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## निदेशक की कलम से From Director's Desk



### Dear Readers

It is my great pleasure to present the INFLIBNET Newsletter for the first quarter of 2026. This quarter has been marked by broader institutional engagement, capacity-building initiatives, and the launch of new platforms, thereby strengthening and expanding the INFLIBNET Centre's contributions to the country's higher education and research infrastructure.

During the period, the Centre hosted its annual Open Day on 27th February 2026, with the theme "Opening Knowledge Pathways". The event successfully showcased the Centre's latest technological milestones, innovative academic platforms, and research initiatives to the participants. The Centre was honored to have V. S. Chauhan, Arturo Falaschi Emeritus Scientist at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), and Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Institution of Eminence, University of Delhi, as the Chief Guest for the inaugural session of the event. Prof. Chauhan officially launched four new flagship projects during the event: ShodhPrabha, the Academic Repository of Indian Patents; InfyMEET, a conference and workshop announcement platform; Shodhganga 2.0 (Beta) version; and Open SOUL (Beta) version. These initiatives reflect the Centre's continued effort to support innovation and improve discoverability. Also, the Centre celebrated the historic milestone, the first anniversary of the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative, during the event.

Furthermore, I am thrilled to share the launch of the Director's Blog on the 77th Republic Day. The blog is intended to serve as an interactive and informative platform for communicating INFLIBNET's latest developments, services, and ongoing initiatives to the academic and library community. During the period, the Centre organized the INFLIBNET Conclave on "Advancing Semantic Interoperability in Indian Research Infrastructure" as part of Resonance 2026, on 6th March 2026 at DES Pune University, Pune, where discussions focused on advancing semantic interoperability and knowledge graph technologies to strengthen India's research information ecosystem.

The Centre's flagship services also showed impressive progress during the period. ONOS moved forward with the subscription survey for non-government institutions for Phase II implementation. VIDWAN, IRINS, SheRNI, and LIB-VAHINI continued to expand their coverage and impact, with VIDWAN containing detailed profiles of more than 3,59,949 faculty members; a total of 1,926 IRINS instances for institutions, including 96 IRINS instance creations during the reported period; SheRNI hosts over 1,26,000+ women experts; and LIB-VAHINI hosts over 3,200+ LIS professionals. Shodh-Chakra saw further institutional participation through 59 new MoUs. At the same time, Shodhganga continued to grow as India's primary repository of electronic theses, with a total of 6,67,084 full-text theses

uploaded till the reported period, including 19,376 during the reported period. A total of 1039 (924 Universities + 115 CFTIs/INIs) have signed MoUs on Shodhganga with the INFLIBNET Centre, of which 19 were from Universities (19 universities) added during the reported period. The launch of Shodhganga 2.0 Beta also marks an important step towards improved speed, access, and platform efficiency.

During the period, the Centre continued with its strong focus on awareness and training programmes. A series of workshops and training programmes were organised at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, including a two-day specialized SOUL Software Practical Workshop, a specialized training programme on Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis for scientists of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), two (02) training programmes on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operation, two (02) specialized training programmes for library staff of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)/Department of Space (DoS), and a national workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS).

To ensure its massive nationwide adoption, the ONOS team conducted extensive user awareness campaigns, conducting seven (7) offline awareness programmes on ONOS and INFLIBNET Activities, and 11 targeted webinars on different modules of ONOS, alongside 16 collaborative publisher sessions. ONOS also recognized its tangible grassroots impact by presenting a usage award to the top-performing institution, the College of Engineering Trivandrum, Kerala, at the INFLIBNET Open Day 2026, on 27th February 2026.

Furthermore, the INFLIBNET Centre organised seven (07) institutional training programmes and three (03) webinars on VIDWAN-IRINS, six (06) one-day awareness-cum-training programmes, during the period. Also, seven (07) institutional training programmes, fourteen (14) Nodal Meetings, and Researcher and Guide Meetings on Shodh-Chakra were conducted, along with two (02) training programmes on ILMS during the reported period.

The quarter was equally important for national outreach and collaboration. The Centre signed MoUs with Bidar University, Bihar Engineering University, the Government of Maharashtra for the MahaRankings platform, APSCHE and state public universities of Andhra Pradesh, and Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar. These collaborations will help strengthen digital library services, research support systems, academic resource sharing, institutional rankings, and research infrastructure development across institutions and states.

At the Centre, we observed Basant Panchami, International Women's Day, and a Rajbhasha Hindi programme featuring specialized Unicode training, reaffirming our commitment to learning, inclusivity, workplace sensitization, and the promotion of the Hindi language. The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at the Centre organized a highly successful sensitization programme for 120 staff members on International Women's Day.

I am also pleased to welcome Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (Computer Science), and Sh. Sagar Bhimrao Gajbe, Scientist-B (Library Science), to the Centre, and to the INFLIBNET family. I extend my sincere appreciation to all the INFLIBNET colleagues whose contributions made this quarter productive and meaningful. As we move ahead and look toward the remaining quarters of 2026, INFLIBNET Centre remains committed to contributing towards India's higher education and research community through equitable access to resources, trusted digital services, and capacity building.



(Prof. Devika P. Madalli)

# INFLIBNET Training Programmes/Workshops

## Two-day Practical Workshop on SOUL Software, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The INFLIBNET Centre organized a two-day SOUL Software Practical Workshop at the Centre, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, and the inaugural session was chaired by Prof. A. R. D. Prasad, Retired Professor, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru. The

programme focused on software testing and sought new inputs, expert opinions, and user feedback for the further enhancement of the cloud-based SOUL software. Twenty (20) invited LIS professionals using various ILMS from different institutions across the country participated in it. The programme was coordinated by Dr. H. G. Hosamani, Former Scientist-E, INFLIBNET Centre.



**Figure-1: Group Photo of the Two-day SOUL Practical Workshop**

## Three-Day Specialized Training Workshop on 'Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis' for the Scientists of CCRH, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The third programme in the series, the three-day specialized training workshop on 'Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis', was conducted at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The programme was

inaugurated by Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), at the Centre's Training Lab. Thirty (30) scientists from across the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) labs, representing twelve states across the country, attended the training workshop.



**Figure-2: Group Photo - Training Workshop on 'Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis' for the Scientists of CCRH**

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

Sl. No.	Topic	Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
2	Research Impact Metrics: Calculation & Context	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
3	Advanced Search Techniques – WoS (Demonstration)	Clarivate Team
4	Advanced Search Techniques of Web of Science (practical)	Hands-on by Clarivate Team
5	Advanced Search Techniques – Scopus (Demonstration)	Elsevier-Scopus Team
6	Advanced Search Techniques of Scopus (Practical)	Hands-on by Elsevier-Scopus Team
7	Beyond Citation Analysis: Altmetrics	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
10	Biblioshiny: An R GUI for Bibliometric Analysis (Demonstration)	Sh. Hitesh Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
11	Biblioshiny: An R GUI for Bibliometric Analysis (Practical)	Hands-on Practice Team
12	Academic Identities with reference to ORCID	Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (CS)
13	Advanced Citation Analysis and Visualization using VOS Viewer	Sh. Hitesh Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)

## 180<sup>th</sup> Five-Day Training Programme on “SOUL3.0: Installation and Operation”, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The 180th five-day training programme on “SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations” was organized from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Hon’ble Director, Prof. Devika P. Madalli, inaugurated the training programme. Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), briefed the participant about the training programme. Smt. Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS) and Smt. Arti Sawale, STO (LS), were the course coordinator and joint coordinator, respectively. During the programme, a local educational tour was arranged at Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad for

the benefit of participants. A total of 12 participants attended the training programme.

In the valedictory session, Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, distributed the certificates to participants, sharing his insightful journey and experience in SOUL. Smt. Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS), proposed a vote of thanks.

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

Sl. No.	Topics (Module)	Name of Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
2	Administration Module	Sh. Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)
3	Catalogue Module	Sh. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
4	Circulation Module	Mrs. Hema Cholin, Scientist-B (LS)
5	Acquisition Module	Dr. H G Hosamani, Consultant (LS)
6	Serial Control Module	Smt. Arti Sawale, STO-I (LS)
7	SOUL 3.0 Installation	Sh. Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)
8	SOUL 3.0 Web OPAC & Backup	Sh. Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)
9	Practical of All Modules	Sh. Viraj Parekh, Library Officer (LS)
		Ms. Rose Mary, Library Officer (LS) Sh. Rajan Pandey, Library Associate (LS) Ms. Shijina, Library Associate (LS) Ms. Satish Kumar, Library Associate (LS)



Figure-3: Glimpses of the 180th SOUL3.0: Installation and Operation Programme

Three-day 'Specialized Training Programme for Library Staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Government of India', INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 09<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Figure-4: Glimpses of the 1<sup>st</sup> Specialized Training Programme for ISRO, DoS, Gol.

A five-day training workshop titled “Specialized Training Programme for Library Staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Government of India” was conducted at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, from 09th to 13th February 2026, the first planned collaborative programme with ISRO, DoS, Gol, in the series. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Devika P.

Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, at the Centre’s Training Lab. The workshop was attended by 22 library professionals from 15 Centers of ISRO, DoS, representing seven states across the country.

