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(विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का स्वायत्त अंतर विश्वविद्यालय केन्द्र)

INFL/Shodhganga/Amendment_MoU/2025/59

4th February, 2025

To,

Dr. Sandeep Kumar Suhag
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Maruti Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302029

Sub: Amendment to the MoU for Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri-regd.

Dear Sir,

New Year Greetings from INFLIBNET Centre. We would like to thank you for signing the Amendment to the MoU for the Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri project dated 1st January, 2025 and the Original MoU dated 29th December, 2018. We appreciate your effort in promoting Shodhganga: a Repository of about 5,85,000+ Full-Text Indian Electronic Theses and related policies to enhance the quality of research in the Nation.

Enclosed please find the one set of the Amendment to the MoU duly signed by the Hon'ble Director for your record and retention. You are requested to kindly instruct your Officials to upload one-page Plagiarism/Summary Report along with the ORCID iD as mentioned in the Amendment.

Please note that the amendment reflects the evolving requirements of the academic community, addressing Digital Rights Management (DRM) issues and aligning with national policy changes recommended by the Ministry and the UGC. These amendments were recommended by the newly constituted Shodhganga National Steering Committee (SNSC) following a comprehensive review of the existing MoU. For more details and help to upload, you may please visit <https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/>

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Enclosed: Amendment to the MoU

[CC: Shraddha Kalla (University Librarian)]

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,


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Amendments to the MoU signed for Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri by the Universities

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was made and entered into on 01 (Day) Jan. (Month) 2025 (Year) between the INFLIBNET Centre, an IUC of University Grants Commission located at Gandhinagar, hereinafter referred to as "INFLIBNET" and IIHMR UNIVERSITY (University / Deemed University / Inter-University Centre / Others), here in after referred to as the 'University'.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) & the amendments define the rights, responsibilities, liabilities and commitments of the Institutions involved in ensuring proper system implementation, to meet the objectives pertaining to submission and access to Shodhganga (Electronic Theses and Dissertations) as envisaged by the UGC and other bodies vide:

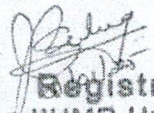
- Regulation 19 of UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 dated 1st June, 2009.
- Regulation 13.1 of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, dated 5th May 2016
- Regulation 17 of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022 dated 7th November 2022 and
- The circular issued by AICTE vide circular No. AICTE/P& AP/Misc/2022/ Dated: 23.12.2022 & UGC vide D.O.No.2-10/2021 (CPP-II) dated December 22, 2021
- Amendments suggested by the Shodhganga National Steering Committee [SNSC] in its meeting held on 21st August 2024, at the INFLIBNET Centre.

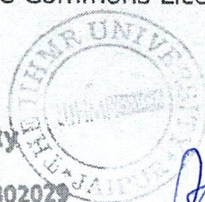
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, INFLIBNET and the University agree to the following Amendments:

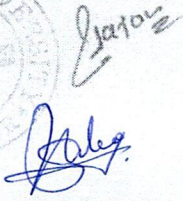
I. INFLIBNET Centre

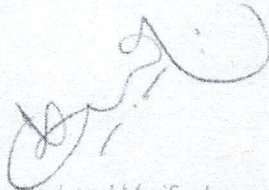
A1 i. Embargo Request: The INFLIBNET Centre shall review the embargo request and apply it to the hosted content, if it is found appropriate i.e., if cited with valid reasons like Book/Article Publications, filing of Patent application and such others, for a specified period, and requested through the Competent authority i.e. Vice-Chancellor/Registrar or Equivalent

A1 ii. Creative Commons License: Legal issues and Digital Rights Management (DRM) of the content hosted on the Shodhganga repository shall be governed by a Non-Exclusive License under the 'Creative Commons License i.e. CC BY-NC.


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II. The University:

A2 i. The University agrees to obtain from the Research Scholar an undertaking wherein he/she agrees to grant to the University & INFLIBNET the non-exclusive license to host the Theses on the Shodhganga platform under the CC BY-NC license and to preserve as part of the backup. Such undertaking may be obtained in accordance with the existing UGC guidelines and the University Regulations.

