

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

22nd August, 2024

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, 22nd August, 2024
(Held in INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar in blended mode)

The following Members and invitees were present in the meeting:

Hon'ble Chairman Governing Board		
1.	Prof. Bharat Bhasker	Director, IIM Ahmedabad
Members		
2.	Prof. Deepak K Srivastava	Vice Chairman , UGC, New Delhi (online)
3.	Prof. Devika P. Madalli	Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Member Secretary
4.	Prof. Lokendra Singh	Vice Chancellor, Manipur University (Online)
5.	Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey	Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
6.	Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey	Director, IUAC, New Delhi
7.	Prof. Ravindra D Kulkarni	Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Mumbai (Online)
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9.	Shri Rahul Kulkarni	Chief Technologist, Samagra, New Delhi
10.	Dr. Dinesh Singh	Director (P&AP), AICTE, New Delhi (Nominee AICTE) (Online)
11.	Dr. Vikas Sitaramji Nagrale	University Librarian, Jamia Milia University, Delhi
12.	Dr. J. K. Tripathi	Joint Secretary UGC, IUC (Invitee) (Online)
13.	Shri Harish Chandra	Administrative Officer (PA&F) INFLIBNET Centre (Invitee)

Prof. G. U. Kulkarni, President of JNCASR Bengaluru, Prof. Manish R Joshi, Secretary UGC and Rep of MoE, could not join the meeting due to their prior commitments.

At the outset Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET, extended a warm welcome to all the members.

Prof. Madalli welcomed and introduced to the new members on the Governing Board' viz. Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey, Director, IUAC, New Delhi, Dr. Vikas Sitaramji Nagrale, Chief Librarian, Jamia Milia University, New Delhi.

Director INFLIBNET, further appreciated and expressed her gratitude for the outgoing members of the Governing Board for their continuous guidance and support in the overall functioning and development of the Centre.

Thereafter, Prof. Madalli made a detailed presentation before the Governing Board on the recent projects and the activities of the Centre.

After the presentation Prof. Madalli briefed the members about the achievements of the Centre viz:

Prof. Devika Pandurang Madalli, Director	Invited to London, United Kingdom to attend the Make Data Count (MDC) Summit organised by the Wellcome Trust.	5-6 September 2024
	Invited to Lisbon, Portugal to deliver keynote address at the annual conference of OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association).	16-18 September 2024
Mr. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (Library Science)	Invited to Göteborg, Sweden to attend the OR2024 Conference.	3-6 June 2024
Dr. Kruti Jayeshkumar Trivedi, Scientist-D (Library Science) & Mr. Pallab Pradhan, Scientist-C (Library Science)	Invited to London, United Kingdom to attend the Make Data Count (MDC) Summit organised by the Wellcome Trust.	5-6 September 2024
Mr. Hiteshkumar Harshadbhai Solanki, Scientist-C (Computer Science)	Invited to Trieste, Italy to participate in the CODATA-RDA Advance Workshop for Research Data Science in Compute Infrastructure organised by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP).	26-30 August 2024
Shri Harish Chandra, Administrative Officer (P&A)	1. Secured 1 st position in TATA Mumbai Marathon in Half Marathon in his category on 21 st January 2024.	
	2. Secured 1 st position in Dadi Prakash Mani International Marathon, Half Marathon in his category on 18 th August 2024.	

Members appreciated the achievements of the Director, Scientists & Officers of the Centre and encouraged them for the future endeavours.

Further, Prof Madalli presented the agenda items as follows:

47.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Governing Board held on 14th December, 2023

The minutes of the 46th meeting of the Governing Board held on 14th December, 2023 were confirmed as circulated, since no comments were received from the Members.

47.2 Report on Action Taken and Progress made since 46th Meeting of the Governing Board held on 14th December, 2023

47.2.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Governing Board.

Confirmed in 46th meeting.

47.2.2 Report on action taken after the 45th Meeting of the Governing Board.

Reported in 46th meeting.

47.2.3 Engagement of the Graduate and Technician Apprentices under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme.

Advertised and is under process.

47.2.4 Instructions for Purchase of Laptops/Notebooks for the eligible officers.

Approved, implemented.

47.2.5 Approval of the revised budget for the F. Y. 2023-24 and budget for the F. Y. 2024-2025.

Approved budgets sent to UGC for release of funds.

47.2.6 Updated Replies on the Audit Report of the CAG Audit for the F.Y. from 2015-16 to 2022-23.

Complied.

47.3 Approval of the Annual Report for the year 2023- 2024

The Members after a brief discussion and deliberations **approved** the Annual Report for the year 2023- 2024 of the Centre to put up before the council.

47.4 Approval of the Annual Accounts for the F. Y. 2023- 2024

The Members after a brief discussion and deliberations **approved** the Annual Accounts for the F. Y. 2023- 2024 of the Centre to put up before the council. Further, advised that the Centre use the nomenclatures under various heads as per the current nomenclatures.