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

Sl. No.	Topic	Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
2	Beyond Citation Analysis: Altmetrics	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
3	ONOS and Usage Statistics Management	Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
4	Use of AI: Designing Library Applications for Search, Chatbots, and Digital Archiving	Sh. Bhavesh Patel, IIMA
5	Introduction to Prompt Engineering	Sh. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
6	Introduction to Research Ethics & Plagiarism Issues	Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)
7	Classification and Cataloguing (MARC, RDA etc.)	Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
8	Author Academic Identity and ORCID	Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)
9	Getting Started with Linux: Environment & Basic Commands	Sh. Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)
10	Creation and Management of Institutional Repository (IR) using Open-Source Software: DSpace (Theory)	Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS)
11	Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi (Theory)	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
12	Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi (Practical)	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
13	Introduction to Drupal for Content Management	Dr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Dy. Librarian, NFSU, Gandhinagar
14	Visit to SAC and PRL Libraries	
15	Advanced Citation Analysis and Visualization using VOS Viewer/Biblioshiny (Theory)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)
16	Copy Cataloguing and Retrospective Conversion	Sh. Dharmeshkumar Shah, Scientist-B (CS)
17	Research Information Management System (RIMS): IRINS and SheRNI	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
18	IRINS: Data Curation and Profile Creation	Practical by IRINS Team
19	Advanced Citation Analysis and Visualization using VOS Viewer/Biblioshiny (Practical)	Dr. Roma Asnani, STO-I (LS)
20	e-Learning: Content Creation & Hosting	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
21	Introduction to INFED	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)
22	Patent Information Resources for Research & Development	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
23	Use of Reference Management Tools: Mendeley & Zotero	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)

## Three-day 'Specialized Training Programme for Library Staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Government of India', INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The second in the series, the five-day training workshop titled “Specialized Training Programme for Library Staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space, Government of India” was conducted at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, at the Centre’s Training Lab. The workshop was attended by twenty-six (26) library

professionals from 11 ISRO centers, representing five states. The programme aims to strengthen professional competencies and enhance the effective utilization of advanced libraries and information services within the ISRO organization and labs.

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

Sl. No.	Topic	Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
2	Biblioshiny: An R GUI for Bibliometric Analysis (Theory)	Sh. Hitesh Solanki, Scientist- C (CS)
3	Biblioshiny: An R GUI for Bibliometric Analysis (Demonstration)	Dr. Roma Asnani, STO-I (LS)
4	Introduction to Prompt Engineering	Sh. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
5	Use of AI: Designing Library Applications for Search, Chatbots, and Digital Archiving	Sh. Bhavesh Patel, IIMA
6	Advanced Citation Analysis and Visualization using VOS Viewer (Theory & Demonstration)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)
7	Visit to SAC and PRL Libraries	
8	Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi (Theory)	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
9	Statistical Methods for Research & Data Analysis using R/Jamovi (Practical)	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)
10	Introduction to Drupal for Content Management	Dr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Dy. Librarian, NFSU, Gandhinagar
11	Classification and Cataloguing (MARC, RDA etc.)	Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
12	Creation and Management of Institutional Repository (IR) using Open-Source Software: DSpace (Theory)	Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS)
13	Use of Reference Management Tools: Mendeley & Zotero	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
14	Altmetrics and Journal Finder Tools in Scholarly Publishing	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
15	Research Information Management System (RIMS): IRINS and SheRNI	Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)
16	Getting Started with Linux: Environment & Basic Commands	Sh. Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)
17	Introduction to INFED and ONOS	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)
18	e-Learning: Content Creation & Hosting	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
19	Copy Cataloguing and Retrospective Conversion	Sh. Dharmeshkumar Shah, Scientist-B (CS)
20	Author Academic Identity and ORCID	Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)
21	Patent Information Resources for Research & Development	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)



Figure-5: Glimpses of the 2nd Specialized Training Programme for ISRO, DoS, GoI.

## Three-Day National Workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Figure-6: Glimpses of the RIMS Workshop

A three-day national workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS) was successfully conducted at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The workshop aimed to provide participants with comprehensive knowledge and hands-on training on implementing and managing RIMS in academic and research institutions. The programme was formally inaugurated on 11th March 2026 by Sh.

Yatrik R. Patel, Scientist-E (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, at the Centre's Training Lab. The workshop witnessed active participation from 26 participants from seven states across the country.

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

Sl. No.	Topic	Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)
2	Research Information Management System (RIMS): An Overview	Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IITGN
3	IRINS: Indian Research Information Network System	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS)
4	Academic Identities with reference to ORCID	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS)
5	Assessing and Evaluating Research Performance of Athor using Bibliometric Indicators	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)
6	CRIS/IRINS Standards, Metadata, and Data Sources	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
7	Research Data Management: An Overview	Sh. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
8	Management Plan for Research Data	Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS)
9	ONOS: Access, User Management, and Usage Monitoring	Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)
10	SheRNI, Vidwan, IRINS, LIB-VAHINI: Data Curation and Profile Creation	Practical by IRINS Team
11	IRINS Analytics & Nodal Officer Dashboard	Practical by IRINS Team
12	INDIAN Access Management Federation (INFED)	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS)
13	Patent Information Resources for Research & Development	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)
14	Persistent Identifiers - Research Visibility & Impact	Dr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Dy. Librarian, NFSU, Gandhinagar
15	Shodh-Chakra: Scholars Profiles and Resources Management System	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS)

## 181<sup>st</sup> Five Days Offline Training Programme on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations", INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The 181<sup>st</sup> Five-Day Training Programme on "SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations" was organised from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), Smt. Hema Cholin, Scientist-C (LS), and Sh. Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS), served as

the Technical Coordinator, Course Coordinator, and Joint Coordinator, respectively.

The programme was inaugurated by Sh. Manoj Kumar K., Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre. Sh. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-E (CS), provided an overview of the training programme. The vote of thanks

during the inaugural session was proposed by Smt. Hema Cholin, Scientist-C (LS). A total of 12 participants attended the training programme. For

the gathering and shared her valuable insights, offering positive concluding remarks on the programme. She also distributed certificates to the



**Figure-7: Glimpses of the 181st SOUL Training**

the benefit of the participants, a local educational tour was arranged at Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad.

During the valedictory session, Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, addressed

participants. Ms. Shivani Thakur, Scientist-B (LS), proposed the formal vote of thanks at the conclusion.

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

Sl. No.	Topics (Module)	Name of Resource Person
1	INFLIBNET Activities & Services	Dr. H. G. Hosamani, Consultant (LS)
2	Administration Module	Sh. Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)
3	Catalogue Module	Sh. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist-D (CS)
4	Circulation Module	Smt. Hema Cholin, Scientist-C (LS)
5	Acquisition Module	Dr. H. G. Hosamani, Consultant (LS)
6	Serial Control Module	Smt. Arti Sawale, Scientist-B (LS)
7	SOUL 3.0 Installation	Sh. Vijaykumar Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)
8	SOUL 3.0 Web OPAC & Backup	Sh. Swapnil Patel, Scientist-D (CS)
9	Practical of all modules	Ms. Savita Devi, STA-I (LS)
		Sh. Viraj Parekh, Library Officer (LS) Ms. Rose Mary, Library Officer (LS) Sh. Rajan Pandey, Library Officer (LS) Ms. Shijina, Library Associate (LS) Sh. Satish Kumar, Library Associate (LS)

# Awareness Programme on One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)

During the reported period, the INFLIBNET Centre conducted the following user awareness programmes (Offline and Webinars) and collaborative Webinars on ONOS with Publishers, covering sessions like ONOS College

Administrator and Access. Through these initiatives, ONOS continues to raise awareness, improve users' skills, and promote the efficient use of digital academic resources nationwide.

## User Awareness Programme on ONOS and INFLIBNET Services (Offline)

The INFLIBNET Centre conducted seven (07) offline training programmes on ONOS and INFLIBNET Activities at various universities and institutions across the country during the reported period.

Sl. No.	Institute/University Name	Name of the Expert	Date of Training	Mode of Training	No. of Participants
1	Gulbarga University, Gulbarga	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	6th January, 2026	Offline	400
2	National Forensic Sciences University, Dharwad Campus, Dharwad, Karnataka	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-C (CS), and Dr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Deputy Librarian, NFSU Gandhinagar	12th January, 2026	Offline	86
3	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS), and Sh. Raja V., Scientist-C (CS)	22nd January, 2026	Offline	222
4	Maharana Pratap University of Agricultural & Technology	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)	20th February, 2026	Offline	79
5	INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar	ONOS Team	26th February, 2026	Offline	50
6	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU), Lucknow, UP	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS), and Mrs. Roshni Yadav, STO (LS)	10th March, 2026	Offline	217
7	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-C (CS), and Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)	23rd March, 2026	Offline	220



Figure-8: Glimpses of the User Awareness Programme on ONOS at the INFLIBNET Centre

On 26th February 2026, the INFLIBNET Center hosted a User Awareness Programme on ONOS One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) at its campus in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. During the inaugural session, Prof. Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET, at first welcomed all the delegates. In her address, she emphasized the importance of the ONOS project for the country's education and research community and presented ONOS's journey over the past year since its inception. She categorically encouraged delegates to make the most use of it, further creating and

raising awareness of ONOS within their own communities at the organizational level.

In addition to the above, the INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with the following universities/institutions organized on-site User Awareness Programmes on ONOS:

1. Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, on 06th January 2026.
2. Bidar University, Karnataka, 08th January 2026
3. Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, 12th January 2026

## User Awareness Programme on ONOS (Webinars)

During the period, 11 Webinars were organized by the INFLIBNET Centre on various topics, including College Administration and access to e-resources under ONOS.

