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From Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

This is my first communication to you after taking over the charge of office of the Director of INFLIBNET Centre. With your support and co-operation I will strive hard to meet the goals and objectives for which this Centre was created. I would like to put on record the contributions made by Shri Pramod Kumar, Former Director of this Centre in nurturing the Centre in its nascent period.

In the last week of January, many parts of Gujarat were devastated by earthquake. We were forced to postpone CALIBER - 2001 by a month. In spite of this postponement, there was an overwhelming response to this convention which was a great success.

A number of new services are planned by INFLIBNET for its users. Their impact will surely be felt in time to come. Exchange of ideas is important for progress. Let us interact more frequently using the NET.

S. M. Salgar Acting Director

INTERNET edition: http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/newsletter.html

SOUL Installation

Since its launching at Chennai during CALIBER-2000, the SOUL has received an overwhelming response from all types of libraries. There have been number of enquiries from all over the country requesting for supply of SOUL. So far this software has been successfully installed in 27 institutions. The list of these institution is given below in chronological order.

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Sr.	Name of University	Installation/
No		Training Period
1.	North Maharastra University, Jalgaon	March 16-20, 2000
2.	Amravati University, Amravati	May 29-June 5, 2000
3.	North Gujarat University, Patan	May 29-June 3, 2000.
4.	University of Mumbai, Bombay	June 6-11, 2000
5.	M S University. Vadodara	July 24-29, 2000
6.	Saurastra University, Rajkot	J uly 24-29, 2000 .
7.	Kakatiya University, Warangal	July 30-31, 2000
8.	Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad	July 31-August 5, 2000
9.	Bangalore University. Bangalore	July 31-August 5, 2000
10.	Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan	July 31-August 5, 2000
11.	Assam University, Silchar	July 31-August 5, 2000
12.	University of Madras, Chennai	August 8-14, 2000
13.	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	August 8-12, 2000
14.	University of Calcutta. Kolkatta,	August 8-12, 2000
15.	Devi Ahilya University, Indore	August 8-12, 2000

16.	Bhavnagar University,	September 11-16.
	Bhavnagar	2000
17.	Sri. Krishna Devraya	September 18-23.
	University, Ananthpur	2000
18.	Indira Kala Sangeet	October 10-15.
	Viswavidyalaya,	2000
	Khairagarh	
19.	Thapar Institute of	November 13-18.
	Engineering &	2000
	Technology, Patiala	
20.	Institute of Advanced	November 13-18.
	Study in Science &	2000
	Technology, Gauhati	
21.	Global	November 27-
7 0 8	Telecommunications	December 1,
	Systems, Pune	2000
22.	Manamoniam	January 2-6,
	Sundarnar University,	2001
a,	Triunelveli	
23.	Gandhigram Rural	January 2-6,
	Institute, Gandhigram	2001
24.	Gujarat Ayurved	January 3-4,
	University, Jamnagar	2001
25.	NTR University of	January 15-21,
	Health Sciences,	2001
	Vijayawada	
26.	Avinashlingam Institute	January 8-13,
	for Home Science &	2001
	Higher Eduation for	
	Women, Coimbatore	
27.	Alagappa University,	January 8-13,
	Karaikudy	2001

A team consisting of two Scientists from INFLIBNET visited all these institutions, successfully installed the SOUL and imparted an extensive training for six days to the core staff of the libraries. They also took this opportunity to demonstrate the software to a large number of librarians from the respective cities.

Now more than 30 institutions have placed orders for SOUL and the installation in all these places is being planned.

SOUL - Single User Version

To meet the growing demand for single user (standalone) version of SOUL at an affordable cost, INFLIBNET has come out with another version of SOUL to work on Windows 95/98 platform. This version is being tested and will be ready for release by end of April, 2001. Cost of this version will be Rs.15,000/-.

SOUL User Forum.

INFLIBNET has launched yet another forum called "SOUL User Forum" to facilitate the SOUL users spread all over the country to come together and discuss the problems with INFLIBNET. The first user meeting under this forum was held at Pune on 15th March, 2001 co-inciding with CALIBER-2001. This was attended by more than 50 persons which included existing and prospective users of SOUL. The one and half hour discussion addressed all the major issues relating to SOUL. Director and technical staff of INFLIBNET Centre, actively participated and guided the discussion. It is proposed to hold such meetings frequently to address the problems faced by SOUL users.

