

Sub: Queries Regarding Shodhganga and e-ShodhSindhu being received from Colleges: Clarifications

The INFLIBNET Centre receives numerous queries from Colleges regarding membership to Shodhganga and e-ShodhSindhu. Following clarifications are being provided in this regard:

Shodhganga: Shodhganga is an Open Access Repository of full-text theses submitted to universities in India. Membership is not required to browse, view, search and download theses available in Shodhganga. However, INFLIBNET signs MoUs with universities so as to facilitate submission of electronic version of theses into Shodhganga and synopses/approved research proposals into Shodhgangotri. The eligible universities that signs MoUs with INFLIBNET Centre on Shodhganga are provided access to anti-plagiarism software. Colleges are not eligible for this benefit. (Details are available at <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in>)

e-ShodhSindhu: Colleges that are covered under 12(B) & 2(f) Sections of the UGC Act and are under direct purview of UGC are entitled to get access to e-resources under NLIST programme except for Colleges imparting education in Agriculture, Engineering, Management, Medical, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Nursing. NLIST is college component of e-ShodhSindhu. **NLIST subscribes to a sub-set of e-resources that are subscribed under e-ShodhSindhu.** As such, Colleges that are already getting access to e-resources under NLIST do not require membership of e-ShodhSindhu. (More details are available at <http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/members.php>)



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Consortium, INFLIBNET Centre and the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, IIT Delhi provides for i) cross-subscription to e-resources subscribed by the two Consortia, i.e. subscription to INDEST-AICTE resources for universities and e-ShodhSindhu resources for technical institutions; and ii) access to selected e-resources to colleges. The N-LIST project provides access to e-resources to students, researchers and faculty from colleges and other beneficiary institutions through server(s) installed at the INFLIBNET Centre. The authorized users from colleges can now access e-resources and download articles required by them directly from the publisher's website once they are duly authenticated as authorized users through servers deployed at the INFLIBNET Centre.

N-LIST: Four Components

The project has four distinct components, i.e. i) to subscribe and provide access to selected e-ShodhSindhu e-resources to technical institutions (IITs, IISc, IISERs and NITs) and monitor its usage; ii) to subscribe and provide access to selected INDEST e-resources to selected universities and monitor its usage; iii) to subscribe and provide access of selected e-resources to Govt./ Govt.-aided colleges and monitor its usage; and iv) to act as a Monitoring Agency for colleges and evaluate, promote, impart training and monitor all activities involved in the process of providing effective and efficient access to e-resources to colleges.

The INDEST and UGC-INFONET are jointly responsible for activity listed at i) and ii) above. The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar is responsible for activities listed at iii) and iv) above. The INFLIBNET Centre is also responsible for developing and deploying appropriate software tools and techniques for authenticating authorized users.

Note: From Year 2014, N-LIST programme is subsumed under e-ShodhSindhu Consortium as college component. The colleges (except Agriculture Engineering, Management, Medical, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Nursing) in India are eligible to get access e-resources under N-LIST programme.

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