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निदेशक की कलम से From Director's Desk



Dear Readers

I am glad to present the second quarter issue of the INFLIBNET Newsletter of 2024. With much happiness, I am privileged to share that the INFLIBNET Centre hosted and celebrated its First Open Day on 16th May 2024 with much enthusiasm. On the open day, the Centre showcased its research activities and the projects it executes, providing visitors an opportunity to learn more about them. Prof Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Ahmedabad and Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of NAAC, Bengaluru, were the Chief Guests and Speakers during the event. Around 150 participants from different institutions across the country participated in the event.

The INFLIBNET Centre announced an agreement with the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) to work together to coalesce and strengthen the substantial network of open science repositories in India at the end of COAR: Asia OA Meeting held from 17th – 18th April 2024 at UNESCO offices in New Delhi. Also, the Centre signed an MoU with the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) to promote quality education and high-end research by facilitating cooperation in research and teaching specified subjects of Library and Information Science and related disciplines.

Until the reported period, the Centre has created 1,228 IRINS instances for institutions, including 80 IRINS instances created during the reported period, and has connected 1,91,973 faculty members through this project. 133 Universities have signed MoU with the INFLIBNET Centre until the reported period to use Shodh-Chakra including 14 Universities that signed up for MoU during the period under report. The number of theses deposited into the Shodhganga repository has grown to 5,42,765 +, with 17,472 Theses uploaded during the reported period. A total of 901 (795 Universities + 106 CFTIs/INIs) have signed MoUs on Shodhganga with the INFLIBNET Centre, including 15 MoUs (15 Universities) during the reported period. I sincerely congratulate the Team behind these projects. The INFLIBNET Centre sincerely thanks and congratulates all the nodal officers of these projects for their tremendous support in achieving this success.

During the reported period, as far as the allotment of ISBNs through the ISBN portal is concerned, a total of 3,150 stakeholders registered on the ISBN portal, where 9,365 applications were received, and 1,42,302 ISBNs were allotted to the stakeholders/Publishers.

The INFLIBNET Centre regularly conducts offline/online specialized training programmes and workshops to train participants from different institutions nationwide. During the reported quarter, the Centre conducted one Training Programme (168th) on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations" from 10th - 14th June 2024. Two (02) three-day specialized training programmes on Ethical Issues and Use of Plagiarism Detection in Research from 8th - 10th April 2024, and National Workshop on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics, from 20th - 22nd May 2024, were organized at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. The Centre conducted two INFLIBNET Regional Training Programmes on Library Automation (IRTPLA) at Gauhati University, Guwahati, from 29th April - 3rd May 2024, and at IIIT Naya Raipur, from 03rd - 07th June 2024, respectively. Further, the Centre conducted 03 training programmes on ILMS and one (Seventh) Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) at the University of Mumbai, Mumbai, on 22nd April 2024, during the reported period.

As part of the awarded ORCID Global Participation Fund last July 2023, the INFLIBNET Centre conducted 04 One-day User Awareness Programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities" in selected HEIs in the country. Furthermore, as part of the awarded DataCite Global Access Funds (DataCite-GAF) in December 2023, the Centre conducted three webinars under RDM outreach programmes.

The INFLIBNET Centre celebrated the 10th International YOGA Day on 21st June 2024.

I would say that the Centre's journey and responsibilities are rising and on the right path toward supporting and fostering an open, accessible, and collaborative academic and research environment in India. I look forward to your kind suggestions for improving our service! I hope the readers will enjoy reading this issue of the INFLIBNET Newsletter. Thank you. Best wishes to you all!



(Prof. Devika P. Madalli)

INFLIBNET Training Programmes/Workshops

Three-Day Training Programme on Ethical Issues and Use of Plagiarism Detection in Research, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 8th - 10th April 2024

Three-Day Training Programme on Ethical Issues and Use of Plagiarism Detection in Research was organised from 8th to 10th April 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, and Coordinator of the programme, inaugurated the programme. In the inaugural address, he highlighted the key points from the UGC Notifications regarding Shodhganga and UGC Policy 2018 for the Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention

of Plagiarism in HEIs and stressed the use of Plagiarism Detection tools for research work. He also talked about the Research Ethics/Academic Honesty & Plagiarism Issues. Dr H.G. Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS) delivered a welcome address along with a brief overview of this flagship programme. Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS) gave an overview of the programme. Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS) expressed a vote of thanks to the participants at the end of the inaugural session.



