

INFLIBNET Centre
(An IUC of University Grants Commission)

**Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the INFLIBNET Council held on
Tuesday, 7th January at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar**

Members Present

Chairman, Governing Council

Prof. H Devaraj Vice-Chairman (In place of Chairman, UGC and President, INFLIBNET Society & Chairman, Governing Council, INFLIBNET Centre)

Chairman, Governing Board

Prof. N Mukunda Chairman, Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre

Members, Governing Council

Dr. Nutan Johri NASSDOC, ICSSR (Representing DG, ICSSR)
Prof. Mohammad Miyan Vice-Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad
Dr. Avinash S Pant Vice-Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi (Representing Chairman, AICTE)
Dr. Y P Rajendra Kumar Director General, National Library, Kolkatta

Members, Governing Board

Dr. R K Chadha Addl. Secretary, Lok Sabha, New Delhi
Shri Kamlesh Joshipura Vice-Chancellor, IITE, Gandhinagar
Prof. Karmeshu Dean, CS&S, JNU, New Delhi
Prof. Ajit Kembhavi Director, IUAC, Pune
Dr. Jagdish Arora Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

Director General, CSIR, New Delhi, Dr. V G Talawar, Vice-Chancellor, REVA University, Bangalore and Prof. Rajbir Singh, Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi could not attend the meeting because of prior commitments.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Governing Council, INFLIBNET held on 9th July, 2013 at UGC Main Office, New Delhi

The Minutes recommended for approval by the Chairman, Governing Board were sent to the UGC for approval of Chairman, UGC. Approval of the Chairman, Governing Council is still awaited. (13th GC, 1).

2. Action Taken and Progress Made since 13th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 9th July, 2013 at UGC Main Office, New Delhi

2.1. The Minutes recommended for approval by the Chairman, Governing Board were sent to the UGC for approval of the Chairman, UGC. Approval of the Chairman, Governing Council is still awaited. (13th GC,1).

- 2.2. A summary of Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2011-2012 is being published in the Annual Report of the Centre (13th GC,5).
- 2.3. The Annual Report of the Centre from 1st April 2011 to 31st March, 2012 is being published. However, the approval of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 9th July 2013 at UGC Main Office, New Delhi is still awaited (13th GC,6).
- 2.4. Civil construction of all the 3 blocks of the Institute Building i.e. Academic, Administrative and Residential have been completed. The Contractors are currently attending to a list of snags pointed out by the Centre, PMC and Architect. M/s Godrej who was given the contract for furnishing of the building has completed their contract. The contract for Networking, Surveillance Audio/Video Conferencing, Building Management System awarded to M/s Siemens is nearing completion. The Centre has sent a request to the UGC for release of ₹5.7 crores for this purpose. Release of funds from the UGC is still awaited (13th GC, 7).
- 2.5. The request for restoration of position of Sr. Administrative Officer and filling-in of other vacant Administrative positions has been turned-down by the UGC. The UGC has asked for additional information seeking justification for up-gradation of the post of Typists to Assistants (13th GC, 8).

3. Presentation of the Proceedings of the 27th Meeting of the Governing Board held on 7th January, 2014 at INFLIBNET Centre, Infocity, Gandhinagar

The Director presented a brief report on important decisions taken during the 27th Meeting of the Governing Board to the members of the Governing Council. A gist of the report is as follows:

3.1. Status of Important Schemes and Projects: Status of important schemes and projects being executed by the INFLIBNET Centre is as follows:

- i) **UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium:** The scheme provides differential access to 8,500 peer-reviewed e-journals and 11 bibliographic databases from 28 publishers to 206 eligible universities including 14 law universities and 5 inter-university centres. Besides, 204 Associate Members have also enrolled themselves for this scheme to get access to e-resources on payment basis. It was noted that the scheme was inadvertently dropped during the meeting of the Commission held in June, 2013. It is reliably learnt that restoration of Scheme for the next plan period is being taken up during the next meeting of the Commission scheduled to be held on 10th January, 2014.