SOUL Pricing

Cost of the multi-user version of SOUL (first copy) is Rs.50,000/-. This includes SOUL on CD, comprehensive manual, multi-lingual interface software, installation and extensive on-site training for six days and one year warranty. This price has been approved by the Governing Board

of the INFLIBNET and was announced during CALIBER-2000 at Chennai. Recently, number of libraries showed keen interest in purchasing more than one copy of SOUL and many colleges and small libraries requested for the single user version. Keeping in view the growing demand for SOUL, following prices have fixed.

- SOUL multi user version for second and subsequent copies - Rs. 20,000 (per copy)
 - (This covers only SOUL on CD and User manual) + actual cost of multilingual interface.
- SOUL Single User Version Rs.15.000/-(SOUL CD and Manual)

For more details, please write to the Director, INFLIBNET Centre.

CALIBER 2001

The eighth national convention "CALIBER-2001" was successfully held in collaboration with University of Pune, Pune from March 15-16, 2001. The main theme of this convention was Creation and Management of Digital Resources. The main theme was divided into following sub themes

- Digitisation
- Acquisition and Archiving of Digital Resources
- Services
- Strategic Management

The convention was inaugurated by Dr Vijay P. Bhatkar, the former Executive Director of C-DAC. Pune who also delivered a key note address on this occasion. More than 250 delegates from

different parts of the country attended this convention. There were in all 84 papers presented by the respective authors. The pre-convention volume, covering full text of 39 selected papers and abstracts of 45 papers on the above theme was brought out and distributed to delegates. Prof. R. G. Takwale, the former vice chancellor of IGNOU was the chief guest for the valedictory function, who also addressed the delegates. Two pre-convention tutorials on 'Development of Databases in Indian Languages' and 'Metadata' were conducted on 14th March 2001 which were well attended. During the valedictory function, number of resolutions have been passed which are being taken up by INFLIBNET for implementation.

Visit to Universities

INFLIBNET staff frequently visits the university libraries covered under the programme to attend to the technical problems and guide them in automation, database creation etc. During the period January-March 2001, INFLIBNET staff visited the following universities. This is in addition to the universities where visits for SOUL installation and training were made.

- 1. University of Madras
- 2. University of Mysore
- 3. Bangalore University
- 4. National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- 5. Indian Institute of Science
- 6. University of Mumbai
- 7. M. G. University, Kottayam

MARC 21 Implementation

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India visualizes building up of a national database of library holdings in the country. All libraries are expected to contribute their data to this national database. For putting this plan into action, MHRD desires that all libraries in the country should follow a uniform standard for data entry. A Sub-Group was set up by MHRD to identify a format for this purpose. The Sub - Group has recommended that MARC 21 format be followed now onwards for data entry in libraries. The main reason for preferring MARC 21 over CCF and other formats was that most of the countries in the world use MARC and it is comprehensive having number of fields. Also there is a constant development taking place in MARC 21 and is updated regularly whereas CCF has become stagnant. With MARC 21 based national database, it will be easier to exchange data with other countries.

The Sub - Group also advised INFLIBNET Centre to adopt MARC 21 and inform all university libraries about this decision and to ask them to use MARC 21. Accordingly, all libraries covered under INFLIBNET are advised to start using MARC21. For libraries using SOUL software, there is no cause for any alarm over this decision. INFLIBNET Centre has already developed an interface software for exporting data from SOUL to MARC 21 incorporating all primary fields identified by the Sub-Group. We have already initiated work on developing another interface for importing data from MARC 21 to SOUL. This development is expected to be over by end of April 2001. Both these interfaces will be provided to SOUL users. Then we intend to develop next version of SOUL totally based on MARC 21. Till the second version of SOUL is developed, libraries having SOUL, can continue to

use it and use the interface for converting SOUL data to MARC 21.

