ने शैक्षणिक एवं अनुसंधान ग्रंथालयों में स्वचालन एवं नेटवर्क के महत्व को आज की आवश्यकता बताया । निदेशक डॉ. टी.ए.वी. मूर्तिने इनफ्लिबनेट के मूल उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने हेतु हिन्दी में इस कार्यशाला के महत्व को बताते हुए स्वचालन तथा

नेटवर्क से सम्बंधित गतिविधियों के अन्तर्गत राष्ट्रीय संघ डाटाबेस सृजन, पुस्तकालय प्रबंधन सॉफ्टवेर, मानव संसाधन विकाल, इस मायम से प्रदान की जानेवाली सूचना सेवाएँ एवं इनफ्लिबनेट (यू.जू.सी.) के माध्यम से ग्रंथालय स्वचालन के लिए तकनीकी सहायता एवं मार्गदर्शन के बारे में विस्तृत तथ्य प्रस्तुत किये । श्री एस के शर्मा ने इस कार्यशाला के कार्यक्रम का विवरण एवं अन्य जानकारी सभी को दी ।

IRTPLA Training Programmes

1. 14th to 18th March, 2005
Shivaji University, Kolhapur
2. 28th March to 1st April, 2005
Nagaland University, Kohima
3. 4th to 8th April, 2005
University of Kalyani, West Bengal
4. 16th to 20th May, 2005
Kumaun University, Nainital

SOUL NEWS

1. SOUL installation and operation training programme:

Sr. No.	No. of Training Programme	Period	No. of Participants
1.	34th Training Programme	25th to 29th April, 2005	21
2.	35th Training Programme (For NE Region)	30th May to 3rd June, 2005	14
3.	35A Training Programme (At Hyderabad for Directorate of Collegiate Education, AP state)	2nd June to 7th June, 2005	51
4.	36th Training Programme (For NE Region)	13th June to 17th June, 2005	14
5.	37th Training Programme (For NE Region)	20th June to 24th June, 2005	13
6.	38th Training Programme (For J&K Region)	11th July to 15th July, 2005	21
7.	39th Training Programme (For J&K Region)	18th July to 22nd July, 2005	15
8.	40th Training Programme (For Govt. of Gujarat)	25th July to 29th July, 2005	25

9.	41st Training Programme	29th Aug. to 2nd Sept., 2005	25
10.	42nd Training Programme (For NE region)	26th Sep to 30th Sep, 2005	26
11.	43rd Training Programme	17th Oct to 21st Oct, 2005	32
12.	44th Training Programme	21st Nov to 25th Nov, 2005	12
13.	45th Training Programme	26th Dec to 30th Dec, 2005	16

2. Forthcoming SOUL Training Programme at INFLIBNET Centre:

Sr. No.	No. of Training Programme	Period
1	46th SOUL Training	23rd Jan to 27th Jan 2006

3. SOUL in Andhra Pradesh

INFLIBNET Centre signed an agreement with Directorate of Collegiate Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for automation of their govt. college libraries by using SOUL software. INFLIBNET received an order for supply and installation of 53 copies of SOUL software. As per the agreement, INFLIBNET Centre conducted a training programme on 2nd to 7th June, 2005 at Hyderabad and total 51 participants attended the training programme. The installation work for 53 copies of SOUL was completed successfully during the period from 9th to 22nd August, 2005.

4. Installation of SOUL software as on 31st December, 2005

Installations	Orders in pipeline	Total
900	775	1675

INFLIBNET Initiatives for Colleges in 2005

INFLIBNET's challenges are to provide training and distribution support on a nationwide basis for academic community and research scholars. The new E-Resource culture on UGC-Infonet which is a scalable architecture will usher in a new era in academic ambience thereby increasing productivity, opening new vistas of research, collaborative ventures and reduce turnaround time and contribute to the education growth enabler. Successful implementation of UGC-Infonet has created many avenues and new challenges for INFLIBNET to take up. Academic community has immensely benefited out

of the UGC-Infonet E Journals Consortium and it is felt that the facility should be extended to the colleges in a phased manner.

