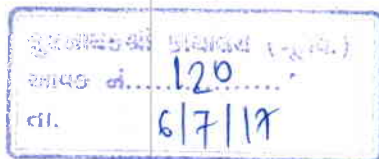


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Dear Prof. Anamik Shah,

I am pleased to inform you that the INFLIBNET Centre has renewed subscription to e-resources subscribed under the e-Shodh Sindhu Consortium for the year 2017. The Consortium now offers differential access to more than 15,000 peer-reviewed electronic journals from 25 publishers and 5 bibliographic databases, 2 legal databases, 4 factual databases and one standards database to its member institutions. I am sure that faculty, research scholars and students from your university are making optimal usage of these e-resources for their academic and research work.

I am enclosing a list of e-resources with their URL that are accessible to your Institute. I would request you to kindly promote usage of these e-resources amongst your faculty, students and scholars. Further, please provide links to these e-resources on your Institute website to generate better awareness and accessibility of these resources to the users. The e-Shodh Sindhu Consortium has also purchased / subscribed to South Asia Archives (SAA) and World E-Book Library (WEL) on behalf of National Digital Library (NDL) and available to all consortium members.

The INFLIBNET Centre maintains a comprehensive web site (<http://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/>) for the Consortium that provides links to these e-resources, tutorials on each resource and search and browse interface for journals subscribed by the Consortium.

I am enclosing herewith usage statistics for various e-resources provided to your Institute for the year 2016 for your kind perusal. Institutes may also view the usage of e-resources for current as well as past years on InfiStats platform (<http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/infistat/>).

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new initiative called INFED, which is a single sign-on solution for access to online resources outside the campus. I invite you to join this initiative to provide off-campus access to e-resources. An introductory to the initiative and procedure for joining it is enclosed.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely

(Jagdish Arora)

- Encl: 1. List of e-resources
2. Usage statistics
3. Brief About INFED

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e-Shodh Sindhu Consortium
List of Resources Subscribed for 2017

Gujarat Vidyapith			
Sl. No	Resource Name	Resource URL	No of Journals
1	Economic & Political Weekly	http://epw.in/	1
2	Emerald Univ Collection (133 titles)	http://www.emeraldinsight.com/	133
3	Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) Database	http://isid.org.in/	Database
4	JGate Plus (JCCC)	http://gateplus.com/search	Database
5	Springer Link	http://link.springer.com/	1438

e-Shodh Sindhu Consortium
 Publisher wise Usage Statistics for 2016

		Gujarat Vidyapith												
Sr. No.	Resources Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1	Emerald 133 Collection	7	5	0	1	4	10	5	14	16	16	5	5	88
2	JGate Plus (JCC)	0	7	6	11	7	9	6	3	0	2	3	4	58
3	Springer Link	130	30	54	112	59	26	26	97	35	29	43	105	746

INFED (INFLIBNET Access Management Federation for Off-campus Access to E-resources)

- <http://parichay.inflibnet.ac.in/>

Most publishers use IP filtering as de facto standard for authenticating authorized users in subscribing institutions and providing access to e-resources to them. While IP-based access is most convenient, safe and hassle-free authentication mechanism for publishers as well as for subscribing institutes, it has its limitations. One of the most serious limitation of IP-filtered based access to e-resources is that the users can access e-resources only when they are on the Institute campus. Ideally, an authorized user should be able to access e-resources irrespective of his / her physical location at any time as long as he has access to the Internet.

In order to overcome this limitation, the INFLIBNET Access Management Federation (INFED) has adopted Shibboleth, a standard-based open source software, for authenticating authorized users from colleges and universities and provide them seamless access to e-resources from anywhere, anytime. Shibboleth offers a mechanism for users to access multiple resources within federated single sign-on framework. The goal of the INFED is to allow users to access internal and external resources seamlessly using a single, institutionally controlled identity. This would not only allow authorized users to access e-resources from anywhere, anytime but would also circumvent the requirement of maintaining multiple passwords for multiple resources in multiple domains.

How it works?

The INFED uses SAML based software and architecture to facilitate off-campus authentication of authorized users using internal identity and access management system of member organizations. The INFED @ INFLIBNET Centre works as follows:

- The Service Providers (Publishers) recognizes the INFED @ INFLIBNET Centre as a trusted Federation for authenticating users. Publishers would give an option on their web site to choose their identity provider via discovery (WAYF) service of INFED @INFLIBNET.
- When a user chooses his identity provider institute, he/she will be redirected to their Institutional IDP server presented by INFED discovery service. On choosing his / her parent institutes, user credentials would be verified by IDP of their institution.
- After verification of user, identity provider will pass "user attributes" to the Service Provider (Publisher) which may contain his / her institute, department, role (faculty/student/researcher), etc
- Based on attributes provided by the IDP for a user, he / she will be allowed access to e-resource.

How to Join?

For joining the INFED @ INFLIBNET, please take the following steps:

- Fill-up Membership and Agreement Form available at <http://parichay.inflibnet.ac.in/memberships.html> and send it to INFLIBNET Centre, duly signed and stamped.
- Once institutional membership is accepted, member institutes would be required to set-up an IDP on a server that would facilitate identification of their authorized users. The INFED @ INFLIBNET would provide guidelines / instructions for setting-up the server in their institution.
- Once the IDP is set-up in your institution, please provide metadata to INFED. The member institutes may either use their own server to create their own identification mechanism e.g. LDAP. In case of difficulties, members can use hosting service offered by INFLIBNET Centre.

For more details please write to director@inflibnet.ac.in