A2 ii. Embargo policy:

(a) The University may have its embargo policy, if required, for reasons such as Book or Article publications, filing of Patent applications and such others for a specified period and request for application of embargo shall be made to the INFLIBNET through the competent authority of the University.

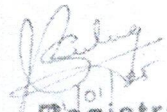
(b) The University shall inform INFLIBNET of any existing embargo policy implemented through its Research Bodies.

A2 iii. Plagiarism: The University agrees to upload one-page Plagiarism/Summary Report on Shodhganga with comprehensive detailed analysis report kept in backup/archive by Universities and able to be retrieved on request of the Ministry/UGC/INFLIBNET/Legal Cells etc.

III. The clauses mentioned in the previous MoU under INFLIBNET Centre (I) shall remain intact except for the following clarificatory changes:

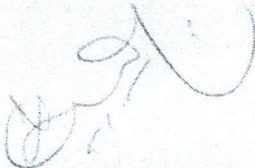
Clause No-1 is to be read as:

1. Access to Hosting Server & Digital Preservation: The INFLIBNET Centre shall provide access to ETD hosting server(s) at the INFLIBNET Centre 'Shodhganga'/'Shodhgangotri' to the University with accompanied software interface, enabling University and its Coordinator to create metadata as mentioned in Clause No. 2 and upload the theses in ETD repositories designed for this purpose. The INFLIBNET will deploy tools and techniques of digital preservation to ensure continuing access to scholarly content in digital formats and to protect them from media failure, physical loss and obsolescence.


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Clause No-2 is to be read as:

2. Digitization of the Theses shall be the responsibility of the University. The University shall ensure to get the digital copy of theses from the research scholar along with the details of the research scholar with researcher ID (e.g. ORCID), metadata in Dublin Core(DC), proper keywords and subject headings in standard formats.

Clause No-6 and 10 are merged and to be read as:

6. **Plagiarism Detection:** The INFLIBNET Centre may recommend or provide access to plagiarism software which the University may use to detect the plagiarism before awarding the degree. One-page plagiarism/summary report will be submitted by the University as mentioned in Amendment A2 iii.

Clause No-7 and 8 are merged and to be read as:

7. **Content Refusal Rights:** The INFLIBNET Centre may refuse to host or remove from the repository any work [theses & dissertations], if in the opinion of INFLIBNET, the work is obscene, scandalous, defamatory, infringing the personal or proprietary rights of others, or is controversial in nature. Such right of refusal shall be independent of the liability of the University/Ph.D Scholar for any actionable wrong or copyright infringement.

Clause No-11 is to be read as:

11. **Reproduction and auxiliary storage:** The INFLIBNET Centre reserves the right to reproduce the content of theses and dissertations on different servers and other auxiliary storage media. The universities should keep a backup of their theses and dissertations.

IV. The clauses mentioned in the previous MoU under The University (II) shall remain intact except for the following clarificatory change:

Clause No-6 is to be read as:

6. **University Coordinator:** The Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining the quality, standards and uniqueness of all uploaded Theses/dissertations. The University Shall designate at least one person from the university (who is competent enough to manage ETD) as University Coordinator for training on the implementation of ETDs organised by the INFLIBNET Centre and for implementing the same.

IN WITNESS WHERE OFF, the parties hereto executed this MoU on this date above mentioned.

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Vice Chancellor/Registrar
or designated authority

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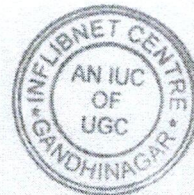


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विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा शोधगंगा/शोधगंगोत्री के लिए हस्ताक्षरित सहमति ज्ञापन में संशोधन

यह सहमति ज्ञापन (एमओयू) इनफिलिबनेट केंद्र (गांधीनगर स्थित विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग का एक अंतर विश्वविद्यालय केंद्र) जिसे इसमें इसके बाद "इनफिलिबनेट" और ~~अगई-अगई-एच.एम.आय. विश्वविद्यालय~~ (विश्वविद्यालय/ मानद विश्वविद्यालय/ अंतर-विश्वविद्यालय केंद्र/ अन्य) जिसे इसमें इसके बाद "विश्वविद्यालय" के रूप में संदर्भित किया जाएगा, जिसके मध्य 01 (दिन) ~~अक्टूबर~~ (माह) 2025 (वर्ष) को सहमति-निर्मित और निष्पादित किया गया।