Sl. No.	Date	State/Region	Resource Person	No. of Participants
1	02-01-2026	One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Institute Administration & Access	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	94
2	09-01-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS) and Mrs. Roshni Yadav, STO (LS)	401
3	23-01-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	147
4	30-01-2026	How to Access e-resources and Apply for Article Processing Charges (APC) under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	176
5	06-02-2026	One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Institute Administration & Access	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	175
6	13-02-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	287
7	20-02-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	169
8	06-03-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Sh. Rishabh Kumar (Project Staff)	367
9	13-03-2026	One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Institute Administration & Access	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	83
10	20-03-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS), and Sh. Rishabh Kumar (Project Staff)	113
11	27-03-2026	How to Access e-resources under One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)	Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS), and Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS)	64
			Total	2076

## User Awareness Programme on ONOS (Collaborative Webinars with Publishers)

Furthermore, the INFLIBNET Centre organized the following sixteen (16) awareness webinars in collaboration with the publishers to raise awareness among users.

Sl. No.	Programme Details	Date
1	Author Workshop by Thieme Publishing under ONOS	12-01-2026
2	User Awareness Programme on ONOS with Project Muse	16-01-2026
3	Learn how to access 2500+ Taylor & Francis Journals available under ONOS	16-01-2026
4	Enhancing Research through IOP Science Journals	19-01-2026
5	Workshop by Oxford University Press & INFLIBNET	20-01-2026
6	End-to-End ASME Training: Publishing as an Author and Accessing Content Via ONOS	23-01-2026
7	Publish smart with ASCE: Author's workshop & ONOS knowledge access	30-01-2026
8	User Awareness Programme on One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) for ACS	16-02-2026
9	User Awareness Programme on One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) for IndianJournals	18-02-2026
10	User Awareness Programme on One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) for AAAS	23-02-2026
11	How to Navigate the New Emerald Insight Platform	12-03-2026
12	Annual Reviews: An Overview for ONOS Members	17-3-2026
13	INFLIBNET and Sage live training: How to access & navigate Sage Journals through ONOS	19-3-2026
14	Making the most of ASM journals via ONOS access	25-03-2026
15	AIP Publishing Webinar: Advancing Science, together – Supporting India's Research Community through ONOS	26-03-2026
16	Navigating BMJ Journals: Access and Explore for ONOS institutions	30-03-2026

# Awareness Programme on Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS)

During the reported period, the INFLIBNET Centre organised the following seven (07) institutional training programmes (offline) on VIDWAN-IRINS:

Sl. No.	Name of Institute	Date of Training	Name of Experts	No. of Participants
1.	National Forensic Sciences University, Goa Campus, Goa	23-02-2026	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS), Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS), and Dr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Deputy Librarian, NFSU, Gandhinagar	70
2	National Institute of Technology Patna, Patna, Bihar	09-03-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)	80
3	St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu	14-03-2026	Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar, and Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS)	87
4	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra	16-03-2026	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)	154
5	Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla, Odisha	20-03-2026	Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)	203
6	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh	23-03-2026	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS),	140
7	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	28-03-2026	Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar, and Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS)	76
			Total	810

Furthermore, during the reported period, the INFLIBNET Centre organised the following three (03) webinars on VIDWAN-IRINS:

Name of Institute Webinar Details	Date of Training	Name of Experts	No. of Participants
Webinar on “Harnessing VIDWAN and IRINS for Enhancing Research Visibility and Collaboration”	09-01-2026	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)	241
	23-01-2026	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)	296
	11-02-2026	Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS), and Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)	82
	Total		619

## Awareness Programme on ORCiD

During the reported period, the INFLIBNET Centre organised six (06) ORCID one-day awareness-cum-training programmes on ORCID in collaboration with different institutions, under its ORCID's Global Participation Fund project “ORCID Integration with INFLIBNET’s Scholarly Network Projects”.

Sl. No.	Name of Institute	Training Date	Name of Experts	Number of Participants
1	Providence Women’s College, Kozhikode, Kerala	19-01-2026	Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar, and Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)	124
2	The LMN Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan	24-01-2026	Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar and Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS)	129
3	Jharkhand Ranchi University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	06-02-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS)	146
4	Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, Uttar Pradesh	07-02-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-D (CS)	154
5	Darshan University, Rajkot, Gujarat	21-02-2026	Sh. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS), and Mrs. Roshni Yadav, STO (LS)	155
6	Avantika University, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	20-03-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar & Sh. Rajan Kumar	95
			Total	803

# Training Programmes on Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources

During the reported period, the INFLIBNET Centre organized seven (07) institutional training and fourteen (14) Nodal Meetings, and Researcher and Guide Meetings, Weekly Shodh-Chakra Researcher & Guide Training and Shodh-Chakra Training & Awareness Session programmes (online) on Shodh-Chakra.

Sl. No.	Name of Institute	Training Date	Name of Resource Person	Number of Participants
1	Researcher and Guide Meeting	02-01-2026	Sana Aslam, Project staff	6
2	Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad	06-01-2026	Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	14
3	Nodal Meeting	07-01-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	2
4	Researcher and Guide Meeting	09-01-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	9
5	Nodal Meeting	28-1-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	3
6	Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan	03-02-2026	Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	13
7	Nodal Meeting	04-02-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	4
8	Hyderabad (SIND) National Collegiate University, Mumbai	11-2-2026	Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	89
9	Nodal Meeting	12-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	4
10	Researcher and Guide Meeting	13-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	3
11	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida	14-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	51
12	Nodal Meeting	18-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	2
13	Researcher and Guide Meeting	20-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	2
14	Ajeenkya D Y Patil University, Pune	20-2-2026	Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	20
15	Nodal Meeting	25-2-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	4
16	Starex University, Gurugram	07-03-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	48
17	Nodal Meeting	03-03-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	11
18	Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded	11-03-2026	Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	100
19	Researcher and Guide Meeting	13-3-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	2
20	Nodal Meeting	18-3-2026	Sana Aslam, Project Staff	65
21	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur	18-3-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS) and Dr. Navneet Kumar, Scientist-B (LS), and Dr. Sana Aslam, Project Staff	297
			Total	749

# Online Training Programmes on INFLIBNET Learning Management Service (ILMS)

The INFLIBNET Centre conducted one (02) training programme on ILMS during the period.

Name of University	Date of Training	Name of the Resource Person	Nos. of Participants
1 Sanskriti University	21-01-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Sh. Arshad Rafiq Khan	300
2 Karnataka Sanskrit University	10-03-2026	Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-E (CS), and Sh. Arshad Rafiq Khan	50

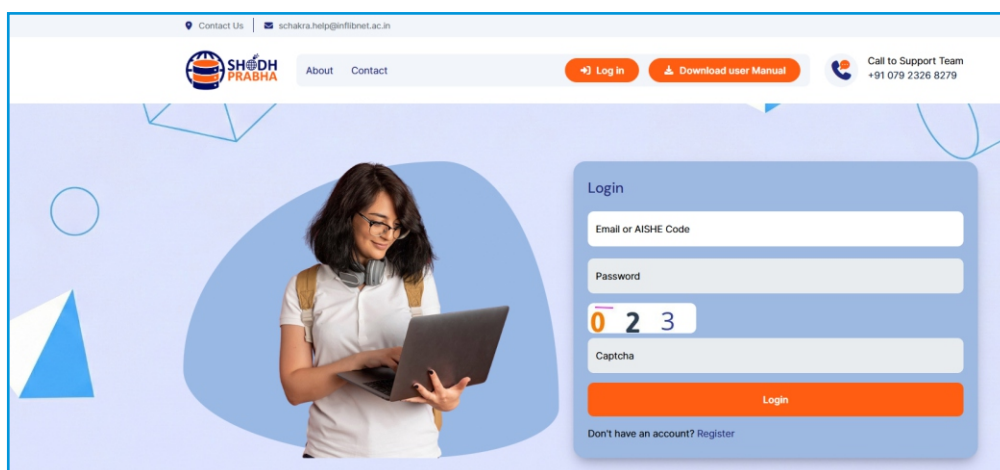
## New Projects/Activities

### Launch of the Director's Blog

The INFLIBNET Centre is pleased to announce that the Director's Blog was launched on the occasion of the 77th Republic Day. The blog will serve as an informative platform for sharing INFLIBNET's latest offerings, ongoing projects, and key services, helping the academic and library community stay up to date on new developments and initiatives. The blog can be accessed at: <https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/about/directorblog.php>.

