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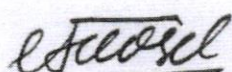### Infocity, Gandhinagar-382007

Dated: 5th October, 2021

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Council of the INFLIBNET Centre
Held on Wednesday, 5th October, 2021

The following were present in the meeting:

1.	**Prof D P Singh**	**President, Council & Hon'ble Chairman UGC**
	Members	
2.	Prof A D Sahasrabudhe	Chairperson, All India Council of Technical Education
3.	Prof Yogesh Singh	Chairman, Governing Board of INFLIBNET Centre & Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Technological University
4.	Prof P Kanagasabapathi	I/C Chairman, ICSSR
5.	Prof R S Dubey	Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat
6.	Prof E Suresh Kumar	Vice Chancellor English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad
7.	Prof J B Nadda	Director, CEC, New Delhi
8.	Prof Dinesh Kumar	Vice Chancellor JC Bose University of Science and Technology, Faridabad
9.	Prof Rajnish Jain	Secretary, UGC, New Delhi
10.	Prof Lalit Kumar Awasthi	Director, National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar
11.	Prof Rajesh Singh	Vice Chancellor, DDUGU Gorakhpur
12.	Prof Shalini Bharat	Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
13.	Prof A P Singh	Director General National Library & In charge Director RRRLF, Kolkata
14.	Prof Kamlesh P Joshipura	Former VC, Saurashtra University, Gujarat
15.	Dr Ranjana Aggarwal	Director CSIR-NIScPR, Rep. of DG, CSIR, Delhi
16.	Prof Pratosh Bansal	Institute of Engineering & Technology Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
17.	Prof K P Singh	Delhi University, Delhi
18.	Dr Neeraj Saxena	Adviser, AICTE, New Delhi
	Member Secretary	
19.	Prof J P Singh Joorel	Director INFLIBNET Centre
	Special Invitee	
20.	Dr Manju Singh	Joint Secretary (IUC), UGC, New Delhi
21.	Mr Harish Chandra	Administrative Officer, INFLIBNET Centre

The representative of MoE could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

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Prof J P Singh Joorel, Member Secretary, informed that since the last meeting of Council held in May 2020, a number of members have changed. He requested the Hon'ble President to introduce the new members and give his opening remarks.

Hon'ble President Prof D P Singh welcomed and introduced new members to the Council. He appreciated the contribution made by the past members of the Council, whose term has ended. He advised the members of the Council, who are experts in various fields, that they should provide guidance to INFLIBNET to meet its goals.
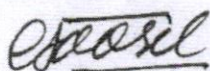
21.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on 21st May 2020

The Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Council of the INFLIBNET Centre held on 21st May 2020 at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar were confirmed as circulated, since no comments were received from the Members.

21.2 Brief on the Action Taken Report

Prof Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET presented a brief report on action taken on the decisions made during the 20th meeting of the Council. The following important action taken report was presented to the Council:

i. The minutes of the 20th Council meeting held on 21st May, 2020 were approved by the Hon'ble President of the Council and same were circulated among the members for their perusal.

ii. The action taken report on decisions of 19th Council was already reported in 20th Council meeting held on 21st May, 2020.

iii. The minutes of the 39th meeting of the Governing Board (GB) dully approved by the Chairman of the Governing Board were circulated among all the members of the GB and a copy of the minutes was also sent to the UGC.

iv. The audit Annual Accounts of the Centre for the year 2018-19 was published and sent to the C& AG and UGC for further auditing. All the paras of C & AG and UGC were responded.

v. The Annual Report of the Centre for the year 2018-19 including a gist of Annual Accounts of 2018-19 was printed and sent to all stake holders including UGC and other Higher Educational Institutions.

21.3.1 Brief on the Proceedings of the 40th Meeting held on 4th September, 2020

Prof Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET briefed the Council about the decisions made during the 40th meeting of the Governing Board. The following important decisions were taken by the Governing Board:

i. The GB approved the revised budget of the Centre for the year 2019-20 and the same was submitted to the UGC for further necessary action.

ii. Audited Annual Accounts for the F. Y. 2019-2020 was approved by the Board and submitted to C & AG & UGC for further auditing.

iii. The Board after deliberations and discussions resolved to place the Annual Report of the Centre for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 before the Council for its approval.

iv. Write-off of the Old Staff Car was approved by the Board.

v. The Board approved the "Adoption of the guidelines issued by DoPT vide their OM dated 09th October 2015 to discontinue the interview in recruitment for group C and non-gazetted posts in group B" and same has been implemented.

vi. The Board approved the adoption of revision of the recruitment rules framed in 1997 in respect of age, experience and reservation as per DoPT rules.
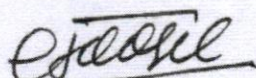
21.3.2 Brief on the Proceedings of the 41st Meeting held on 30th December, 2020

Prof Joorel briefed the Council about the decisions made during the 41st meeting of the Governing Board held on 30th December, 2020. The following important decisions were taken by the Governing Board:

i. The Board passed a Resolution to set apart the unutilized grant/income during the F.Y. 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 as required by Income Tax Department.

ii. The Governing Board approved the proposal of the Centre Renaming of INFLIBNET Access Management Federation (INFED) as "Indian Access Management Federation (INFED)".