These awareness programmes were conducted for colleges of University of Delhi in three groups depending on the zone viz. Deen Dayal Upadhaya College, Shri Venkateswara College and Hindu College to cover colleges in West, South and North including East Delhi and Dr. Suresh Garg, Dr A S Reddy, Dr.(Mrs.) Kavita Sharma, respective college principals coordinated the program at their colleges.

The first program at Deen Dayal Upadhya College was inaugurated by Dr. Gulshan Rai, Executive Director ERNET on 21st March 2005. The second programme held at Sri. Venkateshwara College was inaugurated by Dr. V K Gupta, Director, NISCAIR and the Third program at Hindu College was inaugurated by Prof. Kiran Datar, Dean of Colleges, Delhi. Prof. V N Rajashekharan Pillai was the Guest of Honour. was the chief guest. Prof J L Sardana gave the key note address at these places. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D(CS), Dr Suresh Jindal, Delhi University, Sh Premchand, Scientist-C(LS), Ms Sangeeta Kaul, DELNET, Dr AP Singh, Dr. Majumdar, Librarian Central Secretariat Library handled the technical sessions.

'Strengthening Library and Network Services in Universities and Colleges of North East' on 29th March 2005 with special thrust on INFLIBNET Services at Guwahati

Hon'ble Prime Minister's emphasise to facilitate sustained development and reconstruction of Collegiate and University Education in North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir and as per the advice of Pro V N Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman of UGC INFLIBNET was given a mandate. Director, INFLIBNET under the guidance of UGC executed a programme and provided assistance for Library automation by computerization

of libraries of all colleges in North Eastern states and Jammu - Kashmir by providing the SOUL software developed by INFLIBNET.

A special program designed for North East region and named '*Strengthening Library and Network Services in Universities and Colleges of North East*' was organized jointly by UGC NERO office and INFLIBNET. Special thrust was given in the sessions about the importance of Library automation software in general and SOUL software in particular.

Program was coordinated by Dr. G Srinivas Dy. Secretary, UGC NERO office. The program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Development of North East Region (DONOR) Sh. P R Kyndiah by lighting the traditional lamp. Prof Talukdar, Vice Chancellor, Guwahati University, Prof. S Sorcar, National Educational Research and Development Program (NERDP), Dr TAV Murthy and Dr. Srinivas joined the Hon'ble Minister for the function. 250 delegates registered for the program, with more than 100 principals attending the workshop. Technical sessions were handled by Dr TAV Murthy and Sh Manoj Kumar, from INFLIBNET. As a follow up of the program 47 colleges are invited to INFLIBNET for SOUL training and SOUL software Network version is given to the colleges after the completion of the training free of cost under the special scheme.

INFLIBNET Workshop on Strengthening Library & Networking Services in Universities and Colleges of Jammu & Kashmir.

Similar to North East Region a programme was developed in collaboration with Department of Higher Education, J&K State and organized one day workshop for principals and Librarians of Degree Colleges* on strengthening library and networking services in Colleges and Universities of J&K at S. P. College, Srinagar on 8th of June, 2005.

Hon'ble Minister for Education Mr. Harsh Dev Singh inaugurated the workshop. Dr. N. D. Wani, Director colleges welcomed the guests and Dr. Zeenat Ara Principal, Govt. College of Education/coordinator for the workshop talked about the objectives and importance of improving library and networking services in J&K. Mr. P. K. Tripathi IAS, Commissioner/Secretary Higher Education Department J&K spoke about the Education scenario in the state and gave a comprehensive overview of the policies of the

government to improve and strengthen the education standards. Director Libraries Mr. Fazalullah also spoke about the importance of libraries and their networking. Dr. TAV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET gave keynote address. The program was coordinated by Sh Manoj Kumar K from INFLIBNET and handled the technical sessions. As a follow up of the program 30 colleges are invited to INFLIBNET for SOUL training and SOUL software Network version is given to the colleges after the completion of the program at free of cost under the special scheme.

Seminar on Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET at Vijaywada

The south Eastern Regional Office (SERO), University Grants Commission, Hyderabad conducted two days seminar on "Networking of Colleges libraries through INFLIBNET" at P B Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada during August 20-21 2005. Nearly 200 participants including principals, librarians and faculty representing 75 colleges located in Andhra Pradesh have participated in the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman, UGC, and Sh P.L.N Prasad, Secretary, Siddhartha Academy and college delivered the welcome address and dignitaries present on the dias included Prof. K C Reddy Chairman, A P State Council of Higher Education Dr. T A V Murthy Director, INFILBNET, Ahmedabad, Prof. V Bala Mohan Das Vice Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Dr. S Jelani, Dy. Secretary, SERO, UGC.

Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chairman, UGC, in his inaugural speech highlighted the importance of teaching, learning and Research. He appreciated the effort taken by INFLIBNET of UGC for taking initiatives of training the staffs for infrastructure development and further felt that the UGC-INFONET facilities should be extended to colleges.

In his key note address Dr.T A V Murthy Director, INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad assessed that the entire scenario of higher education is rapidly undergoing tremendous changes and further informed that INFLIBNET has been providing full- text of 4600 Journals to serve this academic community. Prof K C Reddy, Chairman, A P State Council of Higher Education in his speech analyzed the present information age as both an opportunity and a challenge. Prof. V Bala Mohan Das, vice Chancellor, Acharya

Nagarjuna University, Guntur, spoke about the present scenario where the budgetary allocations are shrinking.

The technical sessions were handled by Dr T A V Murthy Director, INFLIBNET on "The Role of INFLIBNET in Strengthening the Libraries" Shri Manoj Kumar K Scientist-D INFLIBNET spoke on "Information Management and Networking Academic Institution" Dr Latha Pillai, Advisor, NAAC spoke on "Capacity Building of Teacher" Dr. V S Cholin Scientist-B, INFLIBNET presented on "UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium" Sh B Ramesh Scientist-B, INFLIBNET delivered talk on "Library Automation Software - SOUL".

National workshop-cum-seminar on Changing Landscape of higher Education with electronic resources and Role of INFLIBNET held at Jalandar

Promoting and creating awareness about the INFLIBNET activities and services among the academic community in various colleges across the country, INFLIBNET in collaboration with DAV College Jalandhar, organized two days awareness program for Principals and Librarians of Colleges affiliated to UGC on 22nd and 23rd August 2005.

182 participants registered for the program from 20 States which included Principals, Library and Computer professionals. The inaugural function started with a welcome song and formal welcome address was given by Prof Aeri, Principal of the College. The function was presided over by Director General(DG) of Pushpa Gujral Science City Dr. R S Khandpur(former DG-of CEDTI). Dr. TAV Murthy was the guest of honour and gave key note address.

UGC-SERO Program at Trivandrum

All Kerala College Principals Conference was organized by UGC, South Western Regional Office at Govt Women's College, Trivandrum on 6th and 7th Sept 2005. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Sh. Oommen Chandy in the presence of Prof. Rajashekar Pillai, Vice Chairman, UGC. Dr. M K Ramachandran Nair Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala gave key note address. It was followed by technical sessions by Dr. Manju Singh, Dy Secretary UGC SWRO, Dr. Latha Pillai, NAAC, Dr. Surender Singh, UGC, Delhi, Sh R A D Pillai, Former Dy. Director, VSSC, EDUSAT. Sh Manoj Kumar K Scientist- D

represented INFLIBNET for sharing the College model of UGC Infonet. 134 principals and in-charges of colleges participated in the conference. Dr. T Ganga Devi, Principal, Govt. Women's College and Sh B S Mavoji, Director Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala were the local coordinators for the program. Dr. A Sukumaran Nair Former VC MG University gave the valedictory address.

Workshop on Widening the Landscape of Higher Education: INFLIBNET Awareness for Colleges

Special program for selected College Principals and Librarians called "Workshop on Widening the Landscape of Higher Education : INFLIBNET Awareness for Colleges" was jointly organised by INFLIBNET and UGC Eastern Regional Office at Meghnad Saha Auditorium, Calcutta University, on 8th November, 2005. The Workshop was inaugurated by Shri Kanti Biswas, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, School Education Department, Government of West Bengal. The program was attended by the Vice-Chairman, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education and several vice chancellors of nearby universities. Dr. Ratnabali Benerjee, Deputy Secretary, UGC, ERO, Kolkata organized the programme.