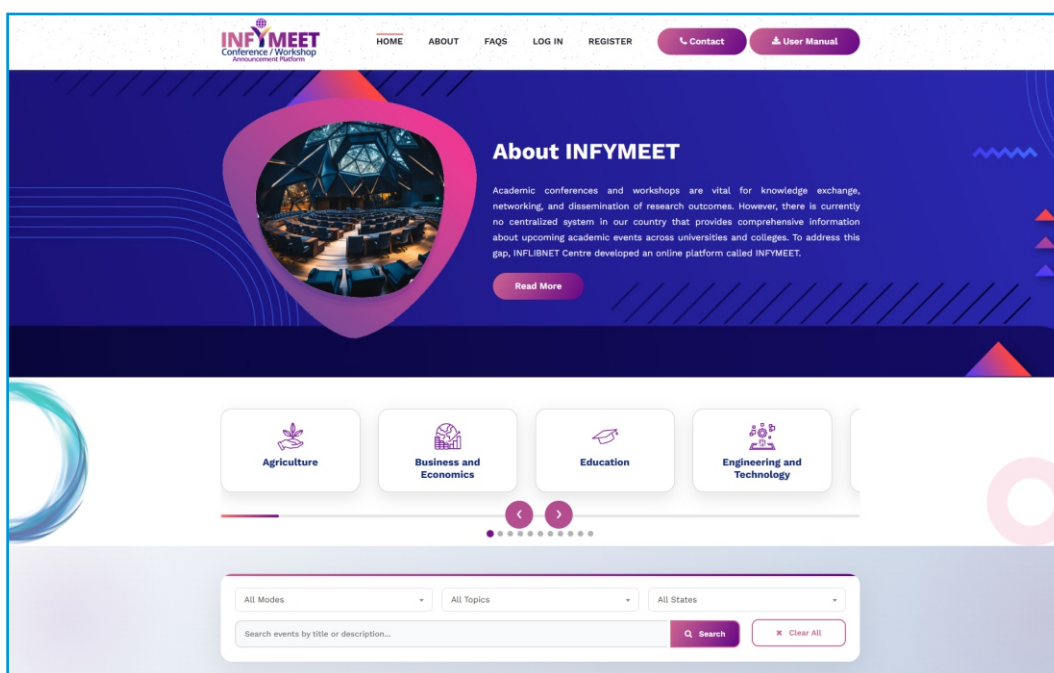
Further, during the period, the Centre initiated and launched a few new projects/activities and upgraded platforms, as follows, which were launched during OpenDay 2026 on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

► **ShodhPrabha**, the Academic Repository of Indian Patents – a dedicated patent database designed to bridge the gap between research and commercialization. ShodhPrabha is a significant step towards promoting innovation by creating a centralized repository of academic patents generated by universities across the country. ShodhPrabha has been developed in response to the lack of a single platform for accessing the combined patent outputs of Indian universities/institutions. To date, the last 10 years of NIRF patent data of institutions are available under the platform. Registered participating universities and institutions can log in to ShodhPrabha and update their patent metadata.



**Figure-9: Screenshot of ShodhPrabha Website**

- ▶ **InfyMEET:** Conference/Workshop Announcement Platform – an intuitive new platform designed for informing people about academic events and conferences across the country. InfyMeet offers a completely free and user-friendly platform where academic institutions can easily register and share their events, ensuring wider visibility and participation (<https://infymeet.inflibnet.ac.in/>).



**Figure-10: Homepage of the INFYMEET Website**

- ▶ **Shodhganga 2.0 (Beta):** A massive technological leap for India's primary repository of electronic theses. The 2.0 Beta boasts a refreshed tech stack and a new version of DSpace, ensuring faster discoverability and improved management.
- ▶ **Open SOUL (Beta):** Marking a significant shift toward open-source accessibility, INFLIBNET launched an open version of its highly popular Software for University Libraries (SOUL) library automation software.

# Current Status of INFLIBNET Projects

## One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)

During the reported period, ONOS announced the “Subscription Survey for Non-Government Institutions” for the Phase II Implementation of ONOS on the ONOS portal. The main purpose of the survey was to assess the interest of non-government institutions having a valid AISHE Code in joining the programme by submitting data on e-journal subscription details for the years 2024 and 2025, at their institutions.

## VIDWAN, Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS), SheRNI, and LIB-VAHINI

VIDWAN database contains detailed profiles of more than 3,59,949 faculty members till the reported period. IRINS, the web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service provided to higher education institutions in India by the INFLIBNET Centre, facilitates academic, R&D organisations, 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 1,926 IRINS instances for institutions until the reported period, including 96 IRINS instances created during the period under report. IRINS has connected 2,82,148 faculty members through this project. The project retrieved 39.13 lakhs + (39,13,823) publications metadata from various sources, received 400 lakhs + (4,00,70,809) citations.

**SheRNI:** She Research Network in India (SheRNI) is an expert-profile network that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. Currently, it hosts a network of over 1,26,000+ women experts from various fields.

**LIB-VAHINI,** a dedicated digital platform for Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, was launched by the INFLIBNET Centre on 12th August 2025. It was introduced on National Librarian's Day to provide a national-level repository for showcasing LIS professionals' profiles, achievements, and collaboration. Currently, it hosts a network of over 3,200+ LIS professionals.

## Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources

Shodh-Chakra is an initiative of the INFLIBNET Centre, under the guidance of the UGC, to support the academic community throughout 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 integrates millions of resources, such as full-text theses, and offers essential tools for researchers throughout the research process. A total of 408 universities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the

INFLIBNET Centre to use Shodh-Chakra, including 59 that signed during the reported period. The details of 59 universities are provided below:

### Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing event for Shodh-Chakra

Sl. No.	Name of Institutes	City	State	Date of Signing MoU by University	Date of Signing INFLIBNET Centre
1	Sardar Bhagwan Singh University	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	05-12-2025	01-01-2026
2	Bharati Vidyapeeth University	Pune	Maharashtra	16-12-2025	01-01-2026
3	Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya	Kancheepuram	Tamil Nadu	16-12-2025	01-01-2026
4	ITM Skills University	Raigad	Maharashtra	09-12-2025	01-01-2026
5	Joy University	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	16-12-2025	01-01-2026
6	Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	11-12-2025	01-01-2026
7	SDGI Global University	Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh	16-12-2025	01-01-2026
8	Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University	Mayurbhanj	Orissa	12-12-2025	01-01-2026
9	Assam Down Town University	Kamrup Metro	Assam	18-12-2025	02-01-2026
10	GLA University	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	30-12-2025	09-01-2026
11	Aditya University	Surampalem	Andhra Pradesh	24-12-2025	09-01-2026
12	Amity University, Gwalior	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	30-12-2025	15-01-2026
13	P P Savani University	Surat	Gujarat	03-12-2025	15-01-2026
14	J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA	Faridabad	Haryana	06-01-2026	15-01-2026
15	Sushant University	Gurugram	Haryana	05-01-2026	15-01-2026
16	Kerala Veterinary & Animal Science University	Wayanad	Kerala	12-01-2026	20-01-2026
17	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology	Bhubaneswar	Orissa	13-01-2026	02-02-2026
18	Rayat Bahra Professional University	Hoshiarpur	Punjab	15-01-2026	02-02-2026
19	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University	Amarkantak	Madhya Pradesh	13-01-2026	02-02-2026
20	Cluster University of Jammu	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir	14-01-2026	02-02-2026
21	Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya	Nagaon	Assam	22-01-2026	02-02-2026
22	Quantum University	Roorkee	Uttarakhand	29-01-2026	02-02-2026
23	Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University	Vijayapura	Karnataka	20-01-2026	02-02-2026
24	UKA Tarsadia University	Surat	Gujarat	08-11-2025	02-02-2026
25	Invertis University	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	02-12-2025	16-02-2026
26	Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Gujarat	13-02-2026	

27	Fakir Mohan University	Balasore	Orissa	01-12-2025	17-02-2026
28	Mangalayatan University	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	11-02-2026	17-02-2026
29	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial Health Sciences and Ayush University of Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	09-12-2025	17-02-2026
30	Acharya Nagarjuna University	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
31	Adikavi Nannaya University	Rajamahendravaram	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
32	Andhra Kesari University	Ongole	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
33	Andhra University	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
34	Cluster University	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
35	Dr. Abdul Haq Urdu University	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
36	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University	Srikakulam	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
37	Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University	Rayalapanthulapalle	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
38	Dravidian University	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
39	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Gurajada	Vizianagaram	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
40	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur	Ananthapuramu	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
41	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada	East Godavari	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
42	Krishna University	Machilipatanam	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
43	Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
44	Rayalaseema University	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
45	Sri Krishnadevaraya University	Anantapuram	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
46	Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
47	Sri Venkateswara University	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
48	Vikrama Simhapuri University	Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
49	Yogi Vemana University	Ganganapalle	Andhra Pradesh	18-02-2026	18-02-2026
50	Mahatma Gandhi Central University	Motihari	Bihar	15-09-2025	26-02-2026
51	R K University	Rajkot	Gujarat	25-02-2026	27-02-2026
52	Dibrugarh University	Dibrugarh	Assam	02-12-2025	10-03-2026
53	Sambalpur University	Sambalpur	Orissa	06-01-2026	10-03-2026
54	Jai Hind College	Mumbai	Maharashtra	26-02-2026	10-03-2026
55	Guru Kashi University	Bathinda	Punjab	04-02-2026	10-03-2026
56	National Law Institute University	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	27-02-2026	10-03-2026
57	Rajasthan University of Health Sciences	Jaipur	Rajasthan	27-02-2026	10-03-2026
58	National Law University	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	27-02-2026	10-03-2026
59	Poornima University	Jaipur	Rajasthan	03-10-2026	16-03-2026

## International Standard Book Number (ISBN)

As approved by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, has been managing and executing its day-to-day activities, including registration, applications, and allotment of ISBNs, as well as technical maintenance of the ISBN Portal. During the reported period (January 1st to March 31st, 2026), 5,524 stakeholders registered on the ISBN portal, where 14,745 applications were received. A total of 2,23,397 ISBNs were allocated to stakeholders and publishers.