21.3.3 Brief on the Proceedings of the 42nd Meeting held on 18th August, 2021

Prof Joorel briefed the Council about the decisions made during the 42nd meeting of the Governing Board held on 18th August, 2021. The following important decisions were taken by the Governing Board:

i. Audited Annual Accounts for the F. Y. 2020-2021 was approved by the Board and submitted to C & AG & UGC for further auditing.

ii. The Board after deliberations and discussions resolved to place the Annual Report of the Centre for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 before the Council for its approval.

iii. The "Coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 in place of NPS of those Central Government employees whose selection for appointment was finalized before 01.01.2004 but who joined Government service on or after 01.01.2004" was approved by the Board (Case of Shri Manoj Kumar K., Scientist-E-CS).

iv. Extension of benefit of maternity leave to woman employees on contractual basis as per the Govt of India norms was approved the Board.

v. The Board approved the "Writing-off of the obsolete and unserviceable items" of the Centre on the recommendation of the internal committee.

vi. National Research Data Repository, a proposal for initiating the new core activity of the Centre was also approved by the Board.

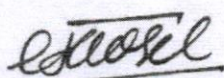**21.4** **Presentation of the Audited Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2019-20 and 2020-21 of the Centre**

The members were briefed that the audited Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2019-2020 and 2020-21 of the Centre were placed before the Governing Board in its 40th and 42nd Meetings held on 4th September, 2020 and on 18th August 2021 respectively and the Board after deliberations and discussions resolved to place Annual Accounts before the Council for their approval.

The members after a brief discussion and deliberations approved the Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2019-20 and 2020-21.

21.5 **Presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 of the Centre**

The members were briefed that the Annual Report of the Centre for the F.Y. 2019-2020 and 2020-21 were placed before the Governing Board in its 40th and 42nd Meetings held on 4th September, 2020 and on 18th August 2021 respectively and the Board after deliberations and discussions resolved to place Annual Reports before the Council for their approval.

The Hon'ble President requested the members that they may give their comments/suggestions on Annual Reports, if any, within 10 Days to the Director. The Director of the Centre was authorised for incorporating the same.

21.6   **Presentation on the New and Ongoing Projects/Activities undertaken by the Centre**

Prof Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET Centre made a presentation on the various activities undertaken by the Centre and briefed on the following Activities/Project

Initiatives/Activities during Covid Outbreak & Unlock

ILMS: INFLIBNET Learning Management Service started during pandemic to full-fill the academic activities of teachers and learners such as lectures, assessment, assignment, etc. ILMS is providing more than 1000 pre-populated courses and 40+ HEIs implemented / requested ILMS including central universities.

INFED: INDIAN Access Management Federation (INFED), the first Federation in India, has adopted Shibboleth, a standard-based open-source software, for authenticating authorized users from colleges and universities and providing them seamless access to e-resources from anywhere, anytime. At present more than 135+ institutes and 40 publishers are providing services. It is one of the best solutions for off-campus access, especially during pandemic.

SOUL 3.0: The automation of libraries is one of the core objectives of the Centre and SOUL is the indigenous Library Management System having more than 3850 installations across the county. The new version of SOUL 3.0 was launched by Hon'ble Chairman, UGC on 24th Feb 2021.
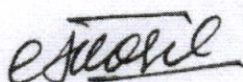
SwayamPrabha 2.0: It is one of the flagship programmes of MoE where education is being provided free of cost through DTH. There are 34 channels (1 to 22 channels for HE and PM-eVidya-School Education (23 to 34 channel)). The Centre is a core partner for execution of programs (web, archival and program schedule).

Shodhganga: It is the largest repository of the country for full text thesis having more than 3.2 Lakhs thesis. It achieved a milestone of 3,00,000th thesis which was uploaded by Prof Rajnish Jain, Secretary, UGC on 9th April 2021.

NIRF: India Rankings (IR) has been executed by INFLIBNET through NBA since its inception. IR 21 was launched by Hon'ble MoE on 9th Sep 2021.

ARIIA: THE Centre is also technical partner for the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA). ARIIA-2020 was launched by Hon'ble Vice President on 18th Aug 2020.

e-Governance work at UGC is being done by the INFLIBNET.

The Centre, on behalf of UGC, hosted the 1st UGC conclave on NEP 2020 (Address by Hon'ble PM).