Dr. T.A.V. Murthy, Director INFLIBNET delivered keynote address. Shri Kanti Biswas, Hon'ble Minister in-charge School education in his inaugural address highlighted the quote "Build the youth for the future". It was followed by technical sessions on various topics relating to role of INFLIBNET, UGC-Infonet, E-Journals Consortium, and EDUSAT. 150 invited participants from Colleges and Universities in the region attended the workshop. There was wide coverage on the media and channel about the program in West Bengal.

Seminar on Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET

Seminar on Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET was organised on 16th and 17th December, 2005 jointly by INFLIBNET and UGC SERO, Hyderabad at P.S.G College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. It was inaugurated by Dr. TAV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET. Key note address was given by Dr. GD Sharma, Director, CEC, New Delhi. Dr. S Jelani,

Dy Secy, UGC SERO welcomed the gathering. Dr. S Shiva Subramaniam, Vice chancellor, Bharatiar University and the trustee, PSG group of Colleges spoke on the occasion. Sh Manoj Kumar K Scientist-D, INFLIBNET coordinated the program on behalf of INFLIBNET and expressed vote of thanks. Dr. TAV Murthy, Sh Manoj Kumar K, Dr. V S Cholin from INFLIBNET, Dr GD Sharma, CEC, Sh Victor, former Director of Collegiate education, Prof. S Muthukumar, Member Secy Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher education, Dr. Sheela Ramachandran, Principal, PSG College, Ms. Chandunissa, Stella Maris College, Chennai handled the technical sessions. It was followed by group discussions. More than 100 colleges participated in the the seminar.

Key Note Address by Dr. TAV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET at MANLIBNET convention

Dr. T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET was invited to deliver key note address at the MANLIBNET Convention at Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, Kerala held on 5-7 May 2005. The program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for PWD works, Dr M K Muneer in presence of Dr, Krishna Kumar IIMK Director. He highlighted the services and objectives of the centre and was more informative and participants were inspired by his speech. It was followed by a brief discussion with Hon'ble Minister Dr. M K Muneer and IIMK Director about the future programs in Kerala initiated by the Centre. Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D INFLIBNET Centre presented a paper during the convention.

STAFF NEWS

Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar, STO-I INFLIBNET returned after successfully completing commonwealth fellowship program awarded by the Association of Commonwealth University and British Council, UK. During the fellowship period, Mr. Chandrakar took the opportunity to spread awareness about the centre's activities through presentations and informal discussions. He was attached to Middlesex University and studied the library system horizon and its functions. He mapped UNIMARC bibliographic exchange format with MARC-21 for IFLA. Mr. Chandrakar was fortunate to attend the various internal training programmes. He also attended various meetings such as Meeting of Campus Librarians, Circulation Librarians, and Periodical Librarians at Middlesex University as an observer. He attended various national meetings as an observer such as Book Industry Communication (BIC) Product Metadata Group, BSI (British Standards Institution) TS/1, the Committee works as the shadow of ISO/TC37 at London.

He was fortunate to visit various institutes and universities during the program. Mr. Chandrakar delivered talk on "INFLIBNET Centre: a gateway to the Academic Community of India" as an ILIG Informal at CILIP, London, which has been published in their quarterly publication called "Focus on International Library and Information Work".

Dr. V S Cholin, Scientist-B, INFLIBNET Centre visited Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) and

OSU under Fulbright Professional Fellowship awarded by United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) and Institute of International Education(IIE), New York during January – June 2005. During the course of his fellowship he was able to address number of issues relating to consortium which in turn help him to apply them in the most prestigious project of INFLIBNET i.e. UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium. Mr. Tom Sanville, Executive Director OhioLINK, which is one of the successful consortiums operating in USA was kind to host Dr. Cholin and provide an excellent support in understanding these issues and also arranging visit to various other consortium within USA with the support of Prof. Joes Branin, Director of Libraries Ohio State University(OSU), Columbus. The office facility was extended by Prof. Branin at OSU during his stay.

Dr. Cholin delivered talks at Ohio State University, Oberlin College, PALINET Philadelphia during his stay and attended the OhioLINK community meetings regularly to address these issues. He attended International Coalition of Library Consortium (ICOLC) meet at Boston during April, 10-13 2005 and presented a paper. He attend American Library Association (ALA) conference at Chicago during June 24-28. Visited number of other consortiums viz. Alliance Research Libraries, NERL consortium, PALINET. In order to understand how other consortium have addressed these

issues he also took survey of other consortiums viz. Alliance, VIVA, PALINET, NERL Consortium, BCELN Canada. He was invited by Oberlin College – Shansi Association, Yale University and PALINET. He also attended the enrichment seminar conducted by IIE. He also visited OhioNET and OCLC (Online Computer Library Centre) to explore the possible collaboration.

