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Dear LIS Professionals,

As usual in the month of August, the Librarian's Day Seminar was held in collaboration with INFLIBNET. An important topic Open Access Resources and their Impact on Education was held. The resources available in each library are limited. It is only when we have access to the material available in other libraries & when we use the huge amount of open access resources, can we provide more services to our users. This issue contains a Report of this Seminar.

It also contains useful & important activities of the work done in INFLIBNET. This will help libraries to access these resources to provide more services.

These resources are listed below:

1. IndCat- Union Catalogue of Resources available in university libraries

2. SOUL- ILMS

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LIBRARIANS DAY 2023 SEMINAR: A REPORT

Report of the Librarians Day 2023 Seminar on Open Access Resources in Libraries and their Impact on Education held at the INFLIBNET Centre organized by ADINET in collaboration with INFLIBNET Center Gandhinagar on 12th August, 2023.

INTRODUCTION



Honourable Chief Guest, **Prof.J.P. Singh Joorel**, Director, INFLIBNET, **Shri P K Laheri**, IAS (Retd.) Chairman ADINET, **Ms.Rhoda Bharucha** Director, ADINET, **Prof.C.R.Karsiddappa** Professor (Retd.), Guest of Honour, **Dr. H G Hosamani** Scientist-E (LS) INFLIBNET Centre graced the event with their presence in the inaugural function and appreciated ADINET & INFLIBNET for organizing such an event.

The main goals of this seminar were to provide the participants with the knowledge they needed to understand their field of work, help them build the essential skill sets to handle difficult situations, and provide information through open educational resources (OERs). It also sought to acquaint the participants with OERs, their proper use, their benefits, and best practices. Additionally, participants gained knowledge on OER access rules, tools, and advocacy as well as best practices for user engagement programs.

INAUGURATION

The event was started by the seminar coordinator, **Ms. Hema Cholin**, with an introduction, lamp lighting, and Saraswati Vandana, followed by highlights of the program.

Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Director of ADINET, gave the welcome speech. She extended a warm greeting to all of the dignitaries, distinguished guests, eminent speakers and participants. The theme and subthemes of the seminar, ADINET activities, instruments to promote ADINET efforts including training programs, seminars, and workshops, etc., as well as initiatives to involve professionals through SIGs, were all elaborated upon by Ms. Rhoda Bharucha. She also discussed the importance of libraries during the earlier era of the information explosion, the creation of dynamic websites for the promotion of services, collaborative learning, etc. She thanked the co-sponsors Allied Publishers, Balani Infotech, and Kibo as she concluded her speech.

Shree P K Lahiri, Chairman of ADINET, addressed the gathering by quoting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's speech about Vishwa Guru. He associated life's characteristics to Ranganathan's philosophy. He recommended the attendees to stay up to date with technological advancements in order to distribute information and gratify Ranganathan's soul. The educational message of his presentation was to be digitally smart, improve yourself, and be a mentor to knowledge seekers.

Prof C R Karisiddappa, Guest of Honor, delivered an exceptional address on the seminar's theme. In his insightful and awakening address, he recognized Dr. S. R. Ranganathan on his auspicious birth anniversary and recommended the participants to implement his concepts and philosophy in today's reality to improve services and impress the community. He concentrated on disseminating specialized information to the community by collecting expertise and utilizing the most recent technologies in the profession. It was also recommended that we acquire the

necessary infrastructure and staff, as well as implement effective training programs, in order to provide the community with the necessary information on time and therefore justify your profession.

Prof J P Singh Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET commended Shri Lahiriji and Prof. Karsidappaji on their remarks about Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's philosophy. He also discussed Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's life and fight for contribution to the Indian library movement, as well as the roles of Melvil Dewey and Dr. S. R. Ranganathan in the Philosophy of Modern Libraries. He also recommended us to carry Dr. Ranganathan's legacy forward in our careers. He concentrated on sharing resources, collaborating with libraries and professionals to provide easy access to resources for everybody. He congratulated and praised ADINET's efforts to promote libraries and their services.

Dr. H G Hosamani, Scientist-E (LS) INFLIBNET Centre, proposed the vote of thanks to all of the dignitaries, guests, management team, supporting staff, anchors and sponsors for making this seminar a success.

Ms. Shilpa Pandya, Librarian, began the first technical session by introducing the Chairperson and Speakers. **Mr. Manoj Kumar**, Scientist E, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, presided over the first technical session, which was centered on the subtheme Open Education Resources. He introduced the speakers of the session, gave a brief overview of the theme, and gave instructions for presentation and interaction.

Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist, INFLIBNET, delivered a talk on Strengthening Libraries Using Open Educational Resources. He explained the components of OERs and the approach for disseminating knowledge via several OER platforms. He also mentioned several government initiatives for OERs to give personalized content to the community.

