INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar
(An IUC of University Grants Commission)

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Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar 12th June, 2017, India International Centre Annexe, New Delhi

Chairman

Dr. R. K. Chadha — Former Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha, New Delhi

Members

Prof. R.C. Kuhad — Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh
Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh — Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru
Prof. Rajbir Singh — Director, Consortium for Education Communication, New Delhi
Ms. Malathi Narayanan — Dy. Secretary (ICT), Dept. HE, Representing MHRD
Dr. Jagdish Arora — Director, INFLIBNET Centre & Member Secretary

Special Invitee

Dr. (Mrs.) Manju Singh — Jt. Secretary, UGC (IUC/MC), Bureau Head
Shri Harish Chandra — Admn. Officer, INFLIBNET Centre

Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, Bangalore, Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Secretary, UGC, New Delhi, Prof. B R Ray Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata and Prof. A P Mittal, MS, AICTE could not attend the meeting because of their prior commitments.

Dr. R.K. Chadha as the senior most member of the Governing Board was requested to chair the 33rd Meeting of the Governing Board. At the outset, he welcomed the members and requested the Director to take-up the agenda.

1. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Governing Board held on Friday, 10th March, 2017 at University Grants Commission, New Delhi**

The Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre held on Friday, 10th March, 2017 at University Grants Commission, New Delhi were confirmed as circulated, since no comments were received from the members.

2. **Report on Action Taken and Progress Made since 32nd Meeting of the Governing Board held on Friday, 10th March, 2017 at University Grants Commission, New Delhi**

Dr. Jagdish Arora presented a brief report on action taken on the decisions made during the 32nd Meeting of the Governing Board. Important action-taken report presented to the members was as follows:

i) Minutes of the 32st Meeting of the Governing Board, duly approved by the Chairman, GB were circulated to the members. No comments received from the members. (Agenda 1; 32-GB).

ii) Organizers of the International Conference on Knowledge Organization for Information Management were informed that the INFLIBNET would become academic partner of the Conference without committing to any financial assistance towards organization of the conference. (Agenda 5; 32-GB).

iii) Approved Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th March, 2017 at University Grants Commission, New Delhi were circulated to the members and were submitted to the UGC for further necessary action. (Agenda 6; 32-GB).

iv) A Project Officer was appointed at the INFLIBNET Centre through the manpower agency for maintenance of campus network. (Agenda 7; 32-GB).

3. Current Status of On-going Schemes and Projects at INFLIBNET

Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre made a brief presentation on the current status of on-going programmes and projects at INFLIBNET Centre. The members noted the progress made in various projects with satisfaction.

4. New Projects at the INFLIBNET Centre

The Members took note of the following new projects handled by the INFLIBNET Centre:

4.1. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

The INFLIBNET has undertaken the task of developing a portal to host all kinds of events, activities and initiatives that are being undertaken by different States in India. The major objective of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" is to celebrate the "Unity in Diversity" of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country as well as to promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all States in India. The portal also incorporates a dashboard for all the stakeholders of state to upload the content related to their event, activities and initiatives.

4.2. Smart India Hackathon

The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) is envisioned as an initiative that would promote innovation, out-of-the-box thinking in the minds of young aspirants, especially the engineering students. This initiative aims at harnessing creativity and technical expertise of more than five million students and to institutionalize a mechanism for direct benefit to our nation. The INFLIBNET Centre is also working with AICTE to create a detailed document on Smart India Portal.

Members also noted that INFLIBNET Centre is also working with NAAC for ICT-enabling of their Quality Indicator Framework (QIF). Moreover, the Centre has also received interest from Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), Nigeria for collaboration.

5. Transferring of all Project Staff on Contract from Direct Hiring by the Centre to Outsourcing through a Manpower Agency

The members of the Governing Board noted with satisfaction that the Centre has started hiring its temporary staff through a manpower agency as per the decision taken by the Governing Board during its 31st Meeting held on 22nd July 2016 at IIC, New Delhi. It was noted that the staff whose current contract term has expired on or before 30th April, 2017, has already been hired through manpower agency and remaining positions would be hired as and when the contract term of present incumbent expire.

