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## Report on “User Awareness Programme on “IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities”

28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### “आईआरआईएनएस एवं इन्फ्लिबनेट सेवाओं पर विद्वत् समुदाय हेतु” उपयोगकर्ता जागरूकता कार्यक्रम पर सत्र

The Central Library, MANIT Bhopal organized a one-day “**User Awareness Programme on “IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities”**” on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the Student Activity Centre, MANIT Bhopal. The Programme was conducted to create awareness and to provide hands-on training on Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS) and various INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) services for faculty members, research scholars, and library staff. The programme was attended by 72 participants from various institutes across the States. The Programme aimed to enhance participants’ understanding of research information system, academic profiling, and access to scholarly resources through INFLIBNET platforms.

The inaugural session began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Dr. Akhilesh Barve, Chairman, MANIT-ROLTA Incubation Centre, along with the distinguished resource persons Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar, and Mr. Raja V, Scientist-D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in the presence of Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri, Librarian & Head, Central Library, MANIT Bhopal, and Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian, Central Library, MANIT Bhopal.

Dr. Venkata Rao warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Akhilesh Barve, and Dr. Kannan by presenting flowerpots as a token of respect, while Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma warmly welcomed Mr. Raja by presenting a flowerpot.

In his welcome address, Dr. Venkata Rao briefly introduced the distinguished guests and highlighted their contributions and achievements and thanked their presence at MANIT Bhopal. He emphasized the importance of research information systems and the role of IRINS and INFLIBNET in enhancing academic visibility and research output. The Chief Guest, Dr. Akhilesh Barve, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the Central Library in enhancing library facilities and strengthening academic and research resources at the Institute. He also highlighted the importance of innovation, collaboration, and digital research platforms in advancing academic excellence.

Further, Dr. Kannan provided a brief overview of the programme, outlining the objectives, structure, and key sessions of the awareness programme, and encouraged participants to actively engage in the sessions for maximum benefit.

In the pre-lunch session, Dr. Kannan delivered a detailed presentation on “Vidwan-IRINS: Indian Research Information Network System”. He elaborated the evolution and development of IRINS, highlighting its journey, key features, and benefits in enhancing institutional research visibility and academic profiling. In another session, Mr. Raja V delivered an insightful session on “ONOS: Access, Usages and User Management”. He provided a comprehensive overview of ONOS, including its evolution, governance structure, and various initiatives undertaken by the Government to improve access and management of scholarly resources.

The post-lunch session began with a detailed presentation on “Shodh-Chakra: A Gateway to Researchers for Resources” by Mr. Raja V, who explained its significance in facilitating access to various research resources and supporting the academic community. This was followed by an insightful session by Dr. Kannan, who delivered a comprehensive presentation on “INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities”. He elaborated on the wide range of services offered by INFLIBNET to support researchers, faculty members, and students in their academic pursuits. The session was informative and interactive, with active participation from the audience.

After the technical sessions, the Resource Persons engaged the participants in an interesting quiz activity based on the topics covered during the programme. The quiz generated enthusiasm and active involvement among the participants. Mr. Debasish Manna secured the first position, while Ms. Alankrita Singh was declared the runner-up. Both winners were awarded prizes.

At the end of the programme, Dr. Venkata Rao delivered the vote of thanks, expressing his sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest, Dr. Akhilesh Barve, for his valuable presence and encouraging words. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to the Resource Persons, Dr. Kannan and Mr. Raja V, for their insightful sessions and for sharing their expertise with the participants. He further acknowledged the enthusiastic participation of faculty members, research scholars, and library staff, whose active involvement contributed significantly to the success of the programme.

The programme concluded on a positive note with encouraging feedback from the participants expressing their interest in attending similar programmes in future at MANIT Bhopal.

**Dr. Venkata Rao Pokuri**

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## Glimpses of Programme