For detailed information on MARC 21, please visit URL http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/

New Universities Funded

As a part of its continued support to the university libraries for modernisation under INFLIBNET programme, UGC has sanctioned non-recurring grant of Rs.6.5 lakhs each to the following 19 universities. This grant has been released during last part of March, 2001. With this, the total number of universities covered under the INFLIBNET goes up to 142. These 19 universities are:

Sr. No.	Name of University	
1.	Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	
2.	Chatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur	
3.	Chaudhry Charan Singh University, Meerut	
4.	Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur	
5.	Kannada University, Kamalapura	
6.	Kameshwar Singh Darbhangha Sanskrit University, Darbhangha	
7.	Mahatma Gandhi Gramoday Vishwavidyalay, Chitrakoot	
.8.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad	
9.	Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal	
10.	Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad	
11.	Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi	
12.	Sri. Padmavathi Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Tirupati	
13.	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded	
14.	The Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow	

15.	Tilak Maharastra Vidyapith, Pune	
16.	Sri. Sathya Sai Institute of Higher	
	Learning, Prasanthinilayam	
17.	Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun	
18.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapith, Tirupati	
19.	Bharati Vidyapith, Pune	

This grant has been provided for creating the necessary infrastructure in each library for computerisation and LAN. These libraries will procure computers, operating system, RDBMS. SOUL - Library Management Software and other peripherals using this initial grant and initiate the computerisation work. These universities will also be supported for the first five years with a recurring grant to meet the salary of "Information Scientist" (a post created specially to take care of INFLIBNET programme implementation at respective universities), data entry work including retrospective conversion, telephone charges, consumables and maintenance charges.

All the 19 libraries funded under the programme will have to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and follow the guidelines with respect to database creation and automation, recommended by INFLIBNET. These libraries will also have to use SOULdeveloped by INFLIBNET for library automation.

To address various issues involved, approaches to be adopted and to promote better understanding of the total responsibility of implementation INFLIBNET Centre is organising a separate workshop at Ahmedabad from June 25-July 1, 2001 for the Heads of libraries of these participating universities.

NISSAT Project

NISSAT Funds a Project on Expert Manpower

NISSAT has approved an invited project on **Development and Managing a Web enabled**

Database of Expert Manpower in the area of Science and Technology submitted by INFLIBNET. This is a two-year project and INFLIBNET will be responsible for the development and maintenance of the database.

The coverage of database will be very wide. It will cover faculty members and researchers from all Indian universities including deemed universities, National laboratories, R & D Institutions, Science and Technology Departments of Central and State governments, Editorial Board members of S & T periodicals, Fellows of scientific academies and winners of Science and Technology awards etc.

INFLIBNET will adopt latest technology in designing the database and make it available for online access over the Internet. The information in the database will contain name and address of expert with his/her academic and research achievements and areas of specialisation. The database will be loaded on the Vigyan Server located at NCSI, Bangalore. Apart from online version, it will be available in different format viz. print and CD-ROM etc. Separate search option will enable the user to retrieve the information under all important search terms. This is a joint effort of INFLIBNET and NISSAT for promoting the content on the Internet. Having expertise in developing similar databases, INFLIBNET hopes to complete this project in the stipulated period.

University Library Profile

Banasthali Vidyapith

Banasthali Vidyapith is a unique centre for learning from nursery to post-graduate stage, offering modern education to girls, without sacrificing India's basic cultural tradition and values. Some of its significant aspects are its harmonious synthesis of the spiritual and scientific values of the East and the West. It has developed

on the principle of program education like Panchmukhi Shiksha consisting of physical, practical, aesthetic, and varied range of cocurricular activities. The Vidyapith was established in 1935 by Pandit Hiralal Shastri, former Chief Minister of Rajasthan. The Vidyapith became a deemed university in the year 1983. Today it is the only fully residential university for women education in the country, which aims at developing all around personality of women students. As a centre for women education, the Vidyapith recognizes the identity of women to lead society and to bear the responsibilities of their homes and the nation.

Library

Today the Central Library and faculty libraries have a total of 1,62,319 books and other non-book materials. The library collection includes 10,000 backvolumes, 515 theses and dissertations, and a few thousand miscellaneous items (albums, charts, maps, pamphlets etc.). The Library collection pertains to various departments/subjects for which the Vidyapith conducts post-graduate courses on the campus. It is particularly strong in Indological subjects, and subjects like Economics, Political Science, English. Hindi, Sanskrit, Education as well as subjects of sciences like Mathematics, Computer Science and Electronics, Biotechnology, Home Science and Chemistry. The Library collection is equally strong in Visual Arts, Textile Designing, Gandhina and Women Studies. The Central Library runs three faculty libraries. These are Faculty of Education. Faculty of Management and Apaji Institute of Mathematics. The Central Library has been functioning as leading resource centre of the Vidyapith. The Central Library subscribes to 600 current journals in the subjects, which are covered at the Vidyapith. Today there are 2000 members of the library.

