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IN COLLABORATION WITH

INFLIBNET CENTRE, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

## Introduction

Information technology plays a major role in evolving the creation, communication, location, retrieval and use of information. The impact of automation on library is quite obvious and has changed the nature of workflow. It prompted redefinition of certain functions, influenced interpersonal relationships and transformed traditional organizational structures into new institutional entities. Modern day libraries need a proper planning before initiating the process of automation. In an automated library administration, resource acquisition, circulation, serial control and cataloguing is done with the help of computer technology. In this connection library professionals need to develop their skills to serve the academic community with the help of latest tools available. In this regard, we are going to arrange 5 days INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) for library professionals of Colleges and Universities in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat in our university.

## IRTPLA Objectives

The IRTPLA (INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation) programme is aimed to impart training to a large number of Librarians/Library Professionals through regional-level training with emphasis on local needs and languages for implementation of automation in the College/University libraries. The programme has gained much popularity and aims to cover most of the colleges and universities of the nation.

## INFLIBNET

Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre is an autonomous Inter- University Centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in India. It is a major National Programme initiated by the UGC in 1991 with its Head Quarters at Gujarat University Campus, Ahmedabad. Initially started as a project under the IUCAA, it became an independent Inter-University Centre in 1996. At present official address is Infocity, Gandhinagar-382001, Gujarat. INFLIBNET is a computer communication network for linking Libraries and Information Centers in Universities, deemed to be Universities, Colleges, UGC Information Centers, Institutions of National Importance and R&D Institutions etc. to avoid duplication of efforts.

INFLIBNET is involved in modernizing university libraries as well as information centres in India and connecting them through a nation- wide high speed data network using the state-of-art technologies for the optimum utilization of information.

## Objectives of INFLIBNET

The INFLIBNET aims to promote and establish computer based networking and modern communication facilities which improve capability in information transfer and access that provide support to scholarship, learning, research and academic pursuits through cooperation and involvement of agencies (e.g. ERNET) concerned. INFLIBNET is set out to be a major player in promoting scholarly communication among academicians and researchers in India.

## University of Calcutta

The Calcutta University Act came into force on 24th January 1857 and a 41-member Senate was formed as the policy making body of the university. When the university was first established it had a catchment area covering the area from Lahore to Rangoon (now in Myanmar)—the largest of any Indian university. The first Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University were Governor General Lord Canning and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Sir James William Colvile, respectively. In 1858, Joddu Nath Bose and Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay became the first graduates of the university.

The university has a total of 14 campuses spread over the city of Kolkata and its suburbs. The major campuses are the Central Campus (Ashutosh Shiksha Prangan) in College Street, Rashbehari Shiksha Prangan in Rajabazar, Taraknath Palit Shiksha Prangan in Ballygunge and Sahid Khudiram Siksha Prangan in Alipore. Other campuses include the Hazra Road Campus, the University Press and Book Depot, the B. T. Road Campus, the Viharilal College of Home Science Campus, the University Health Service, the Haringhata Campus, the Dhakuria Lakes (University Rowing Club) and the University Ground and Tent at Maidan.

## Department of Library and Information Science

The Department of Library and Information Science was established in 1943. The Inter University Board of India resolute that only graduates of any stream would be eligible for admission to the librarianship courses conducted by the Indian Universities. At the same time a library sub-committee was formed by the University of Calcutta. In 1998, the Department was renamed as the Department of Library & Information Science and the course name was Bachelor of Library & Information Science (BLIS) and Master of Library & Information Science (MLIS). In 2010 Department started 5 Year Integrated Master of Library & Information Science. The Department is presently under the Faculty of Post-Graduate studies in Journalism, Education and Library & Information Science.

## Convenience to reach the location

The central campus of University of Calcutta is situated in a centralized location which is at a distance of about 1 kilometer from Howrah/ Sealdah Railway Station. Auto, bus or taxi is very convenient and easily available options for any participant for reaching university within ten minutes.

## Eligibility for participation

Library Professionals with computer knowledge are eligible for participating in the training programme.

## Registration

There is no registration fee for the participations. But, registration form must be forwarded by the appropriate authority /Head of the Institution.

## Accommodation

Accommodation may be arranged for the registered participants on prior intimation.

## Traveling Expenses

Traveling expenses will not be provided to the registered participants.

## Training Venue

The inaugural session will be held at Chandra Mukhi Kadambini Sabhagriha which is located at the Central Library Building of University of Calcutta. The inaugural session will be started from 10.00 a.m. on 28th March, 2017. Participants are requested to reach the venue within 9.30 a.m. The training will be held at the Department of Library and Information Science, Centenary Building, 8th floor of University of Calcutta, College street campus.

## Administration

The number of participants is limited to 30. The seats will be filled up on first- cum-first-serve basis. The programme is full time and the session timings are between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. for 5 day with breaks for tea and lunch.

## Contact

Please submit your filled up registration form duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution on or before 15th March, 2017 to the Course Coordinator, IRTPLA-2017. For any further information please contact.

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**Registration Form**

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ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION
(IRTPLA-2017)
$28^{th}$ March – $1^{st}$ April, 2017

Name (in block letters): …………………………………….

Designation: ……………………………………………..

Name and Address of the College/University/Institution:

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Academic Qualifications: …………………………………

Address: ……………………………………………………

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Mobile No: ……………………………………….........

E-mail: ……………………………………………………..

Accommodation Required:     Yes/No

Distance from residence (km): …………………………

Signature of the Participant: ………..……………………

**Recommendation of the forwarding authority**

I recommend Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms…………………………

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to participate in IRTPLA-2017, jointly organized by The University of Calcutta and INFLIBNET during $28^{th}$ March to $1^{st}$ April, 2017. He/She may be released from the College/Institution/University for the above course.

Date:
            Signature of the Principal/Teacher-in-Charge/
                    Head of the Institution (with seal)