Participants of Training on Ethical Issues and Use of Plagiarism Detection in Research with Hon'ble Director and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

A total of fourteen (14) participants including University Coordinators of Shodhganga & ShodhShuddhi, Research Scholars, Professors, and Library Professionals from various Universities and

Institutes in India joined the Training Programme. Details of the lectures delivered by the faculty of the INFLIBNET Centre and resource persons during the training programme are as follows:

Module	Resource Person
INFLIBNET Activities	Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
Introduction to Research Ethics/Academic Honesty & Plagiarism Issues/PDS	Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
Demo of Shodhganga/ShodhShuddhi/ Demo on PDS	Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS)
Use of Reference Management Tools: Mendeley, Zotero etc. & Writing Research Report	Dr Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist-C (LS)
Demo on Theses uploading and ShodhGangotri	Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS)
Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi	Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
IRINS a web-based Research Information Management (RIM): An overview of (ORCID)	Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)
Introduction to INFED and Usage Analysis	Sh Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)
Introduction to ShodhChakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources	Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
Assessing and Evaluating Research Performance: Bibliometric Indicators	Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)
e-Resources for Research	Sh Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
Hands-on practice on PDS/Shodhganga	Team PDS/Shodhganga

Three-Day Training on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 20th - 22nd May 2024

Three-Day Training on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics was organized from 20th to 22nd May 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Prof Devika P Madalli, Hon'ble Director inaugurated the programme in

the presence of University Coordinators of Shodhganga & ShodhShuddhi, Research Scholars, Professors and Library Professionals from various Universities and Institutes from India. In her inaugural address, she emphasized the Centre's extensive research initiatives and focused on

Shodhganga, highlighting its accessibility to universities through memberships by signing the MoU. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS) and project in-charge coordinated the programme and delivered the welcome address. He discussed the brief overview of the flagship programme, which is based on the UGC Notification 2018 for the Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention

of Plagiarism in HEIs. He recalled the project's inception, detailing the challenges faced in its early years when only 300 theses were uploaded by a few universities. Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS) gave an overview of the programme. Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS) expressed a vote of thanks to the participants.



Participants of Training on Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics with Hon'ble Director and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

Details of the lectures delivered by the staff of the INFLIBNET Centre and resource persons during the training programme are as follows:

Topics	Name of Resource Person
INFLIBNET Activities and Introduction to PDS	Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
Introduction to Research Ethics/Academic Honesty & Plagiarism Issues/PDS	Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
Demo of Shodhganga/ShodhShuddhi/ Demo on PDS (Plagiarism Checking)	Dr Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS)
Demo on Theses uploading to Shodhganga and Introduction to ShodhGangotri	Sh Rajan Kumar, Scientist-B (LS)

Topics	Name of Resource Person
Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi	Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
Introduction to INFED and Usage Analysis	Sh Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)
IRINS a web-based Research Information Management (RIM): An overview of (ORCID)	Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS)
Introduction to ShodhChakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources	Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
Use of Reference Management Tools: Mendeley, & Writing Research Report & Altmetrics: An Overview	Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
Assessing and Evaluating Research Performance: Bibliometric Indicators	Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)
e-Resources for Research	Sh Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
Hands-on practice on PDS/Shodhganga	Team PDS/Shodhganga

168th Five-Day Offline Training Programme on “SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations”, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 10th - 14th June 2024



Participants of 168th SOUL Training Programme with Hon'ble Director and INFLIBNET Technical Staff, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

The 168th Five-Day Training Programme on “SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations” was organized at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar from 10th to 14th June 2024. Sh Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, inaugurated

the training programme. Sh Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS) and Technical Coordinator briefed them about the training programme. Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS) and Mrs Arti Sawale, STO-I (LS) were the course coordinator and joint coordinator, respectively.

In the valedictory session, Prof Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr H G Hosamani, Former Scientist-E (LS), INFLIBNET Centre graced the occasion as a guest of honour and shared his valuable experience with participants. Ms Amrita

Devi, Scientist-B (LS) proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 38 participants attended the training programme.

The details of lectures delivered by staff members of the INFLIBNET Centre are as follows:

Topics	Name of Resource Person
INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
Administration Module	Sh Vijay Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)
Catalogue Module	Ms Roshni Yadav, STO-I (LS)
Circulation Module	Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS)
Acquisition Module	Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS)
Serial Control Module	Mrs Arti Sawale, STO-I (LS)
SOUL 3.0 Installation	Sh Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
SOUL 3.0 Web OPAC & Backup	Sh Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programmes on Library Automation (IRTPLA)

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA), Gauhati University, Guwahati, 29th April - 3rd May 2024

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) on SOUL 3.0 was successfully organized by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, in association with the Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University and Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library (Central Library), Gauhati University at MMTTC, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam from 29th April 2024 to 3rd May 2024. The main purpose of the workshop was to create awareness among the

SOUL users who are still using SOUL 2.0 in their libraries and have not yet switched over to SOUL 3.0 till date.

