

**INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NETWORK CENTRE**  
**(An Autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC)**  
**Infocity, Gandhinagar- 382007**

27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on  
 Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at UGC Office, New Delhi**

The following Members and invitees were present in the meeting:

1.	<b>Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar</b>	<b>President Council (Hon'ble Chairman UGC, New Delhi)</b>
<b>Members</b>		
2.	Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Vice Chairperson University Grants Commission & Chairperson ICSSR (officiating), New Delhi
3.	Prof. Rajat Moona	Director IIT, Gandhinagar Gujarat
4.	Prof. Lokendra Singh	Vice-Chancellor Central University, Manipur
5.	Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey	Vice-Chancellor Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
6.	Prof. J. B. Nadda	Director, Consortium for Educational Communication New Delhi
7.	Prof. Rahul Kulkarni	Chief Technocrat, Samagra , New Delhi
8.	Prof. K. P. Singh	Vice-Chancellor M J P Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, UP
9.	Prof. Ravindra D. Kulkarni	Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, Mumbai
10.	Prof. G. U. Kulkarni	President Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Research (JNCASR) Bangalore
11.	Prof. Ramesh C. Gaur	Dean, Administration, Professor & HoD Kalanidhi Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) New Delhi
12.	Prof. Ajay P. Singh	Director General, National Library, Kolkata
13.	Prof. Pratosh Bansal	Professor Institute of Engineering and Technology DAVV, Indore
14.	Prof. K. P. Singh	Professor Department of Library and Information Science University of Delhi, Delhi

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15.	Dr. Kishore Sreenivasan,	Head CSIR unit for Research and Development of Information Products, Pune [Nominee DG CSIR]
<b>Member Secretary</b>		
16.	Prof. Devika P. Madalli	Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar
<b>Special Invitee</b>		
17.	Dr. J. K. Tripathi	Joint Secretary (IUC), UGC, New Delhi
18.	Mr. Harish Chandra	Administrative Officer (PA&F), INFLIBNET Centre
19.	Mr. Ramakrishna Vulasala	Administrative Officer (F), INFLIBNET Centre

Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chairman AICTE, Prof. Bharat Bhaskar, Director IIMA, Prof. Manish R. Joshi, Secretary UGC, Dr. Dinesh Singh, Nominee AICTE and Representative of MoE GoI could not join the meeting due to their prior commitments.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Council of INFLIBNET Centre commenced with the welcome of Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, President Council (Hon'ble Chairman, University Grants Commission) and other Members of the Council by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director INFLIBNET Centre and the members introduced to each other.

Hon'ble President, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar greeted the Council members and requested Prof. Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre to begin the proceedings.

Thereafter, Prof. Devika P Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET made a brief presentation on the new initiatives particularly the international collaborations, achievements and services of the Centre. She briefed the members about the different verticals in which INFLIBNET is actively working such as Library Automation, Access to Scholarly Resources, Open Access Initiatives, e-Learning, National Research Data Repository, Scholarly Network, e-Governance at UGC, Accreditation and Ranking etc. Further, she apprised the Council about the recent developments and activities undertaken by INFLIBNET Centre after she took over the charge of the Centre such as Shodh Chakra 2.0. She briefed that INFLIBNET is continuously working towards new projects as well as strengthening of its continuing activities like e-SS, Shodhganga, PDS, Swayam-Prabha, ILMS, e-PG Pathshala, INFED, IRINS and other technical services to HEIs). Under the International collaborations she explained about Multilingual information discovery platform for thesis and dissertations in Indian Languages using R&R method in collaboration with the US National Institute of Standards and Technology. She also highlighted the G20 Knowledge Sharing Platform which is proposed as a network of Libraries and information centers in G20 countries for knowledge sharing. The Hon'ble President, Council requested that in doing so the duplication of efforts be avoided. Director, INFLIBNET reiterated that all efforts will be made to avoid any duplication. She also stated that the Confederation of Open Access repositories (COAR-worldwide) has proposed, INFLIBNET as a Community of Practice hub for India and South East Asia for networking Open Access repositories.

Hon'ble, Chairman, UGC, also suggested that more number of colleges be brought in for using the SOUL software. Also he urged that the INFLIBNET Centre and UGC must ensure that all the Ph.D. theses awarded by universities shall be uploaded on the Shodhganga portal. It was

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suggested to explore if Shodhganga Portal could automatically harvest the theses once the same are awarded and uploaded on the university portal/website etc. Universities may be asked to upload the synopsis on the Shodhgangotri as well. Members further, suggested for provisioning the funding of digitization of the old records with the institutes. Hon'ble President underlined the fact the digitization must be done by universities/institutes themselves.

Thereafter, Hon'ble President and the Director INFLIBNET asked Mr Harish Chandra, Administrative Officer (PA&F) to present the agenda items which were as follows:

**23.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022**

Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 were confirmed as circulated, since no comments were received from the Members.

**23.2 Brief on the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council**

Mr Harish Chandra, Administrative Officer (PA&F), INFLIBNET Centre presented a brief report on the action taken and progress made on the decisions made during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022:

Sl. no.	Agenda Item	Action Taken
i.	Minutes of the 21 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021.	After a brief discussions and deliberations Council confirmed the minutes in its 22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting.
ii.	Action taken on the decisions made in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Council	The action taken report was presented in the 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting, action taken was duly noted.
iii.	The proceedings of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board	Members were briefed on the proceedings of the Board and on the compliance in the 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the council.
iv.	Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year F.Y. 2021-22 of the Centre	After a brief discussion the audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year F.Y. 2021-22 were Approved. Further, the audit by the C&AG also have been completed.
v.	Annual Report for the Year 2021-22 of the Centre	Members requested to give their comments on the Annual Report. After a brief discussion and deliberations members approved the Annual Report of the Centre which was then published.
vi.	Creation of new posts*	In process