Service

The Library has been serving various components of the Vidyapith community viz. faculty, students and staff, towards fulfillment of the objectives. The Central Library of the Vidyapith is kept open from 8.00 AM to 7.00 PM on all working days of the year. It remains open from 10.00 AM to 6.00 PM on Tues day and holidays. The library provides reading and lending facilities, inter library loan, reference service, bibliographical and photocopying services. The library catalogue records have been prepared with great care according to AACR II and books are classified according to Dewey Decimal Classification. For assigning the subject headings, Sears List and LC Subject Headings are used. The library provides full bibliographical information of the documents.

Automation

The work of automation of the library functions and services were initiated in the year 2000 with the purchase and installation of 6 computers, one server and SOUL software. These computers are used to develop in-house computer database of books and periodicals. The library has created 10,000 records of books in machine readable format, and are planning to create periodicals and dissertation records in machine readable format. It is to be noted that the Vidyapith has already LAN set up by which the departments can access OPAC.

INFLIBNET Support

With the financial assistance provided by the INFLIBNET in 1999-2000, the library purchased 5 Pentiums III computers, and one server. The library started retro-conversion of bibliographical records of books with SOUL software by employing more than 100 students. The Banasthali Vidyapith has been also providing all help to the library from time to time for library computerization.

Future Plan

The library plans to computerize its Circulation functions in near future. The basic job of updating membership data, retro-conversion of old biblio graphical records and bar coding of books is going to start. The library plans to barcode the member ship cards also. The library would like to put extra computer systems for Online Public Access Catalogue and Internet access.

Staff News

Shri Pramod Kumar, the first Director of INFLIBNET Centre successfully completed his second term as Director and took premature retirement from the services of Centre from 28th February, 2001.

Shri. S. M. Salgar, Scientist - G, who has been with INFLIBNET since beginning, has taken over the charge from Shri Pramod Kumar as Acting Director on 28th February, 2001.

A farewell function was organised by the staff at INFLIBNET in honour of out going Director, Shri Pramod Kumar on 5th March, 2001. The staff lauded the yeoman service rendered by him to INFLIBNET and extended warm welcome to Shri S. M. Salgar as Acting Director.

University Websites

The presence of Indian universities on World Wide Web is increasing. Number of universities have created websites with large amount of academic information. To promote this information. INFLIBNET has provided link to such official sites of universities at http://www.inflibnet.ac.in. The list of universities, who's official web sites are available for on-line access is given below:

Alagappa University

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/alagappa/

All India Institute of Medical Sciences

http://www.aiims.ac.in/

Aligarh Muslim University

http://www.amu.nic.in/

Allahabad University

http://www.allduniv.edu/

Annamalai University

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/annamalai/

Anna University

http://www.annauniv.edu

Sri Avinashilingam Home Science College for Women

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/adu/

Bangalore University

http://www.bangaloreuniversity.net/

Barathidasan University

http://www.bdu.ernet.in/

Bharathiyar University

http://www.bharathi.ernet.in/

Barkathullah University

http://www.bubhopal.org/

Bhavnagar University

http://www.bhavnagar.com/bhavuni/bhavuni.htm

University of Bombay (Mumbai)