Prof Sanjay Kumar Singh delivered the welcome address. In his speech, Prof Singh welcomed all the guests and participants of the workshop and highlighted the need and purpose of the IRTPLA and SOUL 3.0 training for library professionals. He mentioned that more than 335 SOUL users are

there in the various colleges, universities and a few schools and special libraries in the North Eastern Region of India. Prof P J Handique, Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. Prof Handique appreciated the services extended by the INFLIBNET Centre to Gauhati University from time to time and also requested the INFLIBNET Centre to conduct this type of workshop for the welfare of library services in future.

Sh Swapnil P Patel, Scientist-D (CS) highlighted the importance of SOUL 3.0 and the various activities offered by the INFLIBNET Centre to develop higher education in India in general and North East India in particular.

Prof Partha Pratim Baruah, Director of MMTTC, Gauhati University and Guest of Honour also spoke on this occasion. Prof Baruah stressed upon the importance of computer applications in the library and other areas. At the end of the inaugural session, Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka offered a vote of thanks.



Participants of INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) at Gauhati University, Guwahati

The workshop was attended by 35 library professionals from different parts of Assam and other neighbouring states. They were trained in the installation and management of all the modules of SOUL 3.0 with hands-on practical exposure to every participant.

The workshop continued for five days from morning to evening. Participants were given both theoretical and practical exposures to SOUL 3.0 by

the learned technically sound Scientists from the INFLIBNET Centre as Resource Persons, viz Sh Swapnil P Patel, Scientist-D (CS), Mrs Hema V Cholin, Scientist-B (LS) and Sh Vijay Kumar M Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS). All the resource persons delivered their best to train all the participants.

In the valedictory session, Dr Hemanta Kumar Nath, Registrar, Gauhati University was the Chief Guest. He thanked the INFLIBNET Centre for

organizing such an event at Gauhati University Guwahati to train the library professionals of the region. Prof Shyamanta Chakrabarty, Deputy Director, MMTTC Gauhati University and Guest of Honour praised the activities and the services of INFLIBNET Centre and thanked the Centre for conducting this programme at Gauhati University. A few participants shared their experiences and feedback on the workshop and requested the

INFLIBNET Centre to organize such types of events/workshops at regular intervals in that region. Dr Badan Barman, Dr Niraj Barua, Dr Gouri Sankar Karmakar, Ms Kripanjali Saikia, etc. from DLIS and KKHL also took part in the discussion. Dr Dipen Deka, Associate Professor of DLIS offered a vote of thanks. The workshop ended with "O Mur Apunar Dekh", the State Anthem (Axom Sangeet) of Assam.

INFLIBNET Regional Training Program on Library Automation (IRTPLA), IIIT Naya Raipur, 03rd - 07th June 2024

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA-2024), was organized by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, in collaboration with the Library, Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee International Institute of Information Technology, Naya Raipur (IIIT-NR), Chhattisgarh from 03rd to 07th June 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Prof K G Srinivasan, Dean Academics and Incharge Registrar, IIIT-NR on 3rd June, at IIIT-NR Chhattisgarh, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Dr C K Swain, Librarian of IIM Raipur, and Dr Mohd Nasir, Librarian of Kalinga University, Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS) and Ms Roshni Yadav, STO (LS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, were present during the session. The workshop saw a massive response from library professionals, however, only fifty were shortlisted to attend the same. Participants from NITs, IIM Raipur, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, HNLU Raipur, and a host of institutions from Varanasi, Patna, Lucknow,

Ranchi, Ambikapur, and other places showed enthusiasm. The co-ordinator of the workshop, Mr Ajit Roy, Assistant Librarian of IIIT Naya Raipur, presented the overview and genesis of the workshop. In his inaugural speech, Prof KG Srinivasa urged librarians to stay updated in the age of ICT. He stressed the need to increase footfalls to the library by practicing innovative ideas.

A total of 50 participants attended the Workshop. The workshop imparted theoretical sessions on DSpace, Open source software, E-resources, AI and cloud computing aspects being utilized in the libraries of the contemporary world. Mrs Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS) and Ms Roshni Yadav, STO (LS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, took theoretical and hands-on sessions on SOUL 3.0 Library Management Software. The participants were distributed with a workshop completion certificate, duly signed by the Director, INFLIBNET Centre.



Participants of INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) at IIIT Naya Raipur

Online Training Programmes on INFLIBNET Learning Management Service (ILMS)

The INFLIBNET Centre conducted the following 03 training programme on ILMS during the reported period.

Name of University	Date of Training	Experts	Number of Participants
1. Centre For Distance and Online Education, Tezpur University	02-04-2024	Mr Arshad Rafiq Khan, Sr. Project Associate (CS)	12
2. RNB Global University, Rajasthan	30-04-2024		10
3 Mahatma Gandhi University, Telangana	13-06-2024		15

Regional Training Programmes on ShodhShuddhi (PDS)

Seventh Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS), University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 22nd April 2024

The Seventh Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) was organized at the University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 22nd April 2024. Prof Devika Madalli, Hon'ble Director, INFLIBNET Centre inaugurated the Programme as the Chief Guest along with Prof Kavita Laghate, Director, ICSSR (WRC) & Professor of JBIMS (University of Mumbai) as Guest of Honour. Mr Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre as resource person joined the programme.