Sh. H G Hosamani and Sh. Umesh Gohel visited – National Library of Australia during 5-19, September 2005 under the professional development activities. This program enabled them to understand the activities of National Library of Australia viz. Digital Archiving, preservation, infrastructure, rights management, resource sharing, web archiving, subject gateways etc. They also discussed with officials at Australian Digital Thesis Project, New South Wales University. Numbers of presentations from distinguished academicians from Australia were also arranged as a part of the program. Numbers of recommendations made on the study and are working on the same.

Sh. Hosamani and Sh. Gohel thanked Director INFLIBNET for providing such a unique opportunity.

Surya TV, Malayalam Channel of Sun Networks, invited Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D as a guest in one of their programs called 'PONPULARI'. The topics of the discussion were Services and activities of INFLIBNET, Leveraging Information Technology for Higher Education, Role of Librarians, E-Education, E-Journals, E-books etc. The program was in Malayalam and telecasted on 20th May 2005, at 8.15 AM for duration of 30 minutes.

UGC-Infonet User Speaks Out

We have collected some feed back from users regarding the access of the E- journals available under UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium. We will be publishing the user feedback on the initiative time to time. This will help us to understand the impact of e-journals consortium on the overall growth of higher education in the country and hopw the research and academic community getting the benefit of the program.

UGC-Infonet E-Journals Facility will boost the teaching and research activity in the country - By *Dr. S. Sekar, Bharathidasan University.*

My research team and I are very much benefited due to the UGC-Infonet consortia of programmes. It is damp

sure that this facility will boost the teaching and research activity of our country. We request such kind of facilities should continue for ever with further and further additions, expansions and improvements. One can really replay their memory about the task and painful efforts needed for getting such research papers till two years ago we have been using Springer link and Taylor & Francis from the INFLIBNET. The publishers like Elsevier and Blackwell synergy will also be of immense use to biologists and biotechnologists like us. I congratulate the team efforts made by the members of Infolibnet with the stewardship of Dr. Murthy.

I found the UGC-Infonet Project is Ocean of Information - By *Vikas Humbe, Research Student, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University.*

I am a student of department of computer Science and Information Technology, Dr. BAM University Aurangabad (MS). I found the UGC-Infonet Project is ocean of Information. We are very much thankful to Director UGC Infonet and INFLIBNET Team. This facility saves our time, effort, tension and money (important) as per my view.

I sincerely appreciate the effort to provide us with these resources through UGC-Infonet E-Journals Consortium On behalf of the Faculty of the Economics department I can safely say that we are indeed very happy that some of the crucial journal articles, not available previously, are now possible to download on our very own desktops. - By - *Dr. Mala Lalvani University of Mumbai.*

The use of E-journals and exchange of research papers among academics has given a boost to research activity among us by INFLIBNET even in rural place like Pilani. As we are able to get all the information regarding advancement in the field of pharmacology and allied field as par with an advanced country without much hitch. It makes us to plan our teaching and research in a competitive way. **Prof. A N Nagappa, Professor Pharmacy Group from BITS Pilani**

Dr. Nilashis Nandi Assistant Professor Chemistry Group from BITS Pilani -The electronic journals are in constant need for pursuing research work and also for teaching in theoretical chemistry and INFLIBNET are providing us the various journals in electronic format at the right time. The electronic journals provided by the INFLIBNET are available at our desktop via campus-wide network. They use these invaluable journals

regularly and also publish their articles in these journals. It is a great boon for them.

I was able to access most recent articles in my area - By Romar Correa, University of Mumbai

I have indeed benefited immensely from the access to some of the leading journals of interest to me. As you are aware, particularly when one is working on or at the concluding stages of work on a paper, even as a matter of form it is imperative to have access to the latest work in the area. It may be that I have been particularly lucky but I was able to access the July 2005 issue of a journal that was completely devoted to a topic I was investigating. As a result, I have completed a paper.

