



181st Five Days Training Programme on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations

March 23-27, 2026

About INFLIBNET

The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre was established in May 1996 as an independent, autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Major activities and services of the Centre include automation of academic libraries and information centres, creation of union databases of resources available in academic libraries, promote resource sharing among academic libraries, promote information access and transfer, support scholarship, learning and academic pursuits. The Centre acts as a nodal agency for networking of libraries and information centres in universities, institutions of higher learning and R & D institutions in India with an aim to promote scholarly communication. The technology being a driving force in the contemporary education system, the INFLIBNET Centre has taken-up a number of initiatives for academic community in universities under its purview.

About SOUL 3.0

Software for University Libraries (SOUL) is a state-of-the-art integrated library management software designed and developed by the INFLIBNET Centre based on requirements of college and university libraries. It is a user-friendly software developed to work under client-server environment. The software is compliant to international standards for bibliographic formats, networking and circulation protocols. After a comprehensive study, discussions and deliberations with the senior professionals of the country, the software was designed to automate all house keeping operations in library. The software is suitable not only for the academic libraries, but also for all types and sizes of libraries, even school libraries. SOUL 3.0 is compliant to international standards such as MARC 21 bibliographic format, Unicode based Universal Character Sets for multilingual bibliographic records and NCIP 2.0 and SIP 2 based protocols for electronic surveillance and control.

The Centre is organising intensive "One Week Training Programme on Operations of SOUL 3.0 for those who have purchased SOUL 3.0 Software. The training programme provides more focus on the operational techniques of SOUL 3.0 Software.

Areas Covered

The following areas will be covered in the theory sessions:

- ❖ SOUL Overview and Administrative Module
- ❖ SOUL 3.0 Acquisition Module
- ❖ SOUL 3.0 Cataloguing Module
- ❖ SOUL 3.0 Circulation Module

- ❖ SOUL 3.0 Serials Control Module
- ❖ SOUL 3.0 and Web OPAC Installation
- ❖ SOUL 3.0 Backup and Restore

Resource Persons

The resource persons are eminent and experienced Computer and LIS Scientists from the INFLIBNET Centre.

Target Participants

Those who are using SOUL 3.0 software or wish to purchase software can also participate in the training programme. A maximum of 20-25 candidates are to be selected for the training programme on First-Come-First-Serve basis. Once 25 participants registration is received along with training fees, registration will be closed.

Pre-requisite

Participants should be conversant with basic knowledge of library and information science and basic knowledge of computer operation will be preferred.

Duration: Five Days (March 23-27, 2026)

Training Fee

The registration fee is Rs. 7,080.00 (Rupees Seven Thousand Eighty only) per person with accommodation and Rs. 5,900.00 (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred only) per person without accommodation inclusive of GST. It covers the cost of a training programme kit containing training materials and lunch during the training period. The payment should be made through Demand Draft in favour of INFLIBNET Centre payable at Gandhinagar along with filled-in registration form. Fee is non-refundable and non-adjustable. The Centre also accepts payment by NEFT /RTGS for the workshop. The bank account details will be shared on request.

Accommodation

The Centre will arrange accommodation during the period of training at INFLIBNET Guest House (A/C Room) on twin sharing basis. The participants must send prior intimation and charges for accommodation along with registration fees. The accommodation will be provided first come first basis.

Registration

The application for registration to the training programme should be submitted online at <https://hrd.inflibnet.ac.in/login.php> on or before **March 20, 2026**. The absence during the workshop will be considered as discontinuation of participation.

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