## ILMS: INFLIBNET Learning Management System

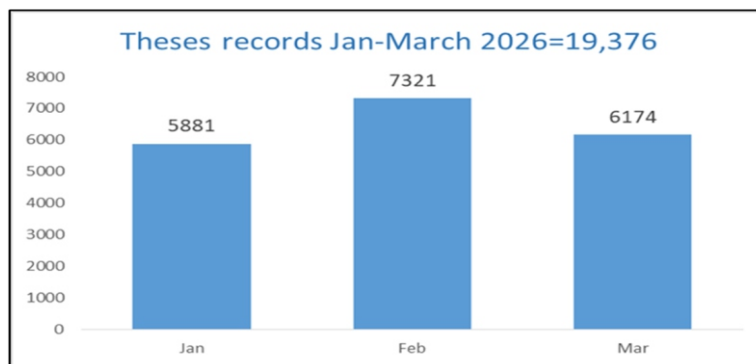
During the period reported, the INFLIBNET Centre completed the ILMS installation for the following one (01) institution:

Sl. No.	Institution's Name	Date of Installation
01	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Dabwali-Badal Road, Bathinda, Punjab-151001	11-03-2026

## Shodhganga: A Reservoir of Indian Theses

The reported quarter of 2026 was marked as a remarkable period for Shodhganga, with a significant increase in the number of PhD theses from Universities/CFTIs/INIs, etc., and the testing of upgrades to the Shodhganga platform. Shodhganga, a repository of full-text theses from Indian Universities, has grown progressively, with a total of 6,67,084 full-text theses uploaded till March 2026 and 19,376 theses uploaded during the reported period, i.e., January-March 2026.

As of 31st March 2026, a total of 1039 (924 Universities + 115 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 19 MoUs from Universities (19 universities) were added during the period from January 2026 to March 2026. As such, the repository has grown progressively during the period under report. The total number of theses uploaded (Figure 11) in Quarter: January to March 2026 is 19,376.



**Figure 11: Theses uploaded to Shodhganga from January to March 2026**

Further, as per the recommendations of the Shodhganga National Steering Committee, the migration of Shodhganga to a new version has been completed, with enhanced speed and access, including infrastructure

upgrades, database and interface migrations, and additional features and plug-ins, improving efficiency. The beta version of Shodhganga 2.0 was launched on INFLIBNET Open Day on 27th February 2026. The Shodhganga 2.0 testing with the new interface will start soon, and Shodhganga 2.0 will be launched among the stakeholders in the next quarter.

**Shodhganga 2.0 (Beta):** A massive technological leap for India's primary repository of electronic theses. The 2.0 Beta version boasts a newly refreshed tech stack and a new version of DSpace, which was launched during INFLIBNET Open Day 2026, on 27th February 2026.

## Shodhgangotri

Shodhgangotri is now also open to PG dissertations, at the request of the Ministry of Ayush. Currently, the repository hosts 18,664 Synopses/MRPs/PDFs/Fellowships/PG Dissertations contributed by 157 Universities. During this period, 650 Synopses/MRPs/PDFs/Fellowships/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. From October 2023 onwards, the new PDS Software (i.e., DrillBit Extreme) was procured for over 1100 HEIs, and the existing order was extended for one more year until September 2026, based on the recommendation of the evaluation Committee under the same terms and conditions.

As of 31st March 2026, a total of 60,21,156 documents have been submitted for checking similarity/plagiarism from 1179 (897 active) Universities/Institutions since inception. Project Shodhshuddhi envisaged the use of 10 Lakh documents each year, with an additional 20%, and now 60.21 Lakh documents have been submitted as of 31st March 2026.

### ShodhShuddhi: Usage Statistics of PDS during the period under report

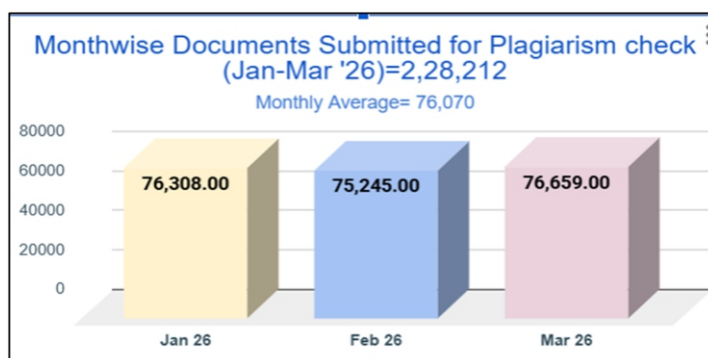
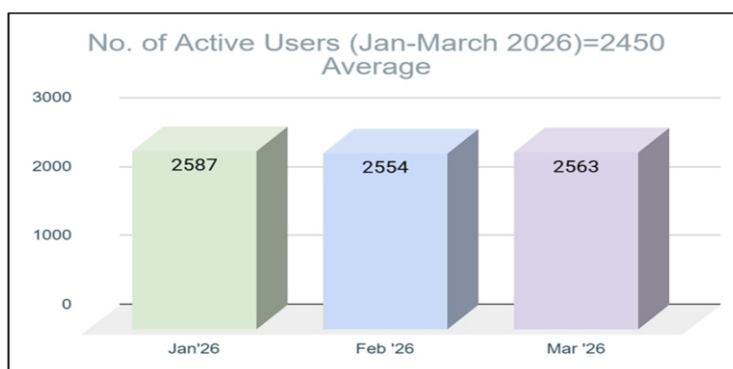


Figure 12: No. of Submissions in PDS# month-wise (January-March) 2026

Total Submission of documents into PDS during the period under report 2,28,212. Figure 12 shows the number of submissions over the 3 months (January = 76,308, February = 75,245, March = 76,659), with an average of 74,731. Figure 13 shows the month-wise nos. of active users during the period under report.

#INFLIBNET Centre's ShodhShuddhi-PDS Project under MoE is exclusively for checking plagiarism in PhD theses/Synopses and articles related to the same thesis. The users are restricted by Universities as per the policy of the institute and the responsibility of scanning the document for plagiarism check is assigned to the responsible officer(s) in many universities.



**Figure 13: No. of Active Users during the period**

## National and International Outreach

1. On 08th January 2026, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, and Bidar University, Bidar, Karnataka, officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the areas of digital library services, research support systems, and academic resource sharing. The MoU was signed by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, and Prof. B. S. Biradar, Vice-Chancellor, Bidar University.
2. On 16th January 2026, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, and Bihar Engineering University, Patna, officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the areas of digital library development, improving research support systems, and services. The event was held at the Department of Science, Technology & Technical Education, Bihar, Technology Bhawan, Patna. The MoU was signed by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, and Dr. Pradip Kumar, Registrar, Bihar Engineering University, Patna, in the gracious presence of Shri Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister, Science, Technology & Technical Education Department, Government of Bihar, and other senior officials.

3. **MoU Signing for MahaRankings Platform:** The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, on 23rd January 2026 at Pune, for the development of the MahaRankings Platform. The MoU was signed by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, and Shri. Venugopal Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, in the gracious presence of Shri Chandrakant Patil Ji, Hon'ble Minister, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, and other senior state officials.
4. **MoU Signing with APSCHE and all State Public Universities of Andhra Pradesh:** The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, signed a tripartite MoU with the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) and all state public universities of Andhra Pradesh on 18th February 2026. The MoU was signed during the State-Level One-Day Workshop on INFLIBNET Services and One Nation One Subscription (ONOS), held at Acharya Nagarjuna University in Andhra Pradesh and organized by APSCH. Under this initiative, universities will implement INFLIBNET services, including library automation and research support services, to strengthen the state's digital academic & research ecosystem. Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, attended the workshop as Guest of Honour and delivered an insightful session on the primary objectives of the ONOS initiative.
5. On 05th March 2026, the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahatma Gandhi Central University (MGCU), Motihari, Bihar, for improving research support services to MGCU, Bihar. The MoU was signed by Prof. Sanjay Shrivastava, Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar, and Prof. Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre.

## Other Notable Events and Activities

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### Basant Panchami Celebration

The INFLIBNET Centre celebrated the Basant Panchami on 23rd January 2026, filled with devotion, positivity, and festive spirit to welcome the arrival of the spring season. Prayers and puja were offered to Maa Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom, learning, and arts.



Figure 14: Basant Panchami Celebration at the Centre

## Open Day 2026: Inaugural Ceremony

The Open Day 2026 commenced with a formal and culturally rich inaugural session.

- ▶ **Invocation:** The event opened with a rendition of the National Song (Vande Mataram), followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries to symbolize the dispelling of darkness and the spread of knowledge. This was accompanied by a soulful invocation of the Saraswati Vandana.
- ▶ **Welcome Address:** Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director of INFLIBNET Centre, warmly welcomed the attendees and the Chief Guest, setting the tone for a day focused on academic excellence and technological empowerment.
- ▶ **Orientation to Open Day:** Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), formally introduced the concept and schedule of the Open Day, encouraging visitors to actively engage with the Centre's technical teams and explore the various project exhibits.
- ▶ **Keynote Address by the Chief Guest:** The inaugural keynote address was delivered by the esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. V. S. Chauhan. Prof. Chauhan provided a profound reflection on the evolution of higher education in India and the critical role of institutional leadership. He contrasted the arduous, manual research methodologies of previous decades with the rapid, interconnected technological advancements available today, specifically praising INFLIBNET for providing such critical infrastructure. Sharing his thoughts, Prof. Chauhan expressed deep appreciation for the functions and activities of the INFLIBNET

Centre and strongly advocated for elevating it to the status of a “National Institute.” Prof. Chauhan emphasized that sustained, high-quality scientific services for the entire country rely heavily on institutional autonomy backed by robust government funding. Further, in a timely caution to the academic community, he warned against the potential misuse of Artificial Intelligence in academic publishing, fearing it could lead to a surge in low-quality or fabricated research. Ultimately, he called for modern scholars to remain passionate despite increasing systemic complexities.