यह सहमति ज्ञापन (एमओयू) और संशोधन यूजीसी और अन्य निकायों द्वारा परिकल्पित शोधगंगा (इलेक्ट्रॉनिक शोध निबंध और प्रबंध) को प्रस्तुत करने और उन तक पहुंच से संबंधित उद्देश्यों को पूरा करने के लिए उचित प्रणाली कार्यान्वयन सुनिश्चित करने में शामिल संस्थानों के अधिकारों, जिम्मेदारियों, देनदारियों और प्रतिबद्धताओं को परिभाषित करते हैं:

- यूजीसी (एम.फिल./पीएचडी डिग्री प्रदान करने के लिए न्यूनतम मानदंड और प्रक्रिया) विनियम, 2009 का विनियमन 19, दिनांक 1 जून, 2009
- यूजीसी (एम.फिल./पीएचडी डिग्री प्रदान करने के लिए न्यूनतम मानदंड और प्रक्रिया) विनियम, 2016 का विनियमन 13.1 दिनांक 5 मई 2016
- विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (पीएचडी डिग्री प्रदान करने के लिए न्यूनतम मानदंड और प्रक्रिया) विनियम 2022 का विनियमन 17, दिनांक 7 नवंबर 2022 और
- एआईसीटीई द्वारा जारी परिपत्र संख्या एआईसीटीई/पी एंड एपी/विविध/2022 दिनांक: 23.12.2022 और यूजीसी द्वारा जारी परिपत्र डी.ओ. संख्या 2-10-2021 (सीपीपी-II) दिनांक 22 दिसंबर, 2021।
- 21 अगस्त 2024 को इनफिलिबनेट केंद्र में आयोजित अपनी बैठक में शोधगंगा राष्ट्रीय संचालन समिति [एस.एन.एस.सी.] द्वारा सुझाए गए संशोधन।

अब, इसलिए, इसमें निहित आपसी समझौतों के मद्देनजर, इनफिलिबनेट और विश्वविद्यालय निम्नलिखित संशोधनों पर सहमत हैं:

I. इनफिलिबनेट केंद्र

A1 i. प्रतिबंध अनुरोध: इनफिलिबनेट केंद्र प्रतिबंध अनुरोध की समीक्षा करेगा और इसे होस्ट की गई सामग्री पर लागू करेगा, यदि यह उचित पाया जाता है, अर्थात्, यदि पुस्तक/लेख प्रकाशन, पेटेंट आवेदन दाखिल करने और इस तरह के अन्य वैध कारणों से उद्धृत किया जाता है, तो निर्दिष्ट अवधि के लिए, और सक्षम प्राधिकारी यानी कुलपति/कुलसचिव या समकक्ष के माध्यम से अनुरोध किया जाता है।

A1 ii. क्रिएटिव कॉमन्स लाइसेंस/रचनात्मक सामान्य परवाना: शोधगंगा रिपोजिटरी पर होस्ट की गई सामग्री के कानूनी मुद्दे और डिजिटल अधिकार प्रबंधन (डी.आर.एम) को 'क्रिएटिव कॉमन्स लाइसेंस यानी CC BY-NC' के तहत एक गैर-अनन्य लाइसेंस द्वारा नियंत्रित किया जाएगा।


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BY अर्थात् निर्माता को श्रेय दिया जाना चाहिए।

NC अर्थात् कार्य के केवल गैर-वाणिज्यिक उपयोग की अनुमति है।

II. विश्वविद्यालय:

A2 i. विश्वविद्यालय शोधार्थी से एक वचनबद्धता प्राप्त करने के लिए सहमत है, जिसमें वह शोधगंगा मंच पर शोध प्रबंध को CC BY-NC लाइसेंस के तहत होस्ट करने और बैकअप के हिस्से के रूप में संरक्षित करने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय और इनफ्लिबनेट को गैर-अनन्य लाइसेंस देने के लिए सहमत है। इस तरह की वचनबद्धता मौजूदा यूजीसी दिशानिर्देशों और विश्वविद्यालय विनियमों के अनुसार प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

