

A sneak preview of WebISTAD: ISTAD, CSIR's portal on the Web

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How it all started

- Dr Bhojwani's letter on www.newbizguru.com
- ISTAG Chairmen's meeting at Hyderabad earlier this year

Why can't we do it ourselves?



Questions, and more questions

- "Why do I receive announcements so late?"
- "Has my application been received by ISTAD?"
- "Where can I get a copy of the DAAD application format?"
- Is there some arrangement with Canada on collaboration in biotechnology?
- What should you wear for the Japanese banquet?
- Who was last year's Raman Scholar?
- How much money can I save?



Why not a portal on CSIRNET or the Web?

Information dissemination

Information collection

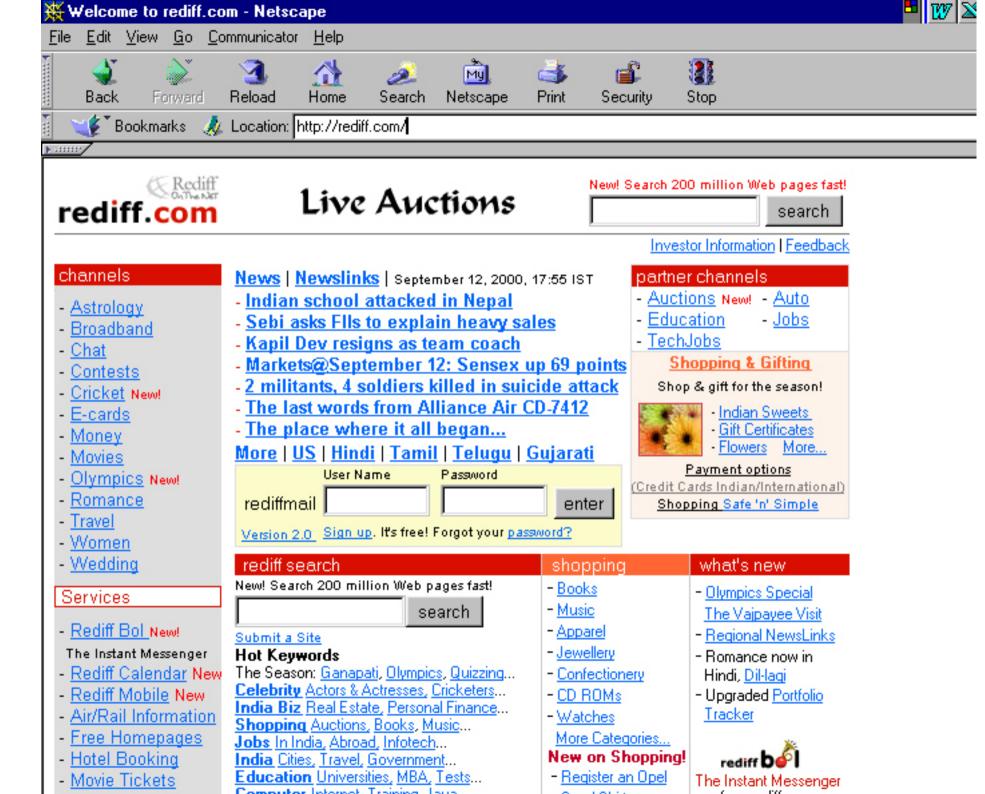
Information exchange

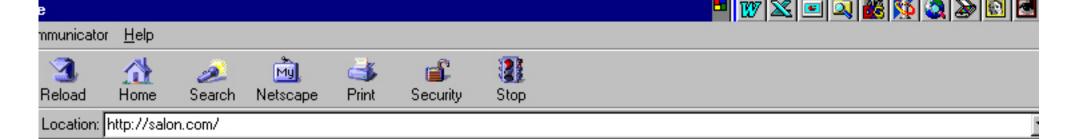
Information search

 Inform CSIR community about ongoing international S&T collaborative programmes

- Assist in preparing and forwarding applications
- Provide updates on the status of clearances
- Offer access to databases compiling output resulting from collaborations











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Desirable features

News

Signing new agreements, CSIR's success with neem patent ..

Links

International databases, research foundations, scientific instrument manufacturers, research institutions, misc. scientific resources

Channels

Deputations and fellowships, trainer potential, bilateral programmes, travel, experiences: do's and don't's

Services

Chat, bulletin board, downloads, search engines, opinions polls



Present status

News
 need to add content, introduce features
 10%

• Links 50 URL's added, will add 500 more 10%

• Channels Web-based forms created to add, modify, search - connectivity to Oracle 60%

• Services Chat, bulletin board, search engine, downloads









Expect to launch on 1.1.2001



The opportunities

- Model attractive for CSIRTech, CSIR-HR,
 CSIRConsult, CSIRServe (www.arzoo.com)
- Infrastructure costs dropping, knowledge costs rising
- "Networked" development across CSIR labs



The worries

- Funding
- Is the mindset right?
- Who decides CSIR's IT policy? Are we really serious?