- ▶ **Celebrating One Year of 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS):** Prof. Devika P. Madalli presented the success stories and the one-year journey of the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative. ONOS is a revolutionary policy shift that aims to provide nationwide access to international scientific journals, effectively dismantling paywalls for Indian scholars. Further, to incentivize and recognize active engagement, an award was presented highlighting ONOS usage by the top-performing college (College of Engineering Trivandrum, Kerala), showing the tangible impact the programme has had at the academic level.



**Figure 15: Glimpses from the Inaugural Session of INFLIBNET Open Day 2026**

The central highlight of the event was the official launch of four major academic and technological platforms developed by the INFLIBNET Centre by the Chief Guest:

- ▶ **ShodhPrabha:** A dedicated patent database designed to bridge the gap between research and commercialization.
- ▶ **INFYMEET:** An intuitive new platform designed for intimating people about academic events and conferences across the country.
- ▶ **Shodhganga 2.0 (Beta):** The Shodhganga 2.0 Beta boasts a refreshed tech stack and a new version of DSpace, ensuring faster discoverability and improved management.
- ▶ **Open SOUL (Beta):** Marking a significant shift toward open source, the INFLIBNET Centre launched the open version (beta) of its highly popular Software for University Libraries (SOUL).

## ► **Fostering Grassroots Innovation:** The Ideathon Presentation:

In alignment with its mission to support future-oriented research, the INFLIBNET Centre hosted an Ideathon, inviting innovative proposals to solve pressing academic challenges. The following shortlisted ideas were presented during the afternoon session:

- ▶ Presentation 1 - AI Chatbot for INFLIBNET: A proposed AI chatbot tailored for INFLIBNET to help users navigate and query its extensive academic services.
- ▶ Presentation 2 - Unified Researcher Integration: A proposal advocating linked data and unique ID-based integration for researchers and supervisors across platforms such as Shodh-Chakra, Shodhgangotri, Shodhganga, Vidwan, and IRINS. The goal is to reduce data duplication, resolve inconsistencies, and significantly improve overall data quality.
- ▶ Presentation 3 - CLiSLE (Curriculum-Linked Smart Library Engine): An intelligent ecosystem that transforms libraries from passive repositories into active academic partners. It serves as a "Curriculum-to-Content Bridge," automatically mapping NEP-2020 syllabi to trusted digital resources such as SWAYAM, Shodhganga, and e-PG Pathshaala. It uniquely features an Academic Integrity Radar (AIR) to detect AI-generated content and integrates the Academic Bank of Credits for personalized learning.
- ▶ Presentation 4 - IKS-NET: A proposed national, INFLIBNET-led discovery and networking platform dedicated strictly to Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). It aims to profile scholars and intellectuals working on IKS across disciplines, adopting a knowledge-system-centric approach to make IKS research visible, connected, and discoverable at the national level.
- ▶ Presentation 5 - Research Companion: An integrated web-based platform designed to assist early-stage researchers with topic refinement, literature discovery, citation management, and academic networking. It provides guided topic suggestions and metadata-based literature recommendations, along with voluntary mentor opt-in systems, all built on a lightweight MVP approach to ensure scalability.
- Open Day 2026: Celebrating Innovation and Library Excellence: A major highlight of the afternoon was presenting the Research Corner Award to The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSUB) for their exemplary implementation of a "Research Corner" within their library. To support their continued dedication to research, we are proud to provide full sponsorship for one staff member to attend PLANNER 2026.

## **Open Day 2026: Valedictory Session and Conclusion**

- The Open Day 2026 concluded with a valedictory session featuring a prize distribution ceremony to honor the winners of the Ideathon, the INFLIBNET Reel Prize, and the Quiz Competition. Attendees expressed deep appreciation for the hands-on Open House visits, which offered a rare opportunity to interact directly with the INFLIBNET project teams.

- ▶ Dr. Pankaj Goswami, Director of the Directorate of Libraries, Gujarat, joined as the Chief Guest in the valedictory session. In his address, he highlighted the transformative potential of the Namu Central Library, India's largest digital library, and specifically acknowledged the pivotal role to be played by the INFLIBNET Centre in its development.
- ▶ Dr. Abhishek Kumar (Scientist-E, INFLIBNET Centre) extended the formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the tireless efforts of the INFLIBNET staff and enthusiastic participants. The event formally drew to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.



**Figure 16: Glimpses from the Valedictory Session of INFLIBNET Open Day 2026**

## Open Day 2026: Overall Impact

The INFLIBNET Open Day 2026 successfully fulfilled its mandate. By launching critical platforms like Shodhganga 2.0 and Open SOUL, reflecting on the success of ONOS, and listening to the voices of young innovators through the expansive Ideathon, the Centre reaffirmed its status as the technological vanguard of India's higher education system. The whole-day event was live-streamed on YouTube: [<https://youtube.com/live/gt6nBnEDaGQ?feature=share>] for greater reach.

## INFLIBNET Conclave on Advancing Semantic Interoperability in Indian Research Infrastructure

The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, organised a Conclave on “Advancing Semantic Interoperability in Indian Research Infrastructure” as part of the International Symposium on Data-AI Harmonies for Society (Resonance 2026) on 6th March 2026 at DES Pune University, Pune. The discussion was focused on advancing semantic interoperability and knowledge graph technologies to strengthen India’s research information ecosystem.

Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, engaged with experts to explore a strategic roadmap for integrating Semantic Web technologies across INFLIBNET's existing and future initiatives, with the aim of enhancing research information infrastructure and improving the discoverability of scholarly resources.

In the meeting, Prof. Sören Auer, Director of the Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology (TIB) and Professor at Leibniz University Hannover, shared his valuable insights. He highlighted the potential to transform large research collections into interconnected knowledge systems, which closely aligns with INFLIBNET's vision for building an integrated scholarly knowledge infrastructure. In particular, he promoted the use of ontologies as enablers of semantic interoperability and of making data FAIR for machine consumption and human interpretation.

Other experts echoed similar thoughts on incorporating a semantic layer to make research data AI-ready. It was agreed that further cross-collaboration between European and Indian research infrastructure would greatly benefit all.



**Figure 17: Glimpses from the INFLIBNET Conclave**

Happy International Women's Day 2026 on 08th March 2026 and Report of the Sensitisation Programme at the INFLIBNET Centre on 10th March 2026

To address the issues and concerns of women working in the Centre, an Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) has been constituted by the Director, INFLIBNET Centre, in line with the terms of sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redress) Act, 2013. To celebrate International Women's Day, a formal get-together-cum-meeting of Women staff was held at the Centre.



**Figure 18: Glimpse of the formal get-together on International Women’s Day @INFLIBNET**

Further, to celebrate International Women’s Day, a Sensitization Programme was held on 10th March 2026, at the INFLIBNET Centre. Prof. Sujatha Sony Onattu, Director, School of Social Sciences, and Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Cell, Gujarat University, delivered a talk on “Marking Women's Day: Educate, Enlighten & Empower.”

Dr. Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS), from the ICC Committee, coordinated the programme and delivered a welcome address. She provided a brief on the programme and gave an overview of the ICC Committee and its activities at the Centre.

Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Prof. Devika P. Madalli, highlighted the role of the Internal Complaints Committee in promoting a safe and inclusive workplace at the Centre, further highlighting the significant contributions of women in all spheres of life.

At the end of the inaugural session, Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS), proposed a formal Vote of Thanks to all the dignitaries and the staff members. Dr. Roma Asnani, STO (LS), anchored during the Programme. A total of 120 staff members attended the sensitisation programme.



**Figure 19: Glimpse of the International Women’s Day Celebration on 10th March 2026**

## Rajbhasha Hindi Programme on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

केंद्र में हिंदी भाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार और उपयोग के अंतर्गत 25 मार्च 2026 को INFLIBNET केंद्र में 'कंप्यूटर में यूनिकोड टाइपिंग' प्रशिक्षण, हिंदी पर एक विशेष व्याख्यान और मुहावरों का खेल (क्विज़) आयोजित किए गए। श्री गौरव प्रकाश, वैज्ञानिक-डी (सीएस), ने प्रशिक्षण सत्र संचालित किया।

Under the promotion and use of the Hindi language in the Center, a 'Unicode Typing in Computer' Training, a Special Lecture on Hindi, and a Game of Proverbs (Quiz) were organized at the INFLIBNET Centre on 25th March 2026. Sh. Gaurav Prakash, Scientist-D (CS), delivered the training session.



Figure 20: Glimpse of the Hindi Rajbhasha Programme on 25th March 2026

## New Appointments

### Sh. Raja V., Scientist -D (Computer Science)



Sh. Raja V. joined the INFLIBNET Centre as Scientist-D (Computer Science) on 27th February 2026. Prior to joining the INFLIBNET Centre, he had been working at the Centre as Scientist-C and B since September 2015. Prior to that, he had worked for the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, and the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. He is a physics graduate and pursued his Master's in Computer Application (MCA). He has more than 17+ years of academic and research experience in various institutes. At present, he is a member of the Software, Research and Development group at the Centre. He is working with various projects which include the "National Institutional Ranking Framework" (NIRF), INFED (INDIAN Access Management Federation), eNBA, UGC Schemes, PNMMTT, etc. He was selected as a Distinguished Engineer by the Research and

Education Federations of the Netherlands and gave a presentation and visited Estonia in Europe in June 2019. He has been invited to attend with a full scholarship and has attended many meetings of the Asia Pacific Advanced Networking Group (APAN) in New Zealand, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and many more. His areas of expertise include cloud computing, ranking methodologies, remote campus access tools, server administration, and institutional repositories. He has delivered more than 100 invited talks/lectures at various conferences/workshops.