A2 ii. प्रतिबंध नीति:

- (a) यदि आवश्यक हो, तो विश्वविद्यालय अपनी प्रतिबंध नीति बना सकता है, जैसे कि पुस्तक या लेख प्रकाशन, पेटेंट आवेदन दाखिल करना और इस तरह के अन्य कारणों के लिए एक निर्दिष्ट अवधि के लिए और प्रतिबंध के आवेदन के लिए अनुरोध विश्वविद्यालय के सक्षम प्राधिकारी के माध्यम से इनफ्लिबनेट को किया जाएगा।
- (b) विश्वविद्यालय अपने शोध निकायों के माध्यम से लागू की गई किसी भी मौजूदा प्रतिबंध नीति के बारे में इनफ्लिबनेट को सूचित करेगा।

A2 iii. साहित्यिक चोरी: विश्वविद्यालय शोधगंगा पर एक पृष्ठ की साहित्यिक चोरी/सारांश रिपोर्ट अपलोड करने के लिए सहमत है, जिसमें व्यापक विस्तृत विश्लेषण रिपोर्ट होगी, जिसे विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा बैकअप/संग्रह में रखा जाएगा और मंत्रालय/यूजीसी/इनफ्लिबनेट/कानूनी प्रकोष्ठों आदि के अनुरोध पर पुनः प्राप्त किया जा सकेगा।

III. इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र (I) के अंतर्गत पिछले सहमति ज्ञापन में उल्लिखित खंड निम्नलिखित स्पष्टीकरणात्मक परिवर्तनों को छोड़कर बरकरार रहेंगे:

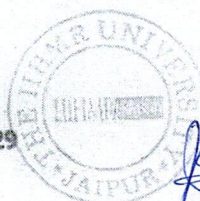
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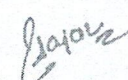
1. **होस्टिंग सर्वर और डिजिटल संरक्षण तक पहुँच:** इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र विश्वविद्यालय को इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र 'शोधगंगा'/'शोधगंगोत्री' में ई.टी.डी. होस्टिंग सर्वर तक पहुँच प्रदान करेगा, साथ ही सॉफ्टवेयर इंटरफ़ेस भी प्रदान करेगा, जिससे विश्वविद्यालय और उसके समन्वयक खंड संख्या 2 में उल्लिखित मेटाडेटा बना सकेंगे और इस उद्देश्य के लिए डिज़ाइन किए गए ई.टी.डी. रिपॉजिटरी में थीसिस अपलोड कर सकेंगे। इनफ्लिबनेट डिजिटल संरक्षण संबंधी उपकरण व तकनीक का संस्थापक करेगा ताकि डिजिटल फॉर्मेट में विद्वतापूर्ण सामग्री की अनवरत सुगमता में सुनिश्चित हो सके तथा माध्यम की विफलता के साथ-साथ भौतिक हानि व अप्रचलन से भी इनकी संरक्षा करेगा।

खंड संख्या-2 को इस प्रकार पढ़ा जाएगा:

2. शोध निबंध का डिजिटलीकरण विश्वविद्यालय की जिम्मेदारी होगी। विश्वविद्यालय को शोधार्थी से शोध निबंध की डिजिटल प्रति प्राप्त करना सुनिश्चित करना होगा, साथ ही शोधार्थी का विवरण शोधकर्ता आईडी


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(जैसे ORCID), डबलिन कोर (DC) में मेटाडेटा, उचित कीवर्ड और मानक प्रारूप में विषय शीर्षक भी प्राप्त करना होगा।

खंड संख्या-6 और 10 को मिलाकर साथमें इस प्रकार पढ़ा जाएगा:

6. साहित्यिक चोरी का पता लगाना: इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र साहित्यिक चोरी सॉफ्टवेयर की अनुशंसा कर सकता है या उस तक पहुँच प्रदान कर सकता है जिसका उपयोग विश्वविद्यालय डिग्री प्रदान करने से पहले साहित्यिक चोरी का पता लगाने के लिए कर सकता है। संशोधन A2 iii में उल्लिखित अनुसार विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा एक-पृष्ठ साहित्यिक चोरी/सारांश रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की जाएगी।