B V Babu Assistant Dean, Engineering Services Division from BITS Pilani - The E-journals provided by INFLIBNET have been put on our campus network and are available round the clock on our workstations. It is of great help in our research work. The use of these journals has extremely helped us in enhancing the quality of our research work and the students are much benefited from it.

Vice Chancellors Speak Out

Dr. Saroja Prabhakaran Vice Chancellor Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women-Deemed University, Coimbatore

We appreciate the role of INFLIBNET in bringing IT culture and establishing infrastructure in Indian universities. We consider the UGC-Infoent E-Journals consortium programme as a great boon to our academic community. This has helped enormously to improve the quality of teaching and learning process. The teachers, research scholars and students consider this as a unique opportunity to know about the various types

of scholarly journals in their field. The portals services enable to navigate easily through all the available literature in the concerned subjects. The easier and the faster access to scholarly journals both on current and archival literature motivate the students to read more and more. This programme has taken earnest effort to remove the hurdles faced due to the increasing demand for information and we are quite confident that INFLIBNET will continue to play a key role in introducing new programmes for the advancement of the academic community. We will be happy to extend our co-operation in all your future efforts in this line.

Librarians speak out

On behalf of a large number of faculty members and students I like to thank Director, INFLIBNET Centre and other staff for giving the privileged to access a large collection of electronic journals which is indeed of immense benefit for research work. The recent usage statistics provided to us show that the Institute has heavy usage and I am glad to inform you that the faculty and students have met a large part of their requirements. – Dr. M Ishwar Bhat Librarian, Birla Institute of Technology & Science Pilani (Rajasthan)

Scholarly Journals at finger tips- Dr. M K Bhandi Librarian, Mangalore University, Mangalore.

I am pleased to inform you that our academicians now can access and download the scholarly journal articles for their research purpose. These electronic resources have a great impact on the research activity and the quality of the productivity of the university and will definitely get a boost in the near future. We thank the efforts of INFLIBNET-UGC for having launched such a wonderful project for the academic community under the leadership of Dr, TAV Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET.

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GULBARGA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY – A PROFILE

Gulbarga University is a promising young university catering to the needs of higher education of the backward and rural region of Hyderabad Karnataka established in 1980 on a sprawling campus of 860 acres contributing a great deal to the development of the region through continued teaching, learning, research and extension programmes with 35 Departments and four P.G. centers at Bidar, Raichur, Bellary and Sandur. The university with excellent sylvan surroundings spotted with architectural marvels, ideal buildings and sound IT infrastructure has been viewed by the community as the harbinger of resulting in four stars accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The university has successfully completed 25 years of experience and His Excellency Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the President of India visited Gulbarga University, Gulbarga to inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the University on 23rd September 2004 that had created a deeper impact on academic and research community of the region.

The University Library, a knowledge Center for accessibility has been developed on modern lines as a prominent Learning Resource Center on Campus,

ideally situated and easily accessible by all the departments and students housing. The Library has made sincere efforts to assure an environment for intellectual inquiry by providing user focused services to obtain and evaluate scholarly information and knowledge available in main formats and strives to create new knowledge to increase understanding and develop wisdom. The Library has over 2,20,000 books, 435 scientific journals, Sixteen CD-ROM databases (Current + Archival), 5400 dissertation/theses and technical reports, conference papers, and rare books. The Library is logically divided into seven units i.e. Acquisition, Periodicals, Technical, Maintenance, SC/ST Book Bank, Circulation and UCAIR (INFLIBNET) Lab strongly supported by Establishment Unit and Photocopier services for carrying out activities of library effectively and efficiently.

Local Area Network (LAN) using SOUL has been established for automating in-house activities and services of the library. The library with strong IT infrastructure has established excellent State-of-the-art facilities With Client Server Network comprising of HP TC 2120 Main Server Hyper Threading Supports @ 3

Ghz and 41 Computers Systems with SQL 7.0 backend and Windows Advance Server 2000 front end. The Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is made available to the users to identify the status of availability of documents in the library. CD ROM Lab with 16 databases provides excellent opportunities to the users in their academic and research pursuit. Multi-user Internet Lab with fifteen computer systems extends Internet services to the faculty, research scholars, and students. The Library has been the active member of INFLIBNET, Ahmedabad and Vidyanidhi Project funded by Ford foundation, University of Mysore contributing

the indigenous theses of the university in digital format. The university has been provided with ERNET connectivity under UGC INFONET programme through V-SAT accessing large number of e-resources. For this purpose, Optical Fiber has been laid down to enhance the speed of the Internet connectivity with 512 KBPS bandwidth for the benefit of teaching and research community.