6. Approval for Writing-off of Obsolete and Unserviceable Items

The Governing Board approved writing-off of 35 obsolete and unserviceable PCs and laptops costing Rs. 28,48,922.00. The depreciated value using straight line depreciation method is Rs. 35.00 @ the rate of 33.33% per annum. The rate and method of calculating depreciated value was approved during the 20th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the INFLIBNET Centre held on 7th January, 2014 at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. However, the Governing Board suggested that written-off PCs / laptops may either be given to an educational institution or may be disposed-off through agencies that deal with disposal of electronic items in environmental friendly manner.

7. Deputation of Administrative Officer, INFLIBNET Centre to attend Five-Day Capacity Building Training Programme in Leadership & HRM on Embedding Leadership Excellence organized by IIM, Bengaluru from 24-28, July 2017

The Governing Board opined that while deputation of Shri Harish Chandra, Administrative Officer, INFLIBNET Centre to attend Five-Day Capacity Building Training Programme in Leadership & HRM on Embedding Leadership Excellence organized by IIM, Bengaluru from 24-28, July 2017 is fully justified, however, the Director, INFLIBNET Centre is fully competent and authorized to take such decision even on his last working day. As such, such issues need not be brought to the Governing Board.

8. Deputation of Shri Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D to the 20th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations to be held from August 7 to 9, 2017 at Washington DC, USA

The Governing Board opined that while deputation of Shri Manoj Kumar K. Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre to 20th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations to be held from August 7 to 9, 2017 at Washington DC, USA is fully justified considering the fact that the paper and poster submitted by Shri Manoj Kumar K. has been accepted for presentation and organizers have given support of US $ 800 and remaining financial support can be provided by the INFLIBNET Centre. It was, however, resolved that the Director, INFLIBNET Centre is fully competent and authorized to take such decision even on his last working day. As such, such issues need not be brought to the Governing Board.
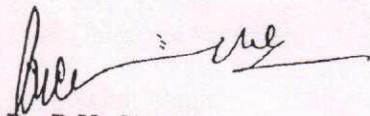
9. Services and Activities of the INFLIBNET Centre: A Presentation by the Director

Dr. Jagdish Arora made a brief presentation on activities and services of the INFLIBNET Centre with emphasis on new initiatives and activities taken up by the Centre during his tenure of ten years. Members of the Governing Board noted that the Centre has done extremely well under the leadership of Dr. Jagdish Arora. He got the institute building constructed during his tenure. Moreover, the Centre is currently handling more than 36 projects in addition to its own core activities that have also increased from 8 in 2007 (at the time of his joining INFLIBNET Centre) to 14 activities currently. Members also noted that the Centre received four awards (3 for NLIST and 1 for Shodhganga) under the leadership of Dr. Jagdish Arora in addition to several awards and honours bestowed on Dr. Arora in person including SATKAL Life Time Achievement Award for the year (2011, SATKAL), Award of Excellence for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Librarianship (2015, Afro-Asian Book Council), DLA Professional Excellence Award (2015, Delhi Library Association) and 31st Sarada Ranganathan Endowment Lecture 2016 (Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science (SRELS) and Ranganathan Centre for Information Studies).

Members of the Governing Board wanted to discuss the possiblity of renewal of term of appointment of Dr. Jagdish Arora. As such, Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre as well as other officers from the INFLIBNET were asked to retreat enabling Governing Board to discuss this issue at length.

It was resolved that resolution taken in this regard would be submitted separately by Dr. R.K. Chadha, Chairman, Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre to the Chairman, UGC and Joint Secretary (IUC/MC), Bureau Head.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

(Jagdish Arora)
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Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

Dr. R.K. Chadha
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Chairman, Governing Board