http://www.mu.ac.in/

Calicut University

http://unical.ac.in

Cochin University of Science and Technology

http://cusat.edu/home.htm

Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/dbhps/

Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University

http://www.brauagra.com/

University of Delhi

http://www.du.ac.in/

Devi Ahilya University

http://www.davv.ac.in/

Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/gri/

Gujarat Ayurved University

http://www.ayurveduniversity.com/

Gujarat Vidyapith

http://www.gujvidyapith.org/

Gulbarga University

http://www.gulbargauniversity.kar.nic.in

Guru Gasidas University Bilaspur

http://www.ggdu.org/

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University

http://ggsipu.nic.in/

Himachal Pradesh University

http://hpuniv.nic.in/

Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya

http://hpkv.hp.nic.in

University of Hydarabad

http://www.uohyd.ernet.in/

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

http://www.ignou.edu/

Jadavpur University, Kolkatta

http://www.jadavpur.edu/

Jamiahamdard

http://www.jamiahamdard.org/

Jawaharlala Nehru University

http://www.jnu.ac.in/

Jamia Millia Islamia

http://jmi.nic.in/

Kakatiya University

http://www.kuwarangal.com

Kerala University

http://www.keralauniversity.edu/

Kurukshetra University

http://kuk.ernet.in/

Lucknow University

http://www.lucknowuniv.org

Madras University

http://www.universityofmadras.edu/

Madurai Khamaraj University

http://www.mkuniv.org/

http://www.mkuhyd.com/

Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda

http://www.msub.edu/

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

http://www.mguniversity.edu

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences

http://www.muhsnashik.com/

Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/msu/

Mangalone oniverity

LEFP: || www. mangalone university. ac. is

Mohan lala Sukadia University

http://education.vsnl.com/mlsu/

http://www.mlsu.ac.in/

Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/mteresa/

University of Mysore

http://www.universityofmysore.com/

Nagpur University

http://www.nagpur-university.com/

The National Law school of India university

http://www.nls.ac.in/

Osmania University

http://www.osmania.ac.in

Periyar University, Salem

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/periyar/

Pondichery University

http://pu.pon.nic.in/

http://www.pondiuni.org/

Punjab Agricultural university

http://home.earthlink.net/nsingh/pau/

Punjab University

http://www.puchd.ac.in

University of Pune

http://www.unipune.ernet.in/

Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune

http://www.bharatividyapeeth.edu

Punjabi University

http://www.universitypunjabi.org/

http://www.pbi.ernet.in

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, at

Karnataka

http://kar.nic.in/rguhs/

University of Roorkee

http://www.uor.org/

SNDT Women's University

http://www.sndt.edu/

The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University

http://www.tnuniv.ac.in/mgrmedical/

Tamilnadu Agricultural University

http://www.tnau.edu/

http://dbs.tn.nic.in/tnau/

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chenai

http://www.tanuvas.com/

Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University

http://www.imsc.ernet.in/tandalau/

Tezpur University

http://www.tezu.ernet.in/

Utkal University

http://www.utkaluniversity.org/

Viswa Bharati Shantinikethan

http://www.vbharat.ernet.in/

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik

http://www.ycmou.com/

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IMPORTANT Web sites

Indian Online Journals

BioMed: Magazine For Medical Update http://www.exicom.org/bio_med/mag.htm

Bombay Hospital Journal http://www.bhj.org/

Current Science http://tejas.serc.iisc.ernet.in/currsci/ Chemical Engineering World http://www.exicom.org/cew/index.htm

Indian Journal of Biochemistry and Biophysics http://www.bioline.bdt.org.br/ib

Indian Journal of Experimental Biology http://www.bioline.bdt.org.br/ie

Indian Journal of Marine Science http://www.bioline.bdt.org.br/im

Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging http://www.ijri.org/

Indian Veterinary Journal http://www.indvetjournal.com/

IIMB Management Review http://www.iimb.ernet.in/review/index.html

Indian Journal of Pharmacology http://www.ijp-online.com/

RagaNet - an educational magazine for the music and fine arts of India. It features regular lessons on Indian music and the various instruments of India like the sitar, tabla, dilruba etc.

URL: http://www.raganet.com/RagaNet/

Earthquake

On January 26th 2001, the "Black Friday", a mighty Earthquake shook most parts of Gujarat. Many perished and many more were left homeless. To express solidarity for the people affected, particularly in Bhuj, Rapar, Anjar area, INFLIBNET staff came forward voluntarily and contributed one day salary to the Gujarat Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Gujarat. INFLIBNET staff pay their deep condolences for the departed souls.

Students Visits

Students of BLIS and MLIS from Sardar Patel University, Vallath Vidhya Nagar visited INFLIBNET Centre on 24th March 2001. INFLIBNET staff briefed them about the activities of the Centre and demonstrated them SOUL software, CD ROM databases, online databases ofbooks, theses, serials, experts and research projects etc.

Feed Back

The Editorial Board requests the librarians, and others to contribute news items pertaining to important activities and events taking place in their universities. We also solicit your comments, suggestions in making this newsletter an effective media to communicate INFLIBNET activities.