The next presentation was on the Mainstreaming OERs into India's Classrooms: An Academic Perspectives by **Dr. Sagendar Sinh Parmar**, PhD Scholar, School of Library & Information Science, Central University of Gujarat. He introduced various OERs and their types and focused on Big & Small, Weak & Strong OERs. He presented the statistics from the survey on the awareness of Oral Erring Systems among library professionals and educators. He discussed the difficulties faced by the academic sector to adopt OERs in the education system. He proposed acquiring modern IT infrastructure and disseminating information according to the needs of the local community.

There was a presentation by **Ms. Shivani Trivedi on KIBO**: Knowledge in a Box. She explained about Kibo 360 Kit which is an AI-powered patented technology comprising Kibo XS Device and Kibo 360 web software to scan hardcopy printed and handwritten documents, upload images and scanned PDFs and type text to Listen to various languages, translate across 100+ languages, digitize documents, audiotape to MP3 audio form, Edit on-the-go for real-time edits, Save to Kibo cloud for multi-device access and also demonstrated the whole Kibo kit with its features.

The second technical session was on the theme "**Open Access Policies, Tools & Advocacy**" chaired by **Dr. Sheetal Tank**, Chief Librarian, Atmiya University. She introduced the session's speakers, gave a brief explanation of the theme, and

instructions for presentation and interaction. The presentation on Scholarly Publishing: How Far or Near to the Open Access was delivered by **Dr. Lalitha Poluru**, Head, Knowledge Management Centre, NID. She talked about scholarly communication and scholarly publishing, as well as preprint, post print, predatory publishing, open access models, the Romeo Colors scheme, Tempe Principles for scholarly publishing, various forms of creative common licenses, Free culture licensing, and author rights. She also highlighted the key differences between the Gold Route, the Green Route, hybrid journals, cloned journals, and hijacked journals.

The next presentation was on Open Access Gujarat: Advocating for Open Access by **Dr. Lagdhir Rabari**, Librarian, BITS Law School, Mumbai. He highlighted the current state of open access, as well as the concepts of open access publishing and licensing. He centered on the practical aspects of the concerns and obstacles that professionals confront when it comes to open access advocacy and policies. He spoke about the open access movement and its benefits, as well as open access regulations. He suggested that the draft be produced for open access policy at the university or institute level to promote open access publishing.

The post lunch technical session began with introduction of chairperson and presenters by **Ms. Sangita Bhatt**, ADINET. The focus of the third session was on **Work done by Library Science Associations in Gujarat**. **Dr. Urmila Thakar**, Professor (Retd.), spoke about the Gujarat Vishwakosh Trusts varied projects and actions to promote libraries and the Gujarati language. She asked attendees to participate in a variety of

activities like content writing, articles etc in preparing Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science.

Dr.Meeta Rathod, Dean of Humanities at Sarvajanik University, Surat, gave a presentation on MANLIBNET and its contribution to the advancement of the library profession. She discussed MANLIBNET's awards, such as the MANLIBNET Best Librarian Award, the MANLIBNET Innovative Librarian Award, and the MANLIBNET -Bharat Book Bureau (3b) International Travel Grant Award to promote research in LIS, as well as annual conferences, the Librarian Development Programme, Gramin Pustakalay, the Ashok Jambhekar Memorial Lecture, and its publications.

User Engagement Programme was the theme for the fourth and last technical session which was chaired by **Dr. Kruti Trivedi**, Scientist D(LS), INFLIBNET. She introduced the session's speakers, gave a brief explanation of the theme, and instructions for presentation and interaction.

Dr. Monita Shastri, Librarian, Institute of Management, Nirma University presented on User Engagement Activities at Nirma Libraries. She did an exceptional job creating the presentation by showcasing the pictures of an array of activities, including book talks, book reviews, competitions for photography, poetry, posters, storytelling, and shodh yatras, as well as outlining the benefits these activities have for libraries and how they can engage or reach the public to the libraries.

The next presentation was by **Dr. Lavji Zala**, Assistant Professor (SS), PG Department of L.& I. S, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, regarding Trustworthy Government Digital Information Data. He explained the idea of community participation and the function that libraries

and librarians play in it in a very beautiful way. In order to meet the needs of all types of communities, including physically challenged people and the local community, he also discussed a variety of outreach programs for community participation. These programs included the Library Community Health Outreach Program and the Awareness Program for Using Data Purposefully and the resources published by the Government. He also prepared the draft for Community Engagement through Information Literacy Programme for resources published by the Government.

The seminar concluded with a comprehensive summary presentation of the inauguration and all the papers presented in the technical sessions during the seminar by **Ms Rupam Sikligar**, Librarian, Institute of Technology Gandhinagar.