The list of CD-ROM databases subscribed in the library

1.	MathSci	1940+
2.	Biological Abstracts	1992+
3.	Sociofile	1974+
4.	Biotech. Abstracts	1982+
5.	Econlit	1969+
6.	LISA Plus	1969+
7.	ERIC	1966+
8.	Psych-Info	1872+
9.	Cross Culture	1989+
10.	Georef	1785+
11.	Dissertation Abst. Int.	1861+
12.	INSPEC	1989+
13.	ABI/INFORM	1989+
14.	CABSAC	1973+
15.	IBID	1993+
16.	Supreme Court Case Finder online	1950+

Besides, document delivery, reprographic, SC/ST Book Bank, User instruction, communication skills, career planning, training and research repository are a few unique services provided by the Library. It has undertaken the research projects to digitize the Rare Materials of Hyderabad Karnataka region, develop Research Repository of the Scientists of the university, and Electronic Theses & Dissertations. The university library plans to establish Learning Resource Center, Retrospective Bar-coding of Books, Provision of Video camera and Touch Screen Technology in the years to come.

The work is in progress for the extension of Library wherein the Virtual Learning Resource Centre with strong State-of-the-art facilities would be provided

including indigenous databases of the university, Instructional materials and research databases. The credit for establishing this unique facility is possible under the leadership of Dr. R.B Gaddagimath, University Librarian, who has been honoured with 'Vijay Shree Award – 2005' instituted by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi for outstanding services, achievements and contributions in the field and committed and dedication of library staff. The University Library has organized INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme for Library Automation (IRTPLA) from November 5-8, 2001 and now an International conference CALIBER 2006 being held on February 2-4, 2006. University may be approached through website <http://www.gulbargauniversity.kar.nic.in>



INFLIBNET workshop on strengthening Networking and Library Services in universities and Colleges of North-East Region held in Assam.



Group photo of Hindi Training Programme held at INFLIBNET center Ahmedabad



Vice-chancellor of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University inaugurating the User Awareness Programme, Raipur.



Group Photograph UGC-NERO Programme



Shri K. Prakash, with participants User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded during



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Dignitaries on the Dias during the Seminar on Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET at Coimbatore



Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director DELNET and Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET with participants of SOUL training programme



Vice Chancellor of Assam University along with the Participants in User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Arunachal Pradesh University



INFLIBNET workshop on strengthening Networking and Library Services in Universities and Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir held in Srinagar



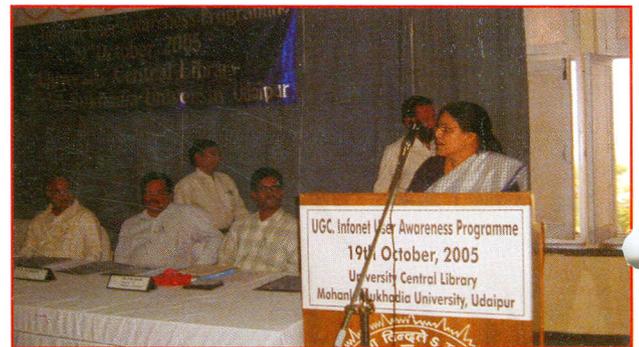
Dr. TAV Murthy, Director INFLIBNET inaugurating the Dspace Workshop at Mahatma Gandhi Uni. Kottayam



Audience View during PLANNER 2005 at Assam University Silchar



Dr. T A V Murthy, Director INFLIBNET inaugurating the MANLIBNET 7th Annual National Convention held at IIM, Kozhikode



Dr. Girija Vyas, Chairman National Commission for Women inaugurating the User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur



User Awareness Programme on E-Journals at Dibrugarh University Participant's view



Seminar of Networking of College Libraries through INFLIBNET at Coimbatore