The Members expressed their concerns regarding discontinuation of this flagship programme of the INFLIBNET Centre considered the fact the scheme is highly important for researchers and faculty in universities. The members sincerely hoped that the scheme would continue during XII Plan period.

- ii) **Renewal of Subscription to E-resources for the year 2014 using Unspent balance allocated during 2012-13:** Members were informed that some of the publishers, especially scholarly societies and non-profit making organizations, insist on renewal of subscription and release of payment within first month of every year failing which access to their resources is discontinued. After detailed discussions and deliberations, it was resolved that the INFLIBNET Centre may renew subscription to selected e-resources including Nature, J-STOR, ACS, AIP, APS, IOP, RSC and MathSciNet. It was also resolved that the UGC would be informed

about utilization of funds allocated for 2012-2013 for renewal of subscription for the year 2014.

Dr. Jagdish Arora clarified that the Centre receives funds for renewal of subscription in December / January every year. Part of the funds is utilized for renewal of subscription in the subsequent financial year given the fact that several journals are subscribed for the financial year i.e. April to March.

- iii) **National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST):** The National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST) was being funded by the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NME-ICT) during XI Plan Period i.e. from 2009 to 2012. The project provides for access to more than 5,000 electronic journals and 97,000 electronic books to more than 3,200 colleges and Web of Science to 100 universities. The project did not get funding for the year 2012-2013. A proposal for continuation of the N-LIST for the year 2013-2014 with funding from NME-ICT was considered during the meeting of Project Approval Board held on 21st November, 2013 wherein it was agreed that the project cannot get funding from the NME-ICT since it was taken up as a pilot project that has been completed successfully. As such, it was resolved that various components of N-LIST Project can be subsumed into INDEST-AICTE / UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium, as the case may be.

It is reliably learnt that the MHRD would be requesting UGC to provide additional funds to the UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium to continue the N-LIST Programme. As such, the NLIST would become college component of the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium.

- iv) **e-PG-Pathshala:** Members noted that the progress made under e-PG-Pathshala is rather slow. However, it was also noted that the scope of work of INFLIBNET Centre is restricted to providing a platform for hosting the content generated under the project. Besides, the Centre has also been given the responsibility of allocating funds to PIs selected by the Standing Committee of e-PG-Pathshala for creation of content in different subjects. Dr. Jagdish Arora briefed the members about actions being taken by the INFLIBNET Centre to increase the pace of work under this project.
- v) **UGC Website:** The members were briefed about the new developments in the UGC Website project executed by the INFLIBNET Centre. It was noted that website and e-Scholarship-Fellowship Award Registration Tracking System (E-SART) is being managed by the INFLIBNET Centre including invitation of online application, scrutiny of applications etc. The Centre has developed Interfaces for more than 12 major schemes that are being operated on a regular basis year after year.

- 3.2. **New Projects Applied for Financial Assistance from the NME-ICT and CUG:** The Centre has applied for financial assistance to NME-ICT for execution of two projects entitled "Vidwan: A Database of Experts in Various Disciplines" and "Integrated e-Content Portal for Content developed under NME-ICT". Both the projects were successfully defended by their PIs in the Meeting of Standing Committee of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology held on 6th Dec., 2013 in New Delhi. Both the project proposals have been recommended for funding by the Standing Committee of NME-ICT.

Besides, a proposal for revamping and hosting of the website of Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar has also been approved at a total cost of Rs.10.53 lakhs per annum.