खंड संख्या-7 और 8 को मिलाकर साथमें इस प्रकार पढ़ा जाएगा:

7. सामग्री अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार: अगर इनफ्लिबनेट की राय में, कार्य अश्लील, निंदनीय, मानहानिकारक, दूसरों के व्यक्तिगत या मालिकाना अधिकारों का उल्लंघन करने वाला या प्रकृति में विवादास्पद है, तो इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र किसी भी कार्य [शोध निबंध और शोध प्रबंध] को होस्ट करने या रिपोजिटरी से हटाने से इनकार कर सकता है। इनकार करने का ऐसा अधिकार किसी भी कार्यवाई योग्य गलत या कॉपीराइट उल्लंघन के लिए विश्वविद्यालय/पीएचडी स्कॉलर की देयता से स्वतंत्र होगा।

खंड संख्या-11 को इस प्रकार पढ़ा जाएगा:

11. पुनरुत्पादन और सहायक भंडारण: इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र विभिन्न सर्वरों और अन्य सहायक भंडारण मीडिया पर शोध निबंध और शोध प्रबंधों की सामग्री को पुनरुत्पादित करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रखता है। विश्वविद्यालयों को अपने शोध निबंध और शोध प्रबंधों का बैकअप रखना चाहिए।

IV. विश्वविद्यालय (II) के तहत पिछले सहमति ज्ञापन में उल्लिखित खंड निम्नलिखित स्पष्टीकरण परिवर्तन को छोड़कर बरकरार रहेंगे:

खंड संख्या-6 को इस प्रकार पढ़ा जाएगा:

6. विश्वविद्यालय समन्वयक: समन्वयक सभी अपलोड किए गए शोध निबंध /शोध प्रबंधों की गुणवत्ता, मानकों और विशिष्टता को बनाए रखने के लिए जिम्मेदार होगा। विश्वविद्यालय इनफ्लिबनेट केंद्र द्वारा आयोजित ई.टी.डी. के कार्यान्वयन पर प्रशिक्षण और उसके कार्यान्वयन के लिए विश्वविद्यालय समन्वयक के रूप में विश्वविद्यालय से कम से कम एक व्यक्ति (जो ई.टी.डी. का प्रबंधन करने में सक्षम है) को नामित करेगा।

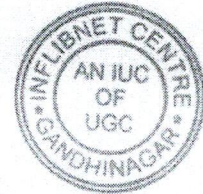
साक्ष्य के तौर पर, पक्षों ने उपरोक्त उल्लिखित तिथि पर इस सहमति ज्ञापन को निष्पादित किया।

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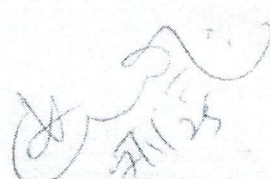

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Sub: MoU for Shodhganga-regd.

Dear Sir,

We would like to thank you for the initiative and signing the MoU to join the Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri project. Please refer to your letter dated 29th December, 2018 enclosing there with two copies of the MoU duly signed for the Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri. We appreciate your effort for promoting 'Shodhganga: Repository of about 2,11,000 Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations'.

Enclosed please find one copy of the MoU duly signed by us for your record and retention. You are requested to kindly instruct your Ph.D scholars/Officials to start submitting their theses online to the Shodhganga repository and student research scholars to submit synopses to Shodhgangotri as per the UGC Notification (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil. / Ph.D Degree, Regulation dated 1st June 2009/2016). If soft copies are available, you may kindly pass on to us in CD/DVD after following **latest UGC Regulations** (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions), 2018. For more details and help to upload, you may please visit <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/manual/>.

Kindly **nominate a name for "University Coordinator"** with designation, address, Email id and Mobile No. as he/she would be responsible for liasoning with INFLIBNET Centre on behalf of the Institution.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Shodhganga/Shodhgangotri

(A Repository of Theses and Dissertations submitted to the Universities in India)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on 29 (Day) Dec (Month) 2018 (Year) between the INFLIBNET Centre, an IUC of University Grants Commission located at Gandhinagar, hereinafter referred to as "INFLIBNET" and IIHMR University (University / Deemed University / Inter-University Centre), here in after referred to as the 'University'.