### **Sh. Sagar Bhimrao Gajbe, Scientist-B (Library Science)**

Sh. Sagar Bhimrao Gajbe joined the INFLIBNET Centre as a Scientist-B (LS) on 30th March 2026. Before this, he served as a Scientific Assistant at the Library, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bangalore Centre, and as a Senior Research Fellow at Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), ISI Bangalore. He holds a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from DRTC, ISI Bangalore, and a Bachelor’s degree in Engineering in Information Technology from Mumbai University. He has published several articles in Scopus and Web of Science-indexed journals. His research interests include Digital Libraries, Data Management, Research Data Services, Knowledge Organization, and Semantic Web Technologies.

## Visitors – Industrial and Academic Visits

Sl. No.	Institute Name	No. of Students/Faculty	Visiting Date
1	Department of Information Technology, Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT) University, Changa		11-02-2026
2	DLIS, Mangalore University, Mangalore		16-02-2026
3	Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT) University, Changa		30-03-2026

1. Students from the Department of Information Technology, CHARUSAT University, Changa, Gujarat, under the guidance of Sh. Bhaumik Shah, HoD, visited the INFLIBNET Centre, on 11th February 2026. During the visit, Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, delivered an insightful session on INFLIBNET Activities and Services, enriching participants with valuable knowledge about national academic information resources.



2. Students from the Department of Library and Information Science, Mangalore University, Mangalore, Karnataka, under the guidance of Prof. Umesha Naik, HoD, visited the INFLIBNET Centre on 16th February, 2026. During the visit, Dr. H G Hosamani, (LS) Consultant, INFLIBNET Centre, delivered an insightful session on INFLIBNET Activities and Services, enriching participants' view towards INFLIBNET's activities and services.



3. Students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Charotar University of Science and Technology, Changa, Gujarat, under the guidance of Dr. Amit Thakkar, HoD, visited the INFLIBNET Centre, on 30th March 2026. During the visit, Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist F (CS) INFLIBNET Centre, delivered an insightful session on INFLIBNET Activities and Services, to the participants.



## **Prof. Devika Madalli, Director**

Prof. Devika Madalli was invited to deliver invited talks/lectures as mentioned below:

- Prof. Devika P. Madalli was invited as a keynote speaker at the Charleston Conference Asia 2026: Advancing Academic Librarianship and Scholarly Publishing Across Asia, themed "Between Tides: Navigating the Open Seas," in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26th to 28th January 2026. She delivered a keynote address on the topic "India's ONOS and Beyond: Equitable Access to Knowledge Resources," emphasising India's strategies to promote equitable access to scholarly information and advance the national academic knowledge ecosystem.
- Prof. Madalli served as a panelist at the 3rd Global Summit on Diamond Open Access, themed "Collaboration for Equitable Digital Infrastructures and Knowledge Commons in Agriculture and Broader Scientific Research Systems," held in Bengaluru from 2nd to 6th February 2026. On 5th February 2026, Prof. Madalli delivered an address titled "Democratizing Access to Scholarly Knowledge Resources: Creating a level playing ground for HEIs across the country," highlighting India's initiatives to expand equitable access to scholarly information, under the theme Diamond OA initiatives.
- Prof. Madalli was invited as the Chief Guest at the National Seminar on "Dr. S. R.

Ranganathan's Book Classification: A New Chapter of Indian Culture," jointly organized by Haryana Sahitya Evam Sanskriti Academy, Prof. Ranganathan Library Science Study Centre, and Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani, Haryana, on 25th February 2025.

## **Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-F (CS)**

Sh. Manoj Kumar K. delivered an invited expert talk on "Integrity in Research: Ethics and Plagiarism in Scientific Writing" for UG and PG final-year students on 11th March 2026 at Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

## **Dr Abhishek Kumar, Scientist E (CS)**

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

- Delivered an online session during FDP on "Outcome-Based Education & Accreditation (Online)" at Walchand College of Engineering (An Autonomous Institute) Vishrambag, on 04th January 2026.
- Delivered a session at EFL University in "User Awareness Programme on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services, such as ONOS, Shodh-Chakra, Shodhganga, etc. (Offline) on 7th January 2026.
- Delivered a session on the topic of "INFLIBNET Services to Academic Community" on 8th January 2026 at the Department of Education, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, during the Three-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) with Central Institute of Educational

- Technology (CIET), NCERT on ICT and Emerging Technologies for Teachers, Teacher Educators, and Pupil Teachers in Teacher Education Institutions.
- Delivered online session on the topic of “INFLIBNET Services for HEIs” on 09th January 2026 during the online Short-Term Programme on MOOC organized by UGC- MMTTC, Central University of Haryana.
  - Delivered online session on the topic of “Online Education and UGC” on 24th Jan 2026 during FIP organised by the UGC-MMTTC, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
  - Delivered online session on the topic of “INFLIBNET and its importance for the University system” on 23rd January 2026, during the faculty development programme, organised by UGC-MMTTC, University of Hyderabad.
  - Delivered an invited talk for the 3rd Ph.D. Supervisors meet on 31st January 2026 at Gujarat Technological University, Gujarat, to enhance research quality and nurture a collaborative and supportive environment for the exchange of ideas and best practices.
  - Delivered online session on the topic of “INFLIBNET Services to Academic Community” on 5th February 2026, and “IRINS and Shodh-Chakra” on 06th February 2026 in the 20th Faculty Induction Programme, organised by the UGC-MMTTC, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong.
  - Delivered a session during the offline Short-Term Training Program on Empowerment of Higher Education Administrators, 2025-26 at the UGC-MMTTC, MSU, Vadodara, on the topic of “India’s Initiative in e-learning” on 14th February 2026.
  - Delivered an invited talk on “National Academic Resources Supporting Doctoral Research” on 21st February 2026, by SAMVAD 2026 (Scholars’ Assembly for Next-gen Ventures to Advance their Development) at ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi.
  - Delivered an invited online session as resource person during the Refresher Course on “Policies, Programmes, and Services in Social Development (Multidisciplinary)”, organised by MMTTC at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, M.P., on 28th February 2026.
  - Delivered an invited online session as a Resource Person for UGC-MMTTC, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, on the topic of “Role of librarian in e-Learning” on 11th March 2026.
  - Delivered an invited talk on “Effective Use of INFLIBNET Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research” under the workshop theme “Advancing Library Management and Services for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research”, organised by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, on 24th March 2026.
  - As an educator, Dr. Abhishek also plays the role of co-supervisor of PhD scholars at Tezpur University, Assam, and Ganpat University, Gujarat.

### **Dr. Kruti Trivedi, Scientist-D (LS)**

Dr. Kruti Trivedi participated in the Charleston Conference Asia, held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26th to 28th January 2026. She was invited as a panelist for the session titled "From Stewardship to Directive Action: Libraries as Part of the Publishing Workflow", to talk on research integrity and quality assurance, during the Conference.

### **Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS)**

Sh. Dinesh Ranjan Pradhan attended the ADINET Seminar on 23rd March 2026 at CEPT University, titled "Artificial Intelligence in Academic Libraries: From Discovery to Research Support".

### **Sh. Swapnil P Patel, Scientist-D (CS)**

Delivered invited lecture sessions: 1) Overview of Institutional Repositories and the DSpace Platform; 2) Preparing the System Environment for DSpace: Prerequisites and Configuration, in the offline two-day workshop on Creating an Institutional Repository Using DSpace, on 29th January 2026 at UMA Arts and Natiba Commerce Mahila College, Gandhinagar, and sponsored by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG).

### **Sh. Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist-C (CS)**

- Delivered invited lectures on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for Higher Education, in the Offline Expert Talk Series, on 14th February 2026, at Swaminarayan University, Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Delivered invited lectures on Harnessing VIDWAN and IRINS for Enhancing Research Visibility and Collaboration, in the Offline Short-

Term Training Programme on "Empowerment of Higher Education Administrators (2025-26), held from 09th to 14th February 2026, at the MS University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat, on 10th February 2026.

- Delivered invited lectures on One Nation One Subscription: An Overview, in the Online Three-Day Workshop on "Curricular and Administrative Reforms", held from 04th February to 06th February 2026, at the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Faculty Development Academy, Government College, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, on 04th February 2026.
- Conducted sessions on INFLIBNET Services during the workshop held on 17th March 2026 at Jayakar Knowledge Resource Centre, SPPU, Pune.

### **Sh. Raja V., Scientist-D (CS)**

- Attended the Oracle AI World Tour Mumbai on 10th February 2026 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai.
- Delivered a talk (online) on INFLIBNET Activities and Services in the Online Three-Day Workshop on "Curricular and Administrative Reforms", held from 04th February to 06th February 2026, at the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Faculty Development Academy, Government College, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, on 04th February 2026.