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES BY INFLIBNET

1.IndCat:Union Catalogues



<http://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/>

Statistics



IndCat is unified online catalogues of Books, Theses and Journals available in Major university libraries in India. The union database contains bibliographic description, location and holdings information for books, theses and unique journals titles in all subject areas. The Centre has developed an application software called "Online Copy Catalogue System (OCS)", which facilitates

libraries to search and browse bibliographic records.

2.Soul: Integrated Library Management System



<https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/soul/>

The SOUL is state-of-the-art integrated library management software designed and developed by the INFLIBNET Centre. It is user-friendly software developed to work under client-server environment.

4000+ installation till date

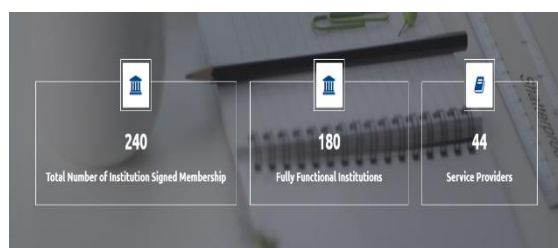
3.E-ShodhSindhu:



[\(https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/)

Based on the recommendation of an Expert Committee, the Ministry of HRD (now renamed as Ministry of Education) has formed e-ShodhSindhu merging three consortia initiatives, namely UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, NLIST and INDEST-AICTE Consortium. centrally funded technical institutions, universities and colleges that are covered under 12(B) and 2(f) Sections of the UGC Act.

4. INFED: IN FED | INDIAN Access Management Federation



[\(http://infed.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](http://infed.inflibnet.ac.in/)

It is a solution to access the e-content (subscribed / non-subscribed) from anywhere and anytime. There is no restriction of boundaries / IP to access the content. Access Management System (200+ Requested / implemented).

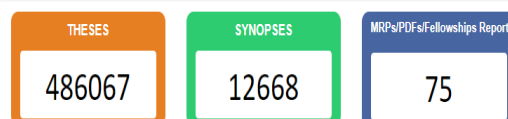
5. Shodhganga & ShodhSuddhi:



[\(http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/)

Shodhganga is a repository of Indian theses and dissertations set-up by the INFLIBNET Centre based on the UGC notification (Award of M.Phil. / Ph.D Degree, Regulation, 2009/2016).

The repository provides a platform for research scholars to deposit their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in open access.



6. Human Resource Development and Consultancy:

<https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/hrd/>

Imparting training to manpower working in the university and college libraries in the use of IT is an important objective of the Centre and has been given due priority. INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme for Library Automation (IRTPLA), User Awareness Training Programme, National and International Conventions called PLANNER, CALIBER are being conducted across the country in collaboration with the universities.

7.e-PGPathshala





[\(http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/)

e-PG Pathshala is an Open Education Repository (PG Courses, 23000+ modules), initiated by MoE under NMEICT executed by the UGC/INFLIBNET.

8. Vidya-Mitra: Integrated e-Content Portal



<http://vidyamitra.inflibnet.ac.in>

Vidya-mitra is an online learning portal for all the e-content projects developed under the NME-ICT, MoE. The portal provides facility to search and browse all hosted content wherein a learner can easily access the desired material. More than 60,000 e-Modules are hosted on Vidya-Mitra.

9.Swayam Prabha



www.swayamprabha.gov.in

(Free DTH Educational Channel)
The SWAYAM-PRABHA, an MoE project under NME-ICT, is conceived as a group of 40 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 transponders. The INFLIBNET Centre was assigned the task of developing portal of SWAYAM-PRABHA and its hosting including archiving of videos for all the

channel.

Channels: 40 channels streaming live

10.ShodhChakra:



[\(https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/)

Shodh-Chakra is a unique initiative to help the academic community during their research life cycle. Shodh-Chakra provides space to the researcher,guide/supervisor and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar.

11.ILMS:



<https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/ilms>

INFLIBNET Learning Management Service is an e-learning platform where teachers and learners can interact. It also provides pre-populated e-PGP courses & SWAYAM archive courses.



49 participating Universities 1000+ PG & UG Courses

12. N-LIST:



[\(https://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/\)](https://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/)



The Project entitled & National Library and Information Services Infrastructure

for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)", being jointly executed by the e-ShodhSindhu Consortium, INFLIBNET Centre and the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, IIT Delhi provides for.

13. Vidwan:



(<https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in/>)



Vidwan consists of detailed profiles of Indian scientists and faculty members working.

14. Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS):



(<http://irins.org/irins/>)

IRINS is web-based Research Information Management (RIM)

service that facilitates the academic, R & D organizations and showcase the scholarly communication activities and provide an opportunity to create the scholarly network.

15. ISBN:



(<https://isbnnew.gov.in/>)

The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a unique numerical identifier for monographic publications such as books, pamphlets, educational kits, microforms, CD-ROMs and other digital and electronic publications.

