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**INFLIBNET:OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS, SERVICES**

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INFLIBNET is derived as “Information Library Network”. The University Grants Commission(UGC) initiated the INFLIBNET program in 1991. INFLIBNET was started as a project. The project is used for astronomy and astrophysics (IUCAA) of Pune in Ahmadabad. This program aims to create a nationwide network of university libraries and research centres. In this article I would like to share the information about the INFLIBNET. and its objectives, functions of the INFLIBNET, services of INFLIBNET and databases subscribed by INFLIBNET.

**Objectives:** INFLIBNET objectives are followed by:

- Digitization of the libraries and information centers in our country.
- Strengthening the standards and uniform guide lines in techniques,methods,procedures computer hardware and software to acquiring the speed information.
- Provide access to bibliographic information sources with citations and abstracts through the databases of the information centers like NISSAT,UGC.
- Developing the new methods and techniques to accessing the information  
For e.g.: we can search by using several languages(or)  
We can search by using keyboards(or) touch screen or voice search.
- Creation of databases for the projects,institution in online mode.
- Facilitating co-operation among libraries, information centres, documentation centres in country.
- Organizes the Training, workshops to library professionals and developing human resources for managing INFLIBNET.
- Providing academic communication among library professionals,scientist,engineers,academics,researchers and students through online mode like E-mail,file transfer,computer/audio/video conferencing etc.
- Providing speedy and efficient services to the readers/users.
- Provide access to primary literature through ugc info net,E-journal consortia
- Promotes the use of union catalogue among user communities
- Ensures uninterrupted 24/7 and 365 days. Online access to all the records stored in the database.
- Provides the inter library loan feature to the student/user.

**Functions of INFLIBNET:**INFLIBNET is performing many activities

- Development of INFLIBNET standards and formats to avail of speedy and efficient information
- Development of databases to store the information
- Retrospective conversion of catalogue
- Conducting training programmes to the library professionals
- Annual national conventions
- Integral library management system(ILM) and SOUL

**Services of INFLIBNET:**

INFLIBNET performs many services to the users for providing large amount of information.

- It is accessing union catalogue of books, periodicals, articles and projects.
- E-mail accessing to INFLIBNET union databases through “SEWAK” service
- Provides CD-ROM based bibliographic database search.
- Provides COPSAT service.
- OCLC search service through offline mode
- Document Delivery Service
- Bibliography information services
- Catalogue based services
- Increasing collection of information
- Communication/ information-based services.



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## Subscribed databases

An INFLIBNET is subscribing various types of databases for providing various fields of information. some databases are given by

- LISA: library and information science abstract (1969-2003)
- OCLC: Recent books (1999)
- OCLC: Old books (1999)
- OCLC: Serials (1999)
- ISSN Compact: the ISSN register on CD-ROM (1999,2003)
- ERIC: education and research centre (1983-1996), etc

**LISA:** LISA is derived as library and information science abstract initiated in 1969.it is an international abstracting and indexing tool. it is providing the information to the library professionals and other needy users. It is collecting the data from 68 countries in 20 languages and collecting 440+ periodicals. LISA is published by library Association (UK)

**OCLC:**OCLC is derived as online computer library centre. Founded in 1967. oclc headquarters are located at dublin, ohio state (US). the oclc is provides bibliographic, abstract and full text information to library professionals and all the users. Generally the OCLC is called as ohio computer library centre but this is changed as online computer library centre in 2017. this OCLC and its member libraries cooperatively produce and maintaining world cat, OPAC and Dewey decimal classification. it is also producing catalogue cards. It holds the records of recent books, old books and serials. It provides the large amount of data to the users.

- **World cat:** world cat is union catalogue. it is largest online library. started in the year 21<sup>st</sup> january1998. It contains 15,600 libraries of 107 countries. It is providing the information in 13 languages. The world cat is maintaining world's largest bibliographic database. World cat is providing E-books, audio books in many fields. It is useful for all users.The URL/Website of world cat is [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org).
- **OPAC:** OPAC is derived as Online public access catalogue. It is initiated at ohio state university in 1975 and dallas public library 1978. By using OPAC we will be accessing information. It provides books based on subject, persons and topic,etc. It holds the records of the library and provides to the user. We can access the services of OPAC by using library link of the college or university.

According to ALA Glossary, OPAC is "A computer based and supported library catalogue(bibliographic database) designed to be accessed via terminals so that library users may directly and effectively search for and retrieve bibliographic records without the assistance of a human intermediary such as specially trained member of the library staff".

**ISSN Compact:** ISSN is derived as International standard serial number. Is initiated in 1976. ISSN register on CD-ROM is initiated in 1999. the ISSN compact is also a bibliographical database. It contains the ISSN register with almost 800,000 records on currently published and discontinued serial publications, ie: journals, newspapers and yearbooks etc. It holds the records all over world which have been assigned an ISSN. The website of ISSN: [www.issn.org](http://www.issn.org)

**ERIC:** An ERIC is derived as Education Resources Information centre. It is founded in 1966. ERIC is an online digital library of education research and information. it is served by the institute of education science (IES) of the US department of education. ERIC is collecting the books and documents nearly 500,000. it provides easy access to education literature to support the use of educational research and information. And it helps to learning, teaching and research to users.The website of ERIC: [eric.ed.gov](http://eric.ed.gov)

**Conclusion:**Here I would like to say about INFLIBNET programme. It performing many advantages to the users. It is providing financial support to the university libraries. Providing standard information. It standardizing the SOUL. By using INFLIBNET we can access the large amount of data. INFLIBNET is helps to every student of university or registered organization.

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