VIDWAN is the premier database of profiles of scientists / researchers and other faculty members working at leading academic institutions and other R & D organisation involved in teaching and research in India. It provides important information about expert's background, contact address, experience, scholarly publications, skills and accomplishments, researcher identity, etc. The database developed and maintained by Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) with financial support from the National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT). The database would be instrumental in selection of panels of experts for various committees, taskforce, established by the Ministries / Govt. establishments for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Objectives

Quickly and conveniently provide information about expert to peers, prospective collaborators, funding agencies policy makers and research scholar in the countr

Identify peer reviewers for articles and research proposal

Discover prospective collaborators for on-going research projects

Establish communication directly with the experts who possess the expertise needed by users

To create information exchanges and networking opportunities among scientists

**Why**

Expert and Research Scholar

Find potential scholars with similar expertise.

Showcase your expertise to the research community, funding agencies, policy makers, etc.

Linking to the other databases and external resources.

Profile enriched via automatic update also integrate with ORCID, Researcher ID, Google Scholar ID, etc.

#### Institutions / Organisation

Find experts in a given research area / geographic area.

Improve faculty collaboration across organisations in India and abroad.

Identify institutional strength in a given subject area.

Visualizations of co-author network, map of science network.

#### Policy Makers and Funding Agencies

Identify experts for committees, expert panels and project proposals.

Identify funding opportunities and associated experts.

Identify areas of intensive research activities.

Visualise research activities within an organisation