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\*Regarding item vi. 'Creation of new posts', a question was raised by Dr. J.K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary(IUC), UGC, whether any such proposal was submitted, to which Mr. Harish Chandra, administrative officer, INFLIBNET replied that no proposal was submitted

### **23.3 Presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2022-23 of the Centre**

The Council members after a brief discussion and deliberations approved the Annual Report of the Centre for the F. Y. 2022-23 as it has already been approved by the Governing Board of the Centre in its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The Members were requested to give their suggestions/comments for the Annual Report, if any. Director, INFLIBNET, stated she has noticed after taking office in December, 2023 that so far Annual reports of INFLIBNET were only brought out in English and she said in compliance with the government order regarding Raj Bhaasha, in future the annual reports will be brought out in English and Hindi. Retro-conversion of the past reports into Hindi will also be taken up. The President of the Council, Hon'ble Chairman, UGC stated that such a compliance must be met. It was agreed that the Annual Report shall be prepared bilingual (Hindi & English) hence forth.

### **23.4 Presentation of the Audited Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2022-23 of the Centre**

The AO (PA&F) briefed the Council about the Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2022-23. The Council after a brief discussion and deliberations approved the Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2022-23 as it has already been approved by the Finance Committee and Governing Board of the Centre.

### **23.5 Brief on the Proceedings of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 after 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council**

The AO (PA&F) INFLIBNET Centre briefed the Council on the proceedings of the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. The following decisions were taken by the Board:

- i. Governing Board approved the revision of remuneration payable to the contractual staff. Approved remuneration have been implemented as per the approved structure.
- ii. Canteen food subsidy to contractual and permanent staff has been discontinued as suggested by the Board.
- iii. Governing Board approved to implement the coverage of all the contractual staff under EPF facility which has been implemented, accordingly now Centre is contributing applicable EPF for the outsourced employees.
- iv. Governing Board approved writing off of the obsolete and unserviceable items which have been auctioned following GFR rules.

- v. Representation of Shri Ashok Kumar Rai, Scientist E (CS) regarding his date of promotion. Based on the recommendations of the internal Committee the Governing Board approved the recommendations of the Committee which was communicated to the individual that his request has not been acceded to as per rules.
- vi. Revised Budget for the F.Y. 2022-23 and Budget Estimates for the F.Y. 2023-24 were approved by the Board for further placement before the Council.
- vii. Extension of appointment of Statutory Auditors for the year 2023-24 was approved by the Board and extended their term accordingly.
- viii. Shortfall of interest in GPF complied as per the approval.
- ix. Audit report and replies for the Financial Year 2021-22. The replies sent to the CAG were appreciated by the Board for taking action for settling the paras.
- x. Updated replies on the Audit Report of the CAG Audit for the years from 2015-16 to 2021-22, Board appreciated the action taken for settling the paras.

However, it was suggested that the Centre may present the brief audit report to the Council also.

### **23.6 Proceedings of the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

- i. Approval of the audited Annual Accounts F. Y. 2022-23, Board approved the accounts for further placement before the Council.
- ii. Approval of the Annual Report of the year 2022-23. After a brief discussion and deliberations Board approved the report for further placement of it before the Council.
- iii. Health scheme of the Centre: adoption of the CS(MA)/CGHS Rules. Board approved and it is implemented, for that one in house part time AMO (Dr) has been appointed in the Centre with the provision that an employee may take treatment in any hospital however, the reimbursement would be restricted to the CS (MA)/CGHS rates only.
- iv. CCTV surveillance system for the remaining areas in the Centre was discussed in the Finance Committee in its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Finance Committee resolved to place it before the Governing Board for approval. The Governing Board in its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting approved the same which is under process of floating the tender.
- v. Day care facility for the children of the employees, with contribution from employees was presented before the Finance Committee in its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Finance Committee resolved to place it before the Governing Board for approval. The Governing Board in its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting approved the same and it is being established.
- vi. Updated replies on the Audit Report of the CAG audit for the years from 2015-16 to 2021-22 were presented before the Board and it appreciated that the actions being taken by the Centre on the audit report to settle the paras.

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**23.7: Proceedings of the 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

- i. Engagement of the Graduate and Technician Apprentices under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme has been approved by the Board and is being implemented.
- ii. The Instructions for the purchase of laptops/notebooks and similar devices for Eligible officers issued by the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure E.II(A) Branch, GoI dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 were approved by the Board and implemented in the Centre.
- iii. The Revised Budget for the F.Y. 2023-24 and Budget for the F.Y. 2024-25 were approved by the Board and estimates for which the Centre is taking all care to keep the expenditure within the allocation limits.
- iv. Updated Replies on the Audit Report of the CAG Audit for the F.Y. 2015-16 to 2022-23 were presented to the Board were noted and appreciated.

The President of the Council, Chairman UGC, appreciated the initiatives taken up by INFLIBNET Centre. Hon'ble Chairman invited the Council members to provide their valuable suggestions and opinions. Dr. Ramesh Gaur, Dean, Administration and HoD, Kalanidhi, IGNCA appreciated the very important and crucial role INFLIBNET plays in the supporting libraries across the country and suggested that a Centre of Excellence in LIS be established so that it could bring our best practices for libraries and information centers based on its experiences. Director, INFLIBNET proposed to setup a committee to advise regarding setting up such a centre.

Further, the Hon'ble Chairman suggested that we shall meet after six months for giving necessary guidance and inputs to the INFLIBNET for its further development.

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

**(Prof. Devika P. Madalli)**  
Director, INFLIBNET Centre and  
Member Secretary Governing Council

**(Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar)**  
Hon'ble Chairman UGC and  
President Governing Council