

**MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF
INFLIBNET CENTRE, AHMEDABAD.09.**

1. The 10th meeting of the Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre was held at UGC Headquarters at New Delhi on 19th February, 2002 . The meeting started at 1200 hours and ended at 1400 hours. The following were present:

In the Chair:

**Dr. Hari Gautam, Chairman, UGC &
Chairman, GB (INFLIBNET Centre)**

Members:

Dr. Arun Nigavekar	Vice Chairman, UGC/Member
Dr. G G Dandapat	Secretary, UGC/Member
Prof. Shalini Urs	Dept. of LIS, Mysore University/Member
Prof. S K Kak	BHU, Varanasi/Member
Prof. Rame Gowda	VC, KOU, Mysore/Member
Prof. Naresh Ved	VC, GU, Ahmedabad/Member
Dr. T. A. V. Murthy	Director, INFLIBNET/Member Secretary
Dr. Das Thakur	Jt. Secretary, (IUC-UGC)/Spl. Invitee
Shri V R Dabral	US (IUC-UGC)/Spl. Invitee
Shri S M Salgar	Scientist-G, INFLIBNET/Spl. Invitee
Shri C K Shah	Admn. Offricer (F&A), INFLIBNET/Spl. Invitee
Shri D.P. Negi	Admn. Offricer (P&A), INFLIBNET/Spl. Invitee

Prof. Y V Reddy, Dr. R K Jha, Prof. R S Nirjar, Dr. Amit Roy and Dr. S Venkateswaran could not attend the meeting.

2. Remarks by Chairman:

The Chairman welcomed the new Member Prof. Shalini Urs and asked the Director to take up the Agenda items:

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the
9th GB Meeting.**

Since no specific comments were received from the members on the minutes, the 9th GB minutes were confirmed.

4. **Action taken Report:**

The GB members were briefed about the action taken by INFLIBNET on the items.

Members were pleased to note the change of environment at the Centre with the new Director's appointment and the expeditious actions taken on the items.. The Members desired that E-learning Group be made at the Centre and also advised that Website which is being redesigned to have a clear-cut data security policy and high count analysis besides feedback mechanism to enable to review the activities from time to time.

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5. **Status Report:**

The Director summarized the Status report of the Centre highlighting its various activities that were galvanized and the new initiatives taken. Some of these activities have got relation with the new activities proposed in the Agenda item No.07. The matter was deliberated in greater depth.

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6. **Summary of the 7th meeting of the Finance Committee:**

The Members who have briefed about the proceedings and recommendations of the 7th meeting of the FC which presided the GB meeting.. GB approved non-plan grant of Rs.170 lakhs and plan grant of Rs.50 lakhs for the RE 2001-2002 and non plan grant of Rs.200 lakhs and plan grant of Rs.70 lakhs for the BE for 2002-03 as recommended by the FC..

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7. **Service Centres for SOUL**

Director has expressed the difficulties encountered by the Centre in utilizing the services of University library professionals for attending to the SOUL software package installation, region-wise. This has not been successful due to shortage of manpower in the universities. Basically many positions are lying vacant and the university libraries are not in a position to extend this kind of help. Therefore, the Centre wishes to franchise the activities to reputed firms who has an excellent infrastructure and network facilities across the country. In this context GB members advised that the terms and conditions , finance involve etc.. may please be worked out and resubmitted.

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8. **New Activities**

Formation of Consortia:

INFLIBNET would like to co-ordinate with some of the International publishers of the journals for electronic subscription and make them available to the group of participating university libraries thus reducing their financial burdern. The GB while welcoming this suggested to work out by having a small committee of experts and identify the journals to be subscribed as a pilot project to start with an amount of Rs.20 lakhs. If need be the Commission is advised to sought for further funds. The list of the universities proposed were advised to be pruned except that of University of Pune.

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9. **IRTPLA (INFLIBNET REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION).**

The new initiative taken by the Director in decentralizing the training programs was greatly appreciated and advised him to extensively take forward the concept in training more and more university and college library professionals in the automation areas.