AIU Automation: The Centre has signed MoU for the automation of activities of AIU and the same was launched by Hon'ble MoE (Module: Equivalence, Admission, Job, Sports).

Human Resource Development: The HRD is a core activity of the Centre and Centre has started its training programmes through online and virtual mode during the Covid Pandemic. The Centre conducted training and webinars in the area of research methodology, usage of e-SS, NLIST, PDS, IRINS, e-content, ICT, Reference Management Tools, Vigilance, INF-activities, Hindi, etc.

Web Applications (KV, DMS, CHAYAN) for MoE: The Centre is providing the technical support to the MoE where it created several web applications. DAK Management System, admission in KV are the live applications. Further, the Centre made CHAYAN (a portal for the recruitment of VCs / Directors, etc.)

New Initiatives:

National Research Data Repository (NRDR): NRDR is envisaged to build-up a Research Data Repository with the research datasets generated by the academic and research institutions from across India. The research data repositories offer an opportunity to the entire academic and research community to reuse, re-analyse and rework on the data collected with great care and thoroughness by researchers and faculty Members.

Shodh Chakra: Shodh-Chakra is a gateway to researchers for resources. It provides a unique space to the researcher, guide/supervisor and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar. The portal is integrated with millions of resources (including lakhs of full-text theses) along with the helping tools for the researcher which are required during the research work. It will provide the research trends of the country. Regulatory bodies can easily identify the concerned experts on the basis of research area. It was demonstrated to the Hon'ble Chairman, UGC along with UGC officials. It also one of the objectives of NEP.

Prof Joorel also briefed the Council about Work Done/Progress on the following projects:

UGC e-Governance work with dedicated team at UGC
Automation UGC-DEB Activities (As per new draft regulation)
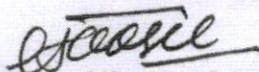Awarded Fit-India project by MoE
Signed MoU with Sports University, Assam to automate their activities
Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (Revamping of site)
Awarded TG portal project by Department of Social Justice
Signed MoU (Central University Gujarat and Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University)
Regular Activities (IndCat, eSS, PDS, SOUL, ShodhGanga) etc.

The members appreciated the INFLIBNET Centre for initiating the activities which directly link with imparting teaching and disseminating e-contents and other resources.
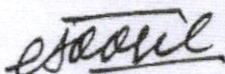
21.7   **Any other Item**

Development of ERP by INFLIBNET

The members discussed the need of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems which are used by universities to handle the academic services which involves a huge cost and problem faced by the universities in hiring/selecting ERPs. The Members opined that INFLIBNET should develop an ERP that can be used by every higher education institution (HEI) across the country. The ERP should be made available to all HEI and they may be charged for development & maintenance of ERP, set up of data centres and hosting services to make it sustainable/cost effective. Prof Joorel, Director, assured the members that the Centre is capable to developing an ERP and the same will be made available after its development and testing. The Council allowed the Centre to hire 4-6 developers for development of ERP through an outsourcing agency by meeting out the expenditure from INFLIBNET internal funds.

The President of the Council & Hon'ble Chairman UGC thanked and appreciated the Inflibnet Centre for various services rendered by the Centre to the higher education institutions as well as to the UGC with its expertise in e-governance. He congratulated Team Inflibnet for their dedicated services and work done during Covid Pandemic. The Hon'ble President requested the members of the Council to opine on activities, work done by the Centre and give any suggestion to the Centre.

The members appreciated and praised the Team Inflibnet for execution of various activities which are directly helping the higher education institutions and also helping the academic community during Covid Pandemic by providing remote access facility, learning management services, execution/supporting of ranking and accreditations of institutions. The members appreciated the new initiatives of the centre like development of discovery services, National Research Data Repository (NRDR). Members suggested to consult NITI Aayog on development of NRDR so that duplicity may be avoided. Members praised the Inflibnet for taking the initiative in developing an indigenous Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS). Members show concern of low membership of N-LIST facilities meant for colleges and suggest to evolving a strategy so that maximum number of colleges be benefitted by the access of e-resources. The members also advised the Centre to organise more short courses/training/awareness programmes on usage of e-resources, e-learning, PDS, ranking and accreditation etc.

The members also opined that SOUL software is in an indigenous software developed by INFLIBNET, thus UGC be requested to issue advisory to the

institutes for use of SOUL software instead of KOHA or other software for which the institutes are paying huge money.

The members appreciated the support provided by the INFLIBNET Centre to the universities and other institutions.
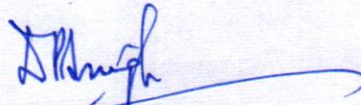
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof J P Singh Joorel)
Director
INFLIBNET Centre & Member Secretary, INFLIBNET Council

(Prof D P Singh)
Hon'ble Chairman, UGC and President, Council of INFLIBNET