Glimpses from the Seventh Regional Training Programme on ShodhShuddhi/PDS, University of Mumbai, Mumbai

ORCID Outreach Programmes (ORCID Global Participation Fund)


As part of the awarded ORCID Global Participation Fund last July 2023, the INFLIBNET Centre conducted 04 One-day User Awareness Programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities” in selected HEIs region-wise across the country during the reported period listed in the Table. The main objective of the programme is to create awareness of the use of academic identities, i.e., ORCID, among Indian researchers and academicians and to bring more awareness about the various services and activities of the INFLIBNET Centre, specifically IRINS and Shodh-Chakra, etc. among them. Four sessions were being delivered during each one-day programme: ORCID & Academic Identities, Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS), Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources, and the INFLIBNET Activities.

Sl. No.	Programme Date	Host University/ Institution	Resource Persons	Total Participants
1	6 th April 2024	Vanita Vishram Womens University, Surat, Gujarat	Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS) and Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)	133
2	18 th May 2024	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	Dr Kannan P, Scientist-E (LS) and Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)	155
3	20 th May 2024	Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram	Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki and Sh Pallab Pradhan	110
4	22 nd May 2024	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam	Sh Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS) and Sh Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)	140

RDM Outreach - DataCite Global Access Fund

As part of the awarded DataCite Global Access Funds (DataCite-GAF) in December 2023, the INFLIBNET Centre conducted three webinars under RDM outreach programmes.

Sl. No.	Programme Date	Host University/ Institution	Webinar's Title	Total Participants
1	25 th April 2024	INFLIBNET Centre	Driving Discoveries Through Strategic Research Data Management	144
2	28 th May 2024	INFLIBNET Centre	Elevating Research Through Effective Data Management Strategies	195
3	27 th June 2024	INFLIBNET Centre	Optimizing Research Outcomes Through Effective Data Management Approaches	237



Current Status of INFLIBNET Projects

Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources

Shodh-Chakra is an initiative of the INFLIBNET Centre under the guidance of UGC to help the academic community during their research life cycle. Shodh-Chakra provides a unique space for the researcher, guide/supervisor, and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar. The portal is integrated with millions of resources (including full-text theses) and the helping tools for the researcher, which are required during the research work. A total of 133 Universities have already signed MoU with the INFLIBNET Centre to use Shodh-Chakra including 14 Universities that signed MoU during the reported period. The details of 14 Universities are provided below:

Sl. No.	Name of Institutes/Universities	Date of Signing MoU by University	Date of Signing MoU by the INFLIBNET Centre
1	Stella Maris College, Chennai	01-04-2024	22-04-2024
2	Netaji Subhas University of Technology, Delhi	03-04-2024	22-04-2024
3	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati	04-04-2024	22-04-2024
4	Raffles University, Neemrana	09-04-2024	22-04-2024
5	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar	08-04-2024	22-04-2024
6	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat	18-04-2024	20-05-2024
7	Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Somnath	17-04-2024	21-05-2024
8	Sigma University, Vadodara	10-04-2024	21-04-2024
9	Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad		
10	Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevraya University	08-04-2024	20-04-2024
11	Amity University, Kolkata	23-04-2024	12-05-2024
12	St. Joseph University	10-05-2024	31-05-2024
13	Madhav University, Sirohi	21-05-2024	10-06-2024
14	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	03-06-2024	03-06-2024

International Standard Book Number (ISBN)

As approved by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar has been given the task of managing and executing its day-to-day activities, including registration, applications and allotment of ISBN as well as technical maintenance of the ISBN Portal. During the reported period (01st April 2024 to 30th June 2024), 3,150 stakeholders registered on the ISBN portal where 9,365 applications were received, and 1,42,302 ISBNs were allotted to the stakeholders/Publishers.

INFLIBNET Centre Signed MoU with the Central University of Gujarat (CUG) for Shodh-Chakra, 3rd June 2024

The INFLIBNET Centre signed an MoU with the Central University of Gujarat (CUG) for "Shodh-Chakra" on 3rd June 2024. Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, and Prof Rama Shankar Dubey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUG graced the event. Prof H B Patel, Registrar of CUG, and Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre signed the MoU during the event. Prof Bhavna Pathak, Professor In-Charge, Central Library, CUG also graced the event.



Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Prof Rama Shankar Dubey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUG, and Prof H B Patel, Registrar, CUG during MoU Signing Event

VIDWAN and Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS)

VIDWAN database contains detailed profiles of more than 2,50,460 faculty members and scientists working in 20,220 academic institutions till the reported period. IRINS is a web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service provided to higher education institutions in India by the INFLIBNET Centre. IRINS facilitates academic, R&D organizations, faculty members, and scientists to collect, curate, and showcase scholarly communication activities and provides an opportunity to create a scholarly network. The INFLIBNET Centre has created 1,228 IRINS instances for Institutions until the reported period including 80 IRINS instances created during the period under report. IRINS has connected 1,91,973 faculty members through this project. The project retrieved 26.65 lakhs+ (26,65,790) publications metadata from various sources, received 229 lakhs+ (2,40,86,886) citations, and 94.65 lakhs+ (94,65,921) of Altmetrics mentions until the reported period.

National Portal for Transgender Persons (TG Portal)

Under an MoU with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, the INFLIBNET Centre has developed the 'National Portal for Transgender Persons.' The portal enables a transgender person to digitally apply for a certificate and identity card from anywhere in the country without visiting any office. The Centre has continued the services as per the MoU. The table below shows the statistics about the number of applications received, certificates and ID cards issued, etc., during the reported period.

Transgender Portal April - June 2024	
Category	Number of Applications
Application Received	1901
Application Not-eligible	254
Certificates Issued	1201
Identity Cards Issued	1200

Shodhganga: A Reservoir of Indian Theses

The first and second quarter of the year 2024 is marked as a remarkable period for Shodhganga for its growth by carve-in PhD Theses from Universities/CFTIs/INIs etc. Shodhganga, a repository of full-text theses in Indian Universities has grown progressively with a total of 5,42,765 Full-text Theses and 17,472 Theses uploaded during the period under report i.e. April-June 2024.

As such, till 30 June 2024, a total of 901 (795 Universities + 106 CFTIs/INIs) have signed MoU on Shodhganga with the INFLIBNET Centre resulting in an increase in the number of full-text theses in Shodhganga where 15 MoUs (15 Univ. + 0 CFTIs) were added during the period. As such, the repository has grown progressively during the period under the report. The total theses uploaded (Fig-1) in the Quarter-Q2 (April-June 2024) are 17,472

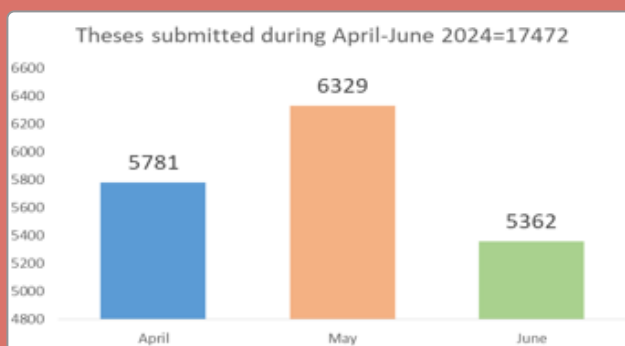


Figure 1: Theses uploaded to Shodhganga

Shodhgangotri

Shodhgangotri is also now open to PG dissertations based on the request from the Ministry of Ayush. Currently, the repository hosts 14,306 Synopses/MRPs/PDFs/Fellowships/PG Dissertations contributed by 127 universities. During the reported period, 649 Synopses/MRPs/PDFs/Fellowship/PG Dissertations were added.

ShodhShuddhi and Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS)

The Ministry of Education through its initiative ShodhShuddhi provides access to Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) to all Universities including Central, State, Deemed, and Private Universities, as well as Centrally funded Technical Institutions/Institutes of National Importance (CFTIs/INIs) in India through Central funding to enhance academic integrity in academic institutions and to curb plagiarism, w.e.f. 01st September 2019. In October 2023, a new PDS Software (i.e., DrillBit Extreme) was procured and provided to 1100+ HEIs.

As of 30th June 2024, a total of 46,22,855 documents have been submitted for checking for similarity/plagiarism from 1139 (844 active) Universities/Institutions since inception. The Project Shodhshuddhi envisaged using 10 Lakhs of documents each year with 20% extra, and now 46.22 Lakhs of documents were submitted till the end of 30th June 2024. A total of 1,77,700+ users were migrated to the new PDS Software.

Usage Statistics of PDS during the period under report

Total Submission of documents into PDS during the period under report 4,34,637. Figure-2 shows the number of submissions in the last 3 months (April = 167532, May = 207625 & June = 59480), and the average was 1,44,879. Figure-3 shows the month-wise No. of Active users.