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10. **FELLOWSHIPS**

While welcoming the idea of offering Fellowships in the inter-disciplinary library information sciences at INFLIBNET the members fel that it would be appropriate to use 6 JRFs of the UGC for this purpose.

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11. **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:**

While noting the significant recognition of the Centre, initially it was advised to individually follow-up the proposals to the Commission for encouraging them to attend and participate the Seminars, Workshops, Conference, training programs etc..abroad

Dr TSIC

12. **CREATION OF INDIAN DATABASES:**

After considerable deliberations, it was resolved by the Chairman that creation of Indian Databases is a novel idea and needs encouragement. However, he has cautioned not to entrust it to any other agency. He further desired that the creation of Indian Databases be taken only by the INFLIBNET under its strict control for which an amount of Rs.50 lakhs asked was agreed to.

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13. JOINT VENTURES WITH HEALTH AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE NETWORKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

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The Committee have noted the enthusiasm and advised to go slow in this area since we are still need to cover large number of Universities and Colleges under library automation program.

14. DOCUMENT DELIVERY CENTRES:

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The initiation of 6 Document Delivery Centres was reported to be a decimal performance which GB members advised to take suitable steps in making them more effective and functional rather than creating more such centers.

15. REVISION OF RATES FOR RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION:

Sn. 578 to committee

The Chairman has ruled out increase in the data entry charges from Rs..4/- to Rs..8/- per entry for the libraries in retroconversion project. He said that this is not a healthy trend and the universities have to come forward on their own using recurring charges being paid to them under INFLIBNET program.

16. FILLING UP OF THE SCIENTIST-F (LIBRARY) ON DEPUTATION:

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Appointment of Dr. A K Tyagi, Scientist F on deputation, it was advised to advertise the post and follow the procedures.

17. VISION DOCUMENT/INFLIBNET:

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After considerable deliberations, the Chairman suggested to the members to send their specific observations for incorporating it to the documents within the next 15 days to the Director, INFLIBNET. In the event of not receiving any suggestions, he advised that the documents be accepted. He further advised that INFLIBNET should make efforts to spell out what is to be achieved in each year with specified targets.

18. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR FY 2001 - 2002

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The proposal put up by the Centre for appointment of the auditors for the F.Y. 2001-2002 (vide Agenda Item No.8) was considered by the Governing Board. After examining the proposal and taking into consideration the submission made by the Officers of the Centre, the GB has approved the proposal to appoint M/s. T.N. Shah & Co., (a firm of Chartered Accountants) as the auditors for the current financial year i.e. F.Y. 2001 - 2002 for carrying out the annual audit of the accounts on a consolidated fee / remuneration of Rs.10,000/- p.a.

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19. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS
OF THE CENTRE FOR THE F.Y. 2000 - 2001**

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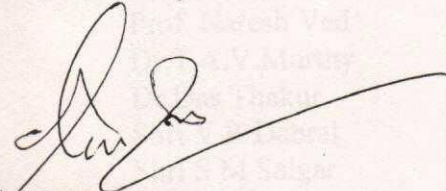
The audited accounts of the Centre for the F.Y. 2000 - 2001 including the reports of the auditors placed by the Centre before the GB (vide Agenda Item No.9) was discussed. After detailed discussion and taking into consideration the report of FC, which also met on the same day preceding GB's meeting, the Governing Board has approved the accounts of the Centre for the FY 2000-2001.

20. **ANY OTHER ITEMS**

There was a general consensus among the members that many university libraries have not performed upto the mark or failed very poorly in INFLIBNET library automation program. The 48 Universities which have not implemented the program properly were asked to explain the reasons for their failure in implementing the program.

The Meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair

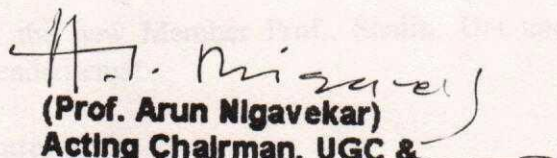
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