

**INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NETWORK CENTRE**  
**(An Inter-University Centre of UGC)**  
**Infocity, Gandhinagar- 382007**

19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee**  
**held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Online Mode)**

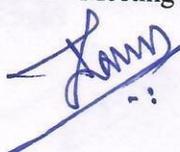
The following Members and invitees were present at the meeting:

1.	Prof Bharat Bhasker	Hon'ble Chairman, Finance Committee of the INFLIBNET Centre and Director, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
<b>Members</b>		
2.	Mr Sudeep Singh Jain	Financial Advisor, UGC
3.	Prof. N Lokendra Singh	Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, Nominated from Governing Board
4.	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Tripathi	Joint Secretary [Bureau Head], University Grants Commission
5.	Prof Devika P Madalli	Director, INFLIBNET Centre
6.	Dr. Abhishek Kumar	Scientist-E (CS), INFLIBNET Centre
7.	Mr. Ramakrushna Vulasala	Administrative Officer (F) & Non-Member Secretary
8.	Mr Harish Chandra	Administrative Officer (P&A)- Invitee

Prof Manish Ratnakar Joshi, Hon'ble Secretary, UGC, New Delhi could not attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee commenced with a warm welcome to all the Members by **Prof Bharat Bhasker, Hon'ble Chairman** of the Finance Committee and **Prof Devika P Madalli, Director** INFLIBNET Centre.

Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Hon'ble Chairman, then requested Prof Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre to present the agenda items.



Prof Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre extended a warm welcome to all members of the Finance Committee.

Prof Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, then requested Shri.Ramakrushna Vulasala, Administrative Officer(F&A) to present the agenda items.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman and Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Shri. Ramakrushna Vulasala, Administrative Officer(F&A) also extended a warm welcome to the members.

Thereafter, the agenda items were presented as follows:

**43.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee**

- The Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee, INFLIBNET Centre held on 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 were confirmed as circulated, since no comments were received.

**Confirmed.**

**43.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.**

- A brief report was presented on the action taken regarding the decisions of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 05<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
  - i. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee, INFLIBNET Centre.  
**Already Confirmed and Reported.**
  - ii. Action Taken on the decisions made during the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Centre.  
**Reported in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.**
  - iii. Audited Annual Accounts for FY 2024-25  
**The Finance Committee approved and recommended to put up to the Governing Board for approval.**
  - iv. Audit replies for the C & AG Audit for the F.Y. 2022-23  
**The updated pending paras have been communicated by the CAG Dept and two audit paras remaining pending.**



Audit report and replies for the C & AG Audit for the F.Y. 2023-24

**All audit paras have been settled.**

- v. Approval of one regular post for each of Junior Translation Officer and Hindi Typist.

**The committee recommended putting up before the Governing Board for approval.**

- vi. Payment of DA and DR

**Implemented.**

- vii. Hiring of new statutory auditor for FY 2025-2026

**Implemented.**

- viii. Formulation of the guidelines for usage of the Corpus fund.

**The Competent Authority, UGC, New Delhi has accorded approval for utilization of the corpus fund for development, building maintenance and physical infrastructure works at the INFLIBNET Centre with an estimated cost of Rs.1,214.67 lakhs.**

**43.3 Revised Budget Estimates for the F.Y. 2025-2026 and Budget Estimates for the F.Y.2026-2027**

The Finance Committee, after brief discussions and deliberations, members have approved the following Revised Budget Estimates for the FY 2025-26 and Budget Estimates for the FY 2026-27. The UGC Officials suggested reducing the budget requirement under BH-31 for FY 2026-27 and that the Revised Estimates may be considered subject to the availability of funds under BH-31 & BH-36 after receipt of RE from the Ministry of Education. The detail of the Revised Budget Estimates for FY 2025-26 and Budget Estimates for FY 2026-27 are given below:

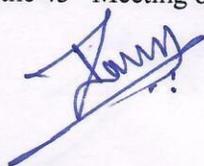
(Amount in Lakhs)

Head of Budget	Revised Budget Estimates FY 2025-26	Budget Estimates FY 2026-27
<b>"31" Budget Head</b>		
Pension and Pensionary Benefits	80.00	90.00
Foreign / Domestic Travel Expenses	16.00	16.00
Security / Housekeeping	102.00	110.00
Exp on manpower (through manpower agency) (Non-Teaching)	131.50	145.00

Other Expenses including (Electricity, water, property tax, networking, telephone and equipment/ building maintenance charges etc.) & Shodh-ganga	312.50	300.00
Trainings, Outreach & Capacity building programs	50.00	50.00
Other Expenses (NPS Contribution)	70.00	85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>762.00</b>	<b>796.00</b>
<b>"35" Budget Head</b>		
Buildings	400.00	-
Equipment/Computers	414.67	164.10
Library / Books / Journals	-	-
Furniture & Fixtures	-	-
Other Expenses	400.00	2215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,214.67</b>	<b>2,379.10</b>
<b>"36" Budget Head</b>		
<b>Expenditure on Salary</b>		
Existing Staff Salary / New Posts	760.00	810.00
House Building Advance	60.00	60.00
Medical Expenses	15.00	17.00
Leave Encashment	10.00	10.00
Leave Travel Concession	10.00	13.00
Retirement Benefits	58.49	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>913.49</b>	<b>910.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,890.16</b>	<b>4,085.10</b>

#### 43.4 Knowledge exchange visit to INFLIBNET Centre

The members were briefed about the significance of the event and aim to highlight the contribution of INFLIBNET Centre to modernizing in University Libraries across India and promoting the optimal utilization of information through advanced technologies. The Centre has extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Chairman, UGC, New Delhi to inaugurate the program.




