

## INFLIBNET Centre

### 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 05 (Day) 03 (Month) 2020 (Year) between the INFLIBNET Centre, an IUC of University Grants Commission located at Gandhinagar, hereinafter referred to as "INFLIBNET" and Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur (Raj.) (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.

Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)  
WHEREAS Jodhpur (Rajasthan) (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 / amendment made on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

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

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.

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 synopsis 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 WHEREOFF, the parties hereto executed this MoU on this date above mentioned.

**UNIVERSITY:**

Vice Chancellor / Registrar  
or designated authority  
Vyas University  
(Name, Signature and Seal)

**INFLIBNET:**

Prof J P Singh Joorel,  
Director  
INFLIBNET Centre,  
An IUC of University Grants Commission  
Infocity, Gandhinagar - 382 007.



**DELNET MOU (IM 11:2020)**

*This Agreement* is made on the 29 day of September 2020 between **DELNET-Developing Library Network, JNU Campus, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070** (hereinafter referred to as DELNET) and **Registrar, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan.**

(Hereinafter referred to as the 'Institutional Member')

*Whereas DELNET* has agreed to grant non-exclusive license to the Institutional Member to use DELNET's Archives and Services, Union Catalogues and other databases online, provide technical guidance in database creation and networking and deliver to the Institutional Member from time to time any computer programmes and to grant a non-exclusive license to use such programmes and their associated documents on the terms and conditions hereinafter contained:

*Whereas* the Institutional Member has its library located at **University Librarian, Central Library, New Campus, J. N. Vyas University, Opp. Bhagat – ki- Kothi Railway Station, Jodhpur, Rajasthan** and has agreed to become a member of DELNET to use DELNET archives and services at this location only and promote and share its library resources with other institutional members of DELNET:

Now it is hereby agreed as follows:

**The Institutional Member shall:**

1. Use the DELNET databases for furthering its own research programmes and providing information to its users and Institutional Members of DELNET.
2. Use the software arranged by or through DELNET, if desired by the Institutional Member, on the machine owned by the Institutional Member at the above location.
3. Create records using international standards as adopted by DELNET from time to time (DELNET is recommending the creation of records using MARC, AACR II, the Library of Congress Subject Headings List and specialised thesauri, but libraries that have used other standards can still join DELNET and upgrade their records in due course of time).
4. Contribute the records of all items created by the Institutional Member to the Central Union Catalogues, Union Lists, etc. maintained by DELNET. The copyright of records created by the Institutional Member in its own machine will rest in the Institutional Member, but the copyright of the Central Union Catalogues shall rest in DELNET.
5. Pay an initial registration fee of Rs.5,000 + 18% GST to DELNET towards its Corpus Fund.
6. Pay Annual Membership Fee to DELNET for the use of its online resources and services at rates set by DELNET annually in advance on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April or the date of expiry of membership. (If membership dues for the applicable membership year are not received on or before the date of expiry of the current membership, a grace period of one month will be given, after which services will be temporarily suspended. The services will be started immediately after the receipt of annual payment within the following year. If the annual membership fee is not paid within one year of the date of expiry, the membership will stand cancelled. If the institution wants to use DELNET services again, the institutions will have to apply afresh and pay admission fee and annual membership fee payable by an Institutional Member at present is Rs.11,500 + 18% GST).



  
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7. Pay all fees charges within thirty days from the date of DELNET invoice. The Institutional Member shall pay interest on all amounts not paid on the due date at the rate of 10% from the date of invoice to the date of payment.

**The Institutional Member shall not:**

1. Use the DELNET Union Catalogues, Union Lists and other databases for any commercial purpose. The Institutional Member shall not rent, sell or license the use of or deliver or release or otherwise part with the possession of the systems/materials/software or the DELNET Union Catalogues, Union Lists and databases or any part thereof to any third person.
2. Allow the use of the software/materials/database by any other person other than its own bonafide members of its library or information centre at the above location.

**It is further agreed that:**

1. DELNET will not accept records in the Central Union Catalogues that do not have the essential fields as prescribed by DELNET or those that contain typographical and factual mistakes. The Institutional Member has agreed to create records of DELNET standard.
2. The Institutional Member will have qualified manpower, a suitable computer and Internet access in their Library for the use of DELNET databases and services.
3. All charges towards telecommunication, stationary, etc. arising out of the use of DELNET databases and services by the Institutional Members will be borne by the Institutional Member.
4. The Institutional Member shall not be entitled to assign, sub-license or otherwise transfer the license whether in whole or in part to any other user.
5. If the Institutional Member located outside Delhi wants to invite DELNET staff to its institution for consultation or imparting training, the Institutional Member shall pay TA/DA to the DELNET staff as per DELNET norms.
6. If the Institutional Member does not create standard records, cooperate with other Institutional Members of DELNET in exchanging information, DELNET shall terminate the contract with a month's notice to the Institutional Member.
7. This contract may also be terminated by immediate notice in writing if DELNET or the Institutional Member has been responsible for a breach of its obligations and terms of this agreement. In such a case, the Institutional Member shall stop the use of the DELNET system facilities and databases with immediate effect and return any software/hardware provided by or through DELNET back to DELNET. All disputes between the parties shall be settled by negotiation.

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Applicant's Signature

(Mrs.) Chanchal Verma

Registrar  
Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur

Registrar  
(Official Seal) Jai Narain Vyas University  
Jodhpur

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(Signature)

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul

Director  
DELNET, New Delhi

(Official Seal)

New Delhi

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14.9.2022

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