### **Mr Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (LS)**

- Delivered invited expert sessions on INFLIBNET Activities, and Shodhganga, Shodhgangotri, PDS, and research ethics, at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, in the State-level workshop titled “Guiding for Excellence: Empowering Research Mentors for Innovation and Leadership”, under the PM-USHA scheme (MERU component), held on 9th to 10th February 2026.
- Conducted a workshop on all the services of INFLIBNET for Librarians and Nodal Officers on 10th February 2026, for Librarians and Nodal Officers, organized by the University Central Library at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.
- Delivered an online session on “INFLIBNET Activities and Services for Education and Research”, in the UGC-MMTTC online refresher course in Library and Information Science from 5th to 18th February 2026 at Mizoram University, on 14th February 2026.
- Conducted sessions on INFLIBNET Services during the workshop held on 17th March 2026 at Jayakar Knowledge Resource Centre, SPPU, Pune.

### **Dr. Surbhi, Scientist-C (LS)**

Dr. Surbhi attended the GTU Library meeting on 9th January 2026.

### **Sh. Rajan Kumar, Scientist-C (LS)**

- Delivered an expert talk on “User-Friendly Applications of IRINS, SheRNI, LIB-VAHINI &

INFLIBNET Services”, at Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, on 14th February 2026.

- Delivered the lecture on IRINS and ORCID during the workshop on INFLIBNET Activities and Service at Lalit Narayan Mithila University (LNMU) dated 10th March 2026.

### **Sh. Dharmesh Shah, Scientist-B (CS)**

- Attended the Oracle AI World Tour Mumbai on 10th February 2026 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai.
- Attended the Oracle APEX Bootcamp on 17th March 2026 at GIFT City, Gandinagar.
- Invited as a Resource person to deliver session on "Role of AI and Web 3.0 in Knowledge Management & Libraries", for BLIS Students and Library Professionals at Smt.Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Institute of Computer Applications (CMPICA), Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT), Changa, Gujarat, on 13th March 2026.

### **Sh. Vijaykumar M. Shrimali, Scientist-B (CS)**

Served as a Resource Person in a two-day workshop on “Creating Institutional Repository Using DSpace” organized by UMA Arts and Nathiba Commerce Mahila College, Gandhinagar, and sponsored by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) on 29th January 2026. During the workshop, he conducted sessions on “Installation & Configuration of the DSpace Backend” and “Installation & Configuration of the DSpace Frontend (User Interface)”.

### **Sh. Hemant Kumar, Scientist-B (LS)**

Invited and participated in the panel discussion on Artificial Intelligence in Academic Libraries: From Discovery to Research Support, in the Offline ADINET Seminar on 23rd March 2026, at CEPT University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

### **Dr. Roma Asnani, Scientist-B (LS)**

- Delivered invited expert sessions on ONOS at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, in the State-level workshop titled “Guiding for Excellence: Empowering Research Mentors for Innovation and Leadership”, under the PM-USHA scheme (MERU component), held on 9th to 10th February 2026.
- Conducted a workshop on ONOS for Librarians and Nodal Officers on 10th February 2026, for Librarians and Nodal Officers, organized by the University Central Library at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.

- Delivered an online talk as resource person on “INFLIBNET Centre Research Support Services” during a One-Day e-Seminar titled “The Library C.O.R.E.: (Compliance, Output, Research and Evolution) – Maintaining Educational Quality in the Digital Age”, held on 23rd March 2026, organized by the Library Department of Mahatma Gandhi Arts, Science and N.P. Commerce College, Armori, Gadchiroli, in collaboration with Renuka College, Nagpur, and Maniklal Dalal Arts and Commerce College, Gondia.

### **Sh. Atulkumar Tiwari, STA-I (CS)**

Attended the Laracon India 2026, held in Ahmedabad from 31st January to 1st February 2026.

## महात्मा गांधी केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय का इन्फ्लिबनेट केंद्र के साथ एमओयू

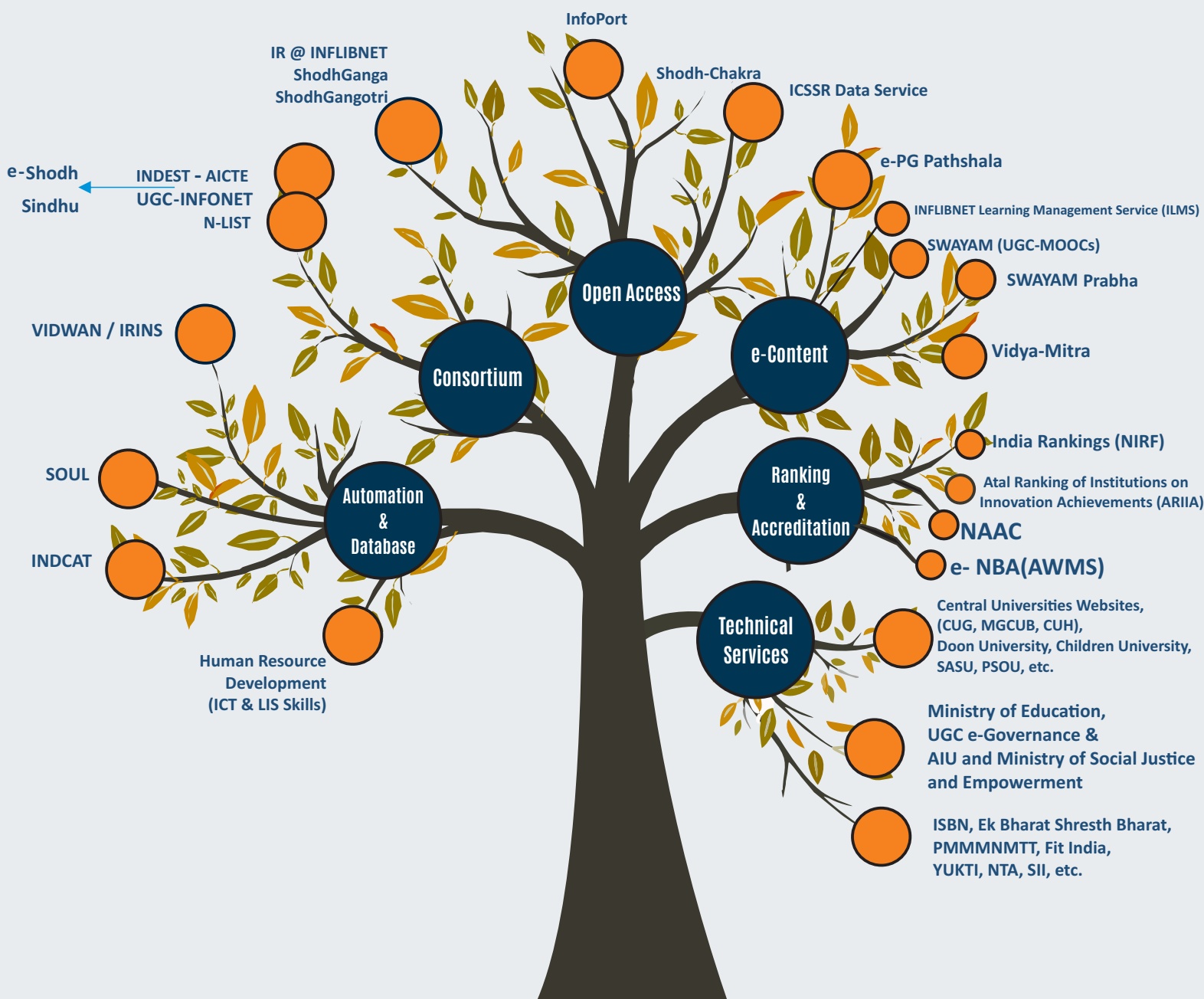


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महात्मा गांधी केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय ने गांधीनगर गुजरात स्थित इन्फ्लिबनेट सेंटर अर्थात् सूचना एवं पुस्तकालय नेटवर्क केंद्र के साथ आधिकारिक तौर पर एक समझौता ज्ञापन (एमओयू) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं. इस साझेदारी का उद्देश्य विश्वविद्यालय के शैक्षणिक अनुसंधान परिदृश्य में बदलाव लाना और इसकी वैश्विक अनुसंधान दृश्यता को महत्वपूर्ण रूप से बढ़ाना है. कुलपति प्रो. संजय श्रीवास्तव ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि यह सहयोग एक सशक्त अनुसंधान पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को बढ़ावा देने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है, जो विद्वानों को वैश्विक मंच पर अपने बौद्धिक योगदान को प्रदर्शित करने के लिए विश्व स्तरीय डिजिटल उपकरण प्रदान करेगा. बढ़ी हुई वैश्विक दृश्यता: इन्फ्लिबनेट के

प्लेटफार्मों के साथ एकीकृत होने से, विश्वविद्यालय के शोध परिणाम, जिनमें शोध प्रबंध और थीसिस शामिल हैं, भारतीय इलेक्ट्रॉनिक थीसिस के प्रमुख भंडार शोधगंगा के माध्यम से वैश्विक शैक्षणिक समुदाय के लिए सुलभ होंगे. शैक्षणिक सत्यनिष्ठा और गुणवत्ता: यह साझेदारी विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा अनिवार्य उन्नत साहित्यिक चोरी का पता लगाने वाले उपकरणों और शैक्षणिक सत्यनिष्ठा प्रोटोकॉल के कार्यान्वयन को सुनिश्चित करती है. विश्वविद्यालय की ओर से कुलपति और गांधी नगर, गुजरात स्थित इन्फ्लिबनेट केंद्र की निदेशक प्रो. देविका पी. मदल्ली ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए. इस अवसर पर पुस्तकालयाध्यक्ष प्रो. रणजीत कुमार चौधरी ने कहा कि यह एमओयू कुलपति प्रो. श्रीवास्तव की दूरदर्शी सोच से प्रेरित एक ऐतिहासिक कदम है.



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