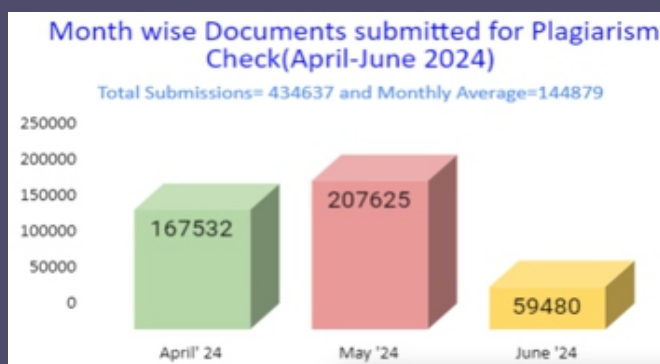


Figure 2: Nos. of Submissions in PDS month-wise (April-June 2024)

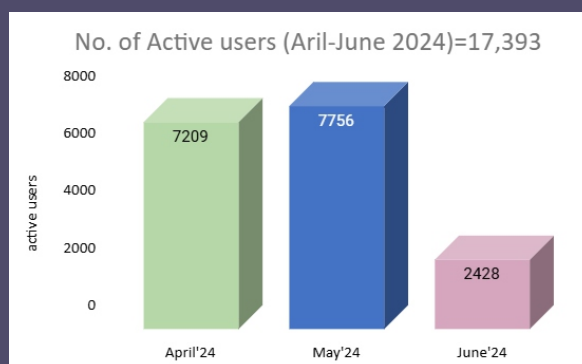


Figure 3: No. of Active Users during the period

Other Notable Events and Activities

Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) and INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar signed MoU to promote quality education and high-end research, 11th June 2024

Prof Devika Madali, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, attended as the Guest of Honour in the Two-day Management Fest 'Him Spark' Utsav organized by the Department of Himachal Pradesh Kendriya Vishwavidyalya Business School at Degree College Auditorium, Dharamshala.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) and INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar to promote quality education and high-end research. The objective of this MoU is to facilitate cooperation in research and teaching of specified subjects of Library and Information Science or any other branch of Library and Information Science. The MoU was signed in the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat. On this occasion, Prof Sat Prakash Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, CUHP, Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Prof Suman Sharma, Registrar, CUHP, Dr Dimple Patel, Dean, School of Mathematics and Computer and Information Science, and Dr Shivram Rao K, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science were present.



Prof Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre and Prof Sat Prakash Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, CUHP, with other distinguished members from CUHP

COAR and INFLIBNET agree to launch a community of practice for repositories in India

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR), an international association that develops good practices and acts as the leading global voice for the repository community, under its regional initiative Asia OA Community of Practice, organize meetings bi-annually in collaboration with a local Asian host to support information sharing and collaboration on open access and open science across Asian countries. This year in 2024, the meeting with title “The Promise and Practice of Open Science: The critical role of repositories in providing access to research” was held in Asia OA Meeting in New Delhi, India, from 17th – 18th April 2024 at UNESCO offices in New Delhi. The meeting was jointly organized by COAR and the All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society College of Engineering (AISSMS), in conjunction with UNESCO. The meetings were attended by government and university policy makers, researchers, and other stakeholders as well as open science experts from UNESCO and elsewhere. After two very successful days of meetings with many esteemed local and international representatives, COAR and INFLIBNET announced an agreement to work together to coalesce and strengthen the substantial network of open science repositories in India. On this occasion, Kathleen Shearer, Executive Director of COAR said that this provides an excellent opportunity to work with INFLIBNET to bring Indian repositories together into a stronger network, and equally to ensure that repositories in India are part of the global open science ecosystem through the adoption of common international standards”. Professor Devika Medalli, Director of INFLIBNET Centre said that it is the ideal time to embark on such an initiative, as India is leading a project to establish interoperability across repositories in the G20 countries”, and “we are so pleased to be working with COAR on enhancing repositories in India”. Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), INFLIBNET Centre also attended the meetings.



COAR: Asia OA Meeting from 17th – 18th April 2024 at UNESCO offices in New Delhi



Celebration of First INFLIBNET Open Day



Information and Library Network Centre

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The INFLIBNET Centre hosted and celebrated its First Open Day on 16th May 2024 with much enthusiasm. The purpose of the open day was to showcase the research activities and projects the Centre executes and provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about the Centre's research activities and achievements. It was also an opportunity for the Centre to engage with the public, Library and Information Science Professionals, Research Administrators, and Students and to build relationships with them. The open day provided a platform for the Centre to share its vision, mission, and strategies and to demonstrate its commitment to innovation and technological development to provide scholarly resources to the community. It allows visitors to meet the scientists and technical team behind the projects, ask questions, and gain a better understanding of the Centre's work.

The celebration included multiple segments/phases, each focusing on different aspects/activities of the INFLIBNET's work and contributions.

The event began with an inaugural session, where Prof Devika P Madalli, Director of INFLIBNET Centre, welcomed the Chief Guests and Speakers, and all attendees. Prof Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Ahmedabad and Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of NAAC, Bengaluru, were the Chief Guests and Speakers during the event.