The centre has proposed a maximum estimated expenditure of Rs.7.00 Lakhs for this event and will be utilised from the centre's savings/income/ONOS recurring head from the current financial year.

**43.5(i) Updated Audit Replies to the C & AG for the F.Y. 2022-23**

A summary of pending audit paras and replies were presented. As per updated communication from C&AG Dept., Ahmedabad, two audit paras remain pending.

**43.5 (ii) Audit Report & Replies for the C & AG Audit for the F.Y. 2024-25**

The Centre received audit observations from the UGC, New Delhi, which were forwarded by the Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure), New Delhi. Accordingly, the Centre has submitted suitable replies to the UGC, New Delhi, for further action. The Finance Advisor has suggested that the paras may be discussed with the statutory auditor for proper guidance.

**43.6 Payment of DA and DR**

The Members were briefed that the Centre, following the necessary approval from UGC regarding the revised rates of the DA and DR as per the Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide O.M. No. 1/4(i)/2025-E.II(B), dated 06-10-2025 and the Dept. of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare vide O.M.No. 42/02/2024-P&PW(D), dated 08-10-2025, for grant of dearness allowance and dearness relief, revised the rates from 55% to 58% of the basic pay and pension w.e.f. 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2025.

**43.7 Repair and maintenance work of the Centre's Building**

The members were briefed about the issues of seepage and leakage that have developed in the building, particularly in the Guest House and Residential Block of the INFLIBNET Centre.

The UGC, New Delhi has accorded approval for the utilization of Centre's Corpus fund towards building maintenance and development of Physical Infrastructure on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, as detailed below:

	Rs. In Lakhs
1) Supply and installation of VRF system at the Centre through CPWD, Gandhinagar	414.67
2) Structural repair works at the Centre building	400.00
3) Repair works related to the Centre's Sewerage system.	400.00
<b>Total tentative budget requirement</b>	<b>1,214.67</b>

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The Director, INFLIBNET Centre briefed the priority requirements for installation and upgradation of the IT infrastructure of the Centre and proposed the same in-place of "Repair works related to the Centre's Sewerage System", based on the priority of the works, within the approved budget at S.No.3 of the above table.

The UGC officials agreed to the proposal in-principle and advised that proper approval may be obtained from the UGC, New Delhi.

#### 43.8 Replacing of Six (06) Old LIFTs in the Centre

The members were briefed about the issues pertaining to the existing Lifts in the Centre. The CPWD, vide email dated 02.01.2026, informed the Centre regarding the lifespan of lifts as per CPWD General Specifications for Electrical Works (Part-I: Internal - 2023), as under:

Expected useful life of various Electrical Equipment or installations: For Electric Lifts-- 15-20 years.

*Note: These are general guidelines. Proposal for replacement will be based on actual hours of operation / conditions of use and inspection by the concerned authority. Based on adverse working condition, it may be necessary to replace installations earlier. Similarly, replacement can be postponed if the existing condition is found to be satisfactory based on detailed inspection done. But it is necessary to keep close watch, when useful life is going to be over".*

Further, M/s.Hi-Tech Elevators, the OEM of lifts, vide their email dated 13.08.2025, after inspection, advised as under:

*"Upon inspection of the lifts, we advise you to proceed with doing entire replacement of the elevators and it will cost more in the long run if they keep on using the existing elevators and continue to do repairs for the same due to ageing and condition of the existing parts for installing ARD system in this lift".*

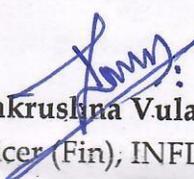
The building committee of the Centre, in its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16.01.2026, accorded in-principle approval for execution of the above work.

The estimated cost for replacement of the lifts is Rs.1.25 Crores (Approx.), proposed to be met from the existing Centre's corpus fund/ grants from the UGC, New Delhi.

After detailed discussion and deliberations, the committee recommended to constitute of an internal expert committee to examine the proposal and furnish further recommendations. The Committee also advised that the matter be processed strictly in accordance with the Government of India rules and procedures.

The UGC officials advised that proper approval may be obtained from the UGC, New Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Mr. Ramakrushna Vulasala)  
Administrative Officer (Fin), INFLIBNET Centre

  
(Prof Devika P Madalli)  
Director, INFLIBNET Centre

  
(Prof Bharat Bhasker)  
Chairman Governing Board & Finance Committee  
(Director, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)