WHEREAS, INFLIBNET Centre, an Inter-university Centre of the University Grants Commission, as its mandate, promotes open access to scholarly content generated in universities. The Centre has computers, network, software infrastructure and technical know-how required for hosting electronic versions of theses and dissertations in open access with interface to search, retrieve and access these content.

WHEREAS IIHMR University (University / Deemed University / Inter University Centre) has agreed to take part in the process of digitisation of old theses and dissertations (not available in computerized machine-readable format) and building-up of digital repository and to promote, share and host its ETD in 'Shodhganga: A reservoir of Indian theses submitted to the Universities in India' and other universities in open access. 'Shodhganga' is a name coined by INFLIBNET Centre for referring to the repository of Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations. The word "Shodh" originates from Sanskrit and stands for research and discovery. The 'Ganga' is the holiest, longest and largest river in Indian subcontinent which has held heart of its people captive and drawn millions of people to its banks since the dawn of history. The Ganga is the symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever changing, ever flowing, ever loved and revered by its people. "Shodhganga", a repository of theses and dissertations submitted to Indian universities, is expected to keep growing to a formidable size as more and more researchers from India submit their research works to this ever growing reservoir. Under the initiative called "ShodhGangotri", research scholars / research supervisors in universities are requested to deposit electronic version of approved synopsis submitted by research scholars to the universities for registering themselves for the Ph.D programme.

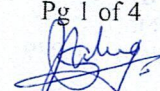
This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) defines responsibilities, liabilities and commitments of the institutions involved to ensure proper system implementation, to meet the objectives pertaining to submission and access to Electronic Theses and Dissertations as envisaged by the UGC vide its Notification (Minimum Standards & Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree), Regulation, 2009 dated 1st June, 2009.

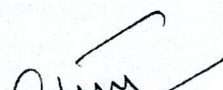
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, INFLIBNET and the University agree to the following terms and conditions:

I. INFLIBNET Centre

1. Provide access to ETD hosting server(s) at the INFLIBNET Centre 'Shodhganga'/Shodhgangotri' to the University with accompanied software interface enabling University / its student to create metadata and upload their theses and dissertations in ETD repositories designed for this purpose. The INFLIBNET will take the responsibility of keeping the data intact and usable, keep back-up of the data so as to avoid its loss. The INFLIBNET will deploy


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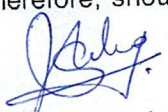
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tools and techniques of digital preservation to ensure continuing access to scholarly content in digital formats and to protect them from media failure, physical loss and obsolescence.

2. Recommend to the UGC to extend financial assistance to the Universities under Sections 12(B) and 2(f) of UGC Act for digitization of theses and dissertations not available in computerized machine-readable format and / or for procurement and installation of a suitable computer system / infrastructure for creation of ETDs.
3. Provide configuration of system, specifications and technical guidance to the University for procurement of computer hardware and related systems for setting-up of ETDs.
4. Provide guidelines, technical standards and specifications for digitization of Ph.D. theses submitted to the university in past and for theses not available in computerized machine-readable format.
5. Impart training to at least one person from the university (from library field and / or from computer field) in creation, updation and computerized operation of digital repositories of ETDs especially on 'Shodhganga'.
6. Extend access to an anti-plagiarism software or provide services to evaluate theses for possible plagiarism and submit a report to the concerned university.
7. The INFLIBNET may refuse to host any material deemed by the INFLIBNET to be controversial in nature or is in violation of copyright act.
8. This right of refusal will not relieve the University / Ph.D. scholar of liability, both to INFLIBNET and to the public, for matter contained in the theses that may be libelous or actionable and to both INFLIBNET and copyright owners for copyright infringement by the Ph.D. Scholar.
9. The INFLIBNET Centre will not be responsible for i) errors, omissions, inaccuracies and quality of content or misinformation or for any damages caused to the user or any third party from the use of content provided in the theses; ii) safety and archiving of loaded content in cases of "force majeure" including natural calamities; and iii) printed version of theses.
10. INFLIBNET Centre will recommend or provide access to plagiarism software which university may use to detect plagiarism before awarding the degree.
11. The INFLIBNET Centre replicates the content of theses and dissertations on different server and other auxiliary storage media. However, the INFLIBNET Centre does not take the responsibility for the archiving or backing-up of loaded content. The universities, therefore, should also keep a back-up of their theses and dissertations.