In her opening address, Prof Madalli said that she envisaged the event 1st INFLIBNET Open Day celebration as the "Door of INFLIBNET to be opened for the whole of India".

Prof Sahasrabudhe, first congratulated the Team INFLIBNET for the 1st Open Day event, and wished a great collaboration in between IIM Ahmedabad & INFLIBNET Centre. And he expected a national level Open journal publishing system to be developed to make all Indian journals open.



Prof Bharat Bhasker, in his speech highly appreciated the many national-level efforts of the INFLIBNET Centre for the Indian academic community. He categorically mentioned ShodhShuddhi as Suddhikaran of knowledge, Shodhganga, NIRF, Swayam projects. He emphasized on INFLIBNET's increased connections to reach each and every institutions across the country.

As part of the Open Day Celebration, the INFLIBNET Centre organized Open Houses and put five stalls based on its services and activities, viz. Library Automation, e-resources and Services, OAI and OER, Research Network and Ranking, Accreditation and Technical Services. After the inaugural session, all the attendees along with the Chief Guests, visited each stalls and explored the vary activities, projects and services of the INFLIBNET Centre, and enquired and interacted with the team.



Also, as part the event, an ideation was organized where creative ideas towards the objectives of the INFLIBNET Centre and that may benefit the higher education community of the country were invited and presented. For ideathon presentations, after rigourous review, only 10 shortlisted ideas were presented on the day. And to review and select the winners, a jury panels including Dr JK Tripathy, Joint Secretary, UGC, New



Delhi was also present as invited guest. A quiz competition was also held at the end of the programme. At last, Dr Tripathy announced the Top 3 winners from the ideathon presentations and winner of the quiz competition. In his closing remarks, he congratulated the Team INFLIBNET for organizing the first Open Day event at the Centre, and assured to support the INFLIBNET Centre from UGC side in every way possible.

Around 150 participants from different institutions across India participated in the First INFLIBNET Open Day celebration. The First INFLIBNET Open Day on 16th May 2024, marked a significant step in the Centre's journey toward supporting and fostering an open, accessible, and collaborative academic and research environment in India. Through showcasing its activities and services and getting directly engaged with the library, academic and research communities, the INFLIBNET Centre showed its dedication and contributions to strengthening the country's educational and research framework at large.

International Yoga Day Celebration

The INFLIBNET Centre celebrated the 10th International YOGA Day on 21st June 2024. Yoga expert, Dr Shagun Tuteja and Mr. Satyaveer from Lakulish Yoga University, Ahmedabad were invited to demonstrate various Yoga asanas and explain the correct way of doing the same. The staff members actively participated in the International YOGA Day celebrations and performed warm-up exercises, omkar chanting pranayama, and different asanas by embracing the spirit of yoga. The event ended with a formal vote of thanks, followed by high tea.



International YOGA Day Celebration at the INFLIBNET Centre

Staff News

Mr Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-E (CS)

Sh Manoj Kumar was invited to deliver a lecture on AI Tools for Administration and AI tools of Microsoft products on 4th June 2024 at Ganpat University, Mehsana.

Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)

Dr Abhishek Kumar was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Delivered online lectures on ICT under NEP Orientation and Sensitization being organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NEHU and DAVV, Indore on 11th June 2024 and 14th June 2024 respectively.

- Delivered online lecture on "e-Learning" during online two week UGC-sponsored 'Refresher Course – MOOCs, E-Content Development and Open Educational Resources being organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Sant Gadge Baba, Amravati University, Amravati on 8th & 9th May 2024.
- Delivered online lecture on INFLIBNET Services during One-day workshop on Academic Ethics, Plagiarism, Drillbit and Grammarly Service" at SLBSNS University, New Delhi on 9th May 2024.

Dr Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)

Dr Kruti Trivedi delivered a lectures on "Enhancing Research Output and Visibility" and an online lecture on "Databases and Research Metrics" in the Pre Ph.D. Course Work: Research Methodology (RM) & Research Publication & Ethics (RPE) at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar on 24th May 2024 and 29th May 2024 respectively.

Sh Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)

Sh Raja served as a resource person during the webinar on "The National Book and Copyright Day at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu (Deemed to be University) on 24th April 2024.

Dr Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist-C (LS)

Dr Miteshkumar Pandya was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Delivered lectures on Managing References in Zotero and Research Report Writing in MS Word and The Evolving Landscape of Academic Writing Using AI Tools at School of Technology, Pandit Deendayal Energy

University, Gandhinagar on 6th April 2024

- Attended Elicit: The AI Research Assistant, Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and LIS Research at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai on 15th June 2024.