- 3.3. Visit of the Review Committee on IUC at INFLIBNET Centre:** The IUC Review Committee visited the Centre on 17th July, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Goverdhan Mehta. The Committee was highly satisfied with the functioning of INFLIBNET Centre. The Committee gave new ideas that are being implemented in a phased manner.
- 3.4. Status of Institute Building at Infocity, Gandhinagar:** Physical construction of all the three blocks of the Institute building has been completed. Both the contractors are now attending to the list of snags pointed out by the PMC, Architect and staff of the Centre. The contractors have been asked to submit their final bills which would be scrutinized by the Internal Audit Wing of the UGC as well as by the Standing Purchase Committee of the INFLIBNET Centre.
- It was pointed out that release of Rs. 5.70 crores requires for networking and furnishing of the Institute Building is still awaited from the UGC. Moreover, the Institute Building is awaiting formal inauguration for almost a year. After brief discussions and deliberations, it was resolved that the Chairman, UGC may be requested to inaugurate the building on a date and time suitable to him.
- 3.5. Ratification of the Items Approved by the Chairman, Governing Board:** House Allotment Rules and payment of electricity bills for the Residence of the Director was approved by the Governing Board considering the fact the electricity bill of the Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat is being paid by the university.
- 3.6. Deduction of TDS from subscription Amount Paid to the Publishers:** The Writ Petition filed by the INFLIBNET Centre against the Show Cause Notice received for non-deduction of TDS was withdrawn on the ground that the Income Tax Department has its own remedial measures available with it. The Hon'ble Judges of the High Court in the case disposal order has advised the Assessing Officer that while passing the final order on show-cause notice the respondent is bound to consider and shall consider the reply / replies submitted by the INFLIBNET Centre and deal with all the decisions that may be cited and pass order in accordance with the law and on merits.
- The INFLIBNET Centre has also requested the MHRD and UGC to intervene in this policy decision and approach the Finance Ministry for necessary instructions withdrawing taxes, if any on books and journals.
- 3.7. Presentation on Vidwan Database to Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development by INFLIBNET Centre, 17th September, 2013:** The INFLIBNET Centre made a brief presentation on Vidwan Database as well as INFLIBNET Centre's activities to the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development on 17th Sept., 2013. The Minister took great interest in the activities of the Centre. It was resolved during the presentation that the Centre may be given requisite funds for strengthening its Vidwan Database.
- 3.8. Filling up of the post of Administrative Assistant/UDC in place of Jr. Stenographer (PB-1, Pay Band – Rs.5200 – 20200/-, GP Rs.2400/-):** The proposal for filling-in the post of Assistant / UDC in place of Jr. Stenographer was approved by the Governing Board considering the fact that there is no financial implications involved. However, it was resolved that the UGC may be informed regarding filling-in the post of Administrative Assistant / UDC in place of Stenographer.

3.9. **Filling up of the post of the Scientist 'E' (PB-4, Pay Band Rs.37400 to 67000/-,GP Rs.8700/-):** The Centre has received letter No. F.31-39/2007(IUC) dated 12th June, 2009 from the UGC wherein the UGC has asked to fill-in all scientific and technical positions available with the Centre urgently as per the recommendations of the Estimate Committee. As such, the Governing Board approved filling-in the post of Scientist 'E' under intimation to the UGC.

3.10. **License Fee-free Accommodation to the Administrative Officer of the Centre:** The proposal for providing license fee-free accommodation to the Administrative Officer of the Centre was approved considering the fact the Administrative Officer also manages the estate and its services. It was noted that the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development Housing Rules provides for license-fee free accommodation to the employees whose duties are such that their presence is required on the office premises.

3.11. **Provision for Visitorships / Summer Fellowships Programme:** Governing Board approved Visiting Fellowship Programme / Summer Fellowship programme for four people wherein retired professors / librarians would be invited to spent time at the INFLIBNET Centre varying from one to three months. These Visiting Fellows / Summer Fellows would work with the young scientists of the INFLIBNET Centre on topics relevant to the Centre. Honorarium and local hospitality to be paid to these visiting Fellows / Summer Fellows would be worked out and approval of the Chairman, Governing Board would be sought before initiating these Fellowships.

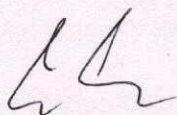
4. **Presentation of Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the financial year 2012-2013**

The Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2012-2013, presented to the Governing Council, was approved.

5. **Presentation of Annual Report of the INFLIBNET Centre from 1st April 2011 to 31st March, 2013**

The Annual Report of the INFLIBNET Centre from 1st April, 2012 to 31st March, 2013, presented to the Governing Council, was approved.

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



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Chairman, Governing Board



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