47.5 Approval of the Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Governing Board after a brief discussions and deliberations **Approved** the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 28th June, 2024.

47.6 Approval of the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Building Committee

The Governing Board after a detailed discussions and deliberations **Approved** the minutes of the Building Committee held on 26th June, 2024.

Further, members resolved that regarding the request for the additional land in view that the activities of the centre have increased by many folds in the last 10 years and also facilities like the data centre, training hall and computer lab have become inadequate in capacity. The centre has thought of building a dedicated training section for university and academic librarians for design and implementation of services for specially endowed persons to aid the specially

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endowed person to access, discover and use library resources. Further, there are several activities of the Centre which are playing the role of catalyst towards the NEP objectives. Owing to these and growing responsibilities it was proposed to request for additional land to help the expansion. The proposal / purposes of additional land are a) Data centre (increasing demand for digital resources and data storage necessitates the expansion of our current data infrastructure) to serve as a central hub for digital operations, providing the necessary support for research and academic programs under the aegis of UGC/MoE. b) Training facility (well-equipped lab with latest ICT technology) c) Green campus (in alignment with commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, it is proposed to develop a green area or garden that will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Centre but also contribute to the well-being of our stakeholders). All buildings will comply with Net zero principles. The Chairman, Governing Board and other members approved the same. Centre shall pursue the matter with Govt. of Gujarat in consultation with the UGC & MoE.

The same is being forwarded to UGC for consideration.

47.7 Approval for the Filling of the Post of PA against the Post of PS

The members were briefed that the Centre had advertised the post of PS seven times but no candidate qualified the test. It has been observed that the smaller number of candidates applied for the same due to 8 years of experience along with stenography test @ 120 WPM. The members after detailed discussions and deliberations resolved that since UGC is in the process of drafting new CRR for the IUCs, Centre may wait till such CRRs are finalised by the UGC. Further, Dr. Tripathi, Joint Secretary, UGC, suggested INFLIBNET may send the proposal to UGC in terms of revision / updates in qualifications for the said post as per current practice of working environment (such as computer literacy and typing speed).

47.8 Compassionate Appointment of the Son of late Shri Bakul Bhai Parmar

Members after a brief discussion noted that Shri Kartik Kapadiya s/o late Shri Bakul Bhai Parmar does not fulfil the criteria for compassionate appointment as per the DoPT OM dated 2.8.2022. Hence the internal Committee had recommended that the candidate is not eligible for compassionate appointment. The same was approved.

47.9 Formulation of the Corpus Policy

Members after the detailed discussions and deliberations resolved that the Director, INFLIBNET may constitute a suitable Committee to formulate the policy for the usage of the corpus.

47.10 INFLIBNET Social Responsibility

Members were briefed that the Centre will carry out the social services (including rural libraries, digital/ICT awareness, etc) for the under privileged people/tribes. Members after detailed discussions and deliberations resolved that the Centre may start the desired social services on a pilot project basis which is proposed to be initiated with BISAG, Gandhinagar or other initiatives and assess the requirements of the funds for further operations based on the experience. The pilot project may be executed from its own earnings fund. The financial estimate for the pilot maybe presented to Chair, GB for due approval and upon approval the pilot maybe carried out.

47.11 Paternity Leave to the Outsourced Staff

The members were briefed that Centre has extended the benefit of the maternity leave to the female outsourced employees after the approval of the Governing Board in its 42nd Meeting held on 21st August, 2021. Now the outsourced male employees are asking for the paternity leave.

Members after a brief discussion resolved that outsourced employees are employees of the outsource agency, they are to be governed by the rules of that agency only. Further, advised that the Centre may also grant such benefits in case there is an OM /directive of GoI specifically for such outsourced employees.

47.12 Reimbursement of Telephone/mobile/internet charges

The members after a brief discussion and deliberations approved and resolved to implement as per GoI rules.

47.13 Empanelment of Hospitals

The members were briefed that the employees/beneficiaries of the medical scheme of the Centre are not getting the CGHS card and also CGHS/CSMA hospitals, except one multispecialty hospital, are not extending the CGHS rates to the beneficiaries. Currently, the reimbursement is restricted to the CGHS rates which is taxable also. Members after the detailed discussions and deliberations advised the Centre to empanel more number of hospitals and also constitute a Committee to explore further modalities for medical facility within the Government rules.

47.14 Updated Replies on the Audit Report of the CAG Audit for the F.Y. 2018-19 to 2022-23

The Members noted that the Centre has submitted suitable updated replies of the audit paras for the year 2018 - 2019 to 2022 - 2023 to the CAG office Ahmedabad and appreciated the efforts made by the Centre in resolving the CAG paras. Further, advised that the Centre may have a one to one online meeting with the heads of the institutes against whom the advance settlements are pending and settle the pending advances.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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



(Prof. Bharat Bhasker)
Director, IIM -A and
Chairman Governing Board