Mr Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)

Sh Pallab was selected as a Fellow for the 2024 Open Repositories conference held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from 3rd – 6th June 2024 (<https://or2024.openrepositories.org/>) with full funding support, and presented his presentation paper titled "Open Research Data, Data Sharing, and Access Policies of the Indian Research Funding Agencies: An Overview.

Mr Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)

Mr Vijaykumar delivered a lecture on SOUL 3.0 Software during the Workshop on "Library Automation" in Physical mode at District Library, Gandhinagar on 9th June 2024.

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User's Speak

For ShodhShuddhi

ShodhShuddhi is a very useful reservoir for the future of researchers and institutions both. We are very thankful towards the support team for providing such a good platform.

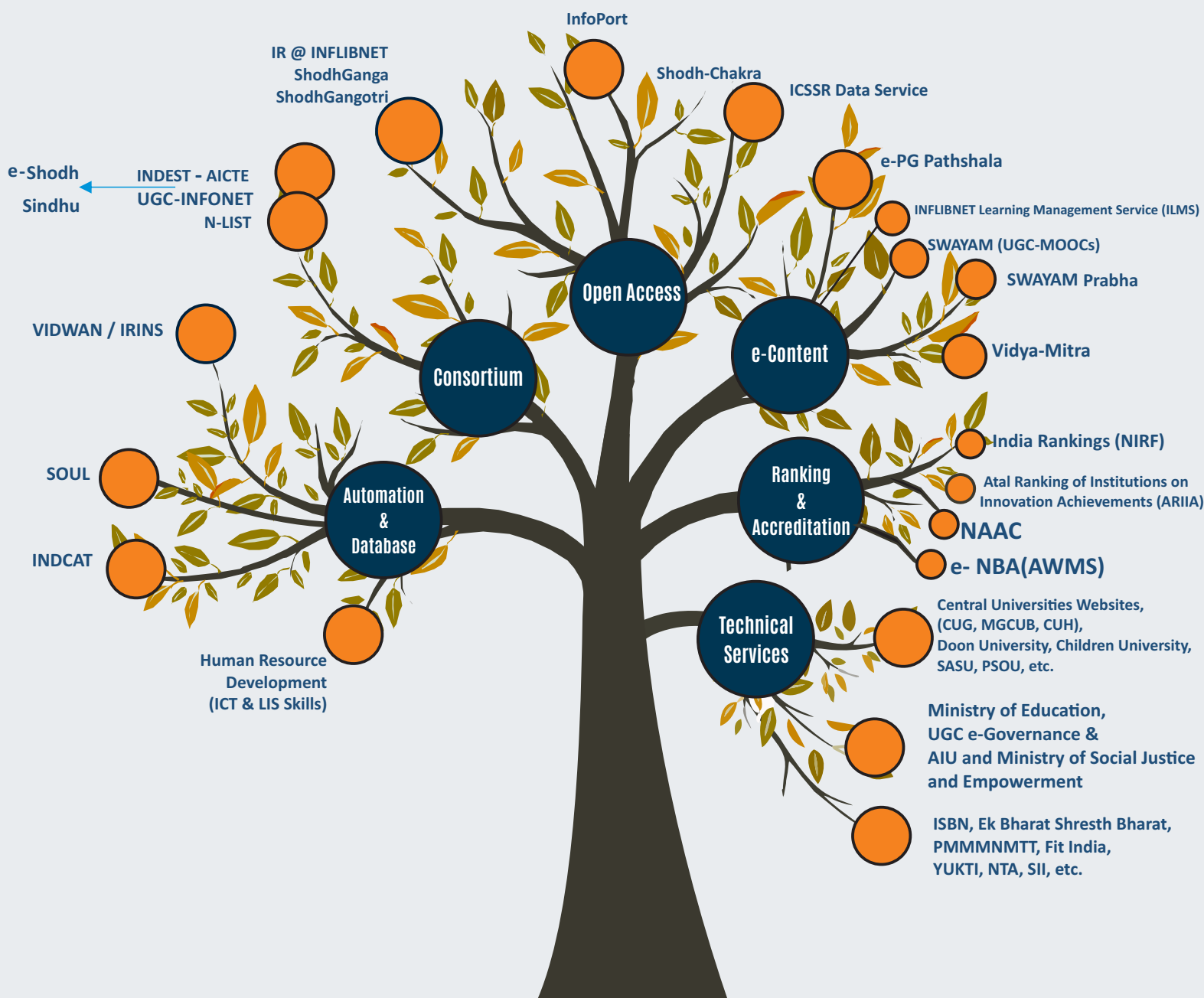
(Mangalayatan University Jabalpur)

For Shodhganga

Hi,

I hope this email finds you well. I am currently exploring the potential application of Ayurveda in treating various diseases among Jain monks. During my research, I came across the realization that there exists a vast repository of over 5 lakh theses on Ayurveda.

Shodhganga User



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