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12. INFLIBNET Centre also maintains a repository called "Shodhgangotri" for hosting the approved synopses of research topic submitted to the universities by the students for registering themselves under the doctoral programme. Research students/their supervisors are encouraged to submit approved synopses/research proposals and register their priority on a research proposal through the repository.

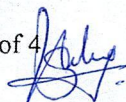
II. The University

1. The University would grant non-exclusive worldwide license to the INFLIBNET Centre for hosting and distributing their theses in digital format in 'Shodhganga'/'Shodhgangotri' or any other server designated for this purpose.
2. The University / its researcher scholars agree to host / upload a computerized machine-readable file in mutually agreed format of all theses on to the 'Shodhganga'/'Shodhgangotri' server at the INFLIBNET.
3. The University will not hold INFLIBNET Centre responsible for any errors and omissions contained in the original theses.
4. The University commits to digitize theses and dissertations and their bibliographic records submitted to the university and provide necessary infrastructure including manpower support for operation of ETDs.
5. Commits to utilize the assistance provided by the UGC on recommendation of the INFLIBNET for implementation of ETDs including their digitization.
6. Deputes at least one person from the university (from library field or from computer field) for undergoing training on implementation of ETD organized by the INFLIBNET and ensure that the person trained by INFLIBNET on ETD is / are deployed for the same job.
7. Arranges to provide training to research scholars or users of its library and staff of colleges affiliated to University in creation of electronic version of theses and their deposition in the ETDs.
8. Ensures use of standard software and metadata schema suggested / provided by the INFLIBNET for setting-up / development / operation of its ETDs .
9. Creates bibliographic records of all theses and dissertations submitted to the university in standard bibliographic formats prescribed by the INFLIBNET Centre from time-to-time and contributes these records for inclusion in the INFLIBNET's Union Catalogue (IndCat).
10. Commits to sharing of library ETD resources / databases with the INFLIBNET Centre as well as with other universities.

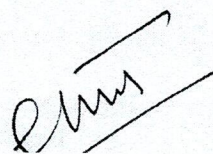


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11. The University would agree to host their ETDs in the digital repositories 'Shodhganga or other servers' set-up at the INFLIBNET Centre, and grant non-exclusive licence to the Centre to make electronic version of theses in full-text (theses that are born digital as well as those that are digitized using scanners / digital cameras) accessible through open access ETD.
12. The University shall not use electronic version of theses digitized using funds given by the UGC for any commercial purposes. The University shall not rent, sell or license the use of or deliver or release or otherwise part with the possession of the systems / software or the INFLIBNET ETDs databases, Shodhganga or any part thereof to any other party (individual, institution, organization, etc.)
13. The University will also commit their own funds or grants for fulfillment of the project, if the project on implementation of ETDs demands more resources and funds to complete it.
14. The University will use the plagiarism software recommended by the INFLIBNET and made accessible to test the thesis submitted by the student for plagiarism before awarding the Degree. If the university is not subscribing to such software, it will use the software from the nearest Regional Centre, if any.
15. University would encourage and ensure that Research Scholars/ Research Supervisors deposit host their approved Research Proposals/ approved synopses on the "Shodhgangotri" once Ph.D. is registered.

III. Termination

Both, the Parties, will have rights to terminate the MoU at any time in case of breach of obligations and terms and conditions of the MoU. This MoU signed hereunder may be terminated by either party at anytime upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, the INFLIBNET / University will stop hosting their theses immediately while keeping the theses already deposited by the University in its archives for its users. The University shall stop using the INFLIBNET's ETD facilities and databases and return any software / hardware or digitized content provided by or through the INFLIBNET, back to INFLIBNET within the 3 months notice period.

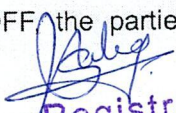
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto executed this MoU on this date above mentioned.

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