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ON



FUTURE LIBRARIES: ADVANCING RESEARCH & EXCELLENCE



FLARE-2027



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**CONFERENCE DATES
JANUARY, 07-09,
2027**



About Conference

The Indian Library Association (ILA) is honoured to host its 72nd Annual Conference 2027 in the historic “City of Pearls,” in collaboration with the University of Hyderabad, an Institution of Eminence. This premier international summit serves as a global nexus for librarians, information scientists, academicians, and technology innovators. As the digital and physical frontiers of information continue to merge, this conference provides a vital forum to examine the shifting paradigms of our field. This landmark event will help to redefine the role of libraries as catalysts for global knowledge and social progress.

The main theme of the conference is Future Libraries: Advancing Research & Excellence 2027 (FLARE-2027). The conference focuses on wide range of emerging and trending topics in the field of Library and Information Science such as Libraries as drivers of Sustainable Development, Green libraries, Artificial intelligence and Libraries, Assistive technologies and Inclusive Library Services, Emerging technologies in the domain of Library Science. Overall, the subthemes of the conference includes almost majority of the emerging and innovative technologies in the domain of library and Information Science. Our sessions will explore the essential contribution of libraries in anchoring the future of intellectual exchange and driving meaningful community empowerment.

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

The University of Hyderabad, established on 2nd October 1974 by an Act of Parliament as a Central University, is one of India’s leading institutions for higher education and research. Spread across a serene 2,500-acre green campus, the University comprises 12 Schools and 42 Departments offering multidisciplinary programmes in Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering, Management, Fine Arts, and interdisciplinary studies. Recognized as an Institution of Eminence by the Government of India, the University is known for academic excellence, cutting-edge research, innovation, and vibrant campus life. The University has been ranked 18th among universities in the NIRF Rankings 2025 and placed in the 801-850 band in the QS World University Rankings 2025. With over 500 teaching staff, 1200 non-teaching staff, and around 6000 students, the University fosters a dynamic academic and research environment supported by international collaborations, impactful publications, ongoing research projects, and patents. Combining affordable world-class education with strong interdisciplinary learning and social commitment, the University of Hyderabad continues to be one of India’s most sought-after institutions of higher learning.



INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ILA)

The Indian Library Association (ILA), established on 13 September 1933 during the All India Library Conference in Calcutta, is the premier national professional body for library and information professionals in India. Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, ILA has played a vital role in promoting library and information services, professional education, research, training, and advocacy for the library profession.

The Association provides a common platform for librarians, academicians, researchers, and information professionals to exchange ideas and discuss emerging trends and technological innovations through conferences, seminars, workshops, and professional meetings. ILA also contributes to scholarly communication through its publications, including the ILA Newsletter, the Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), and conference proceedings.

With a strong commitment to strengthening the library movement in India, ILA continues to promote professional standards, ethics, cooperation, digital transformation, and capacity building in the field of Library and Information Science.

INDIRA GANDHI MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Indira Gandhi Memorial (IGM) Library of the University of Hyderabad is a premier central library supporting the academic and research needs of faculty members, students, and research scholars. Inaugurated on 21st October 1988 by the late Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, then Vice-President of India, the Library is named after former Prime Minister Late Smt. Indira Gandhi. The Library houses over 4.5 lakh books, journals, theses, dissertations, and digital resources in multidisciplinary subjects, along with 24×7 air-conditioned reading facilities and access to national and international scholarly databases and e-resources. It was the first university library in India to fully automate housekeeping operations and also partnered in the Carnegie Mellon University Million Book Project for the Universal Digital Library. Library operations are fully automated through an integrated library management system. The Library offers advanced digital and research support services, including plagiarism detection, writing assistance, remote access, citation and indexing databases, ONOS resources, and subscriptions to 22 internationally reputed scholarly databases. The Library also pioneered the Diploma in Library Automation and Networking (DLAN), one of the earliest professional programmes of its kind offered by a university library in India. With modern infrastructure, digital resources, and user-centric services, the IGM Library continues to be a vibrant hub for learning, research, innovation, and scholarly excellence.



CONFERENCE THEME

FUTURE LIBRARIES: ADVANCING RESEARCH & EXCELLENCE

SUB-THEMES

Libraries as Drivers of Sustainable Development

- Green Libraries: Design, Energy Efficiency, and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Libraries and their contribution towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.
- Libraries and the SDGs: Strategic Alignment and Local Impact
- SDGs: Leveraging Hidden Knowledge for Global Sustainability
- Sustainable Collection Development Policies
- Digital Preservation for Long-Term Knowledge Sustainability
- Carbon-Neutral Library Operations: Challenges and Best Practices
- Measuring Sustainability Performance in Library Services
- AI Applications for Sustainable Library Operations
- Smart Libraries and IoT for Energy and Space Management
- Viksit Bharat: Libraries for Sustainable Knowledge and National Growth

AI, Machine Learning, Semantic Web, and Digital Transformation in Libraries

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Transforming Library & Information Services
- Libraries in the Age of AI and user experience
- Algorithmic Literacy and Artificial Intelligence
- Digital frontier and Digital divide
- Digital library infrastructure and platforms
- Cloud-based library services
- Automation and integrated library management systems
- Semantic Web technologies (RDF, Linked Data, Ontologies) in libraries
- AI-enabled cataloguing, classification, and metadata generation
- Big data analytics and knowledge discovery
- Blockchain applications in libraries
- Ethical AI and Responsible Technology Use in Libraries
- AI-driven content creation and automation for library outreach
- Utilisation of AR/VR with convergence of AI
- Internet of Things (IoT) in Smart libraries
- Library makerspaces



Research Support, Scholarly Communication, Capacity Building, and Future-Ready Librarianship

- Role of libraries in promoting Open Access and Open Science
- One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) & Article Publishing Charges (APC)
- Interdisciplinary research & Multidisciplinary Open access
- Open peer review and evolving scholarly publishing models
- Research Data Management (RDM) services in academic libraries
- Institutional Repositories and Research Visibility
- Development and dissemination of Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Research visibility and profiling tools (e.g., ORCID, IRINS)
- Bibliometrics, scientometrics, and altmetrics
- Plagiarism detection and academic integrity
- LIS Education, Research, and NEP 2020

Capacity Building, Policy and Future-Ready Librarianship

- Leadership Models for Transformative Libraries
- Leadership and professional competencies
- Green HR Practices in Libraries
- Scenario Planning and Foresight Studies in Libraries
- Policy & Guidelines for Use of Generative AI
- Policy frameworks for academic libraries
- Quality assurance and accreditation support
- E-governance in library services
- Marketing and advocacy of library services
- National and international library policies and frameworks
- Legal and ethical issues in access, sharing, and information use
- Evidence-based decision-making in library management

Assistive Technologies and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) in Libraries

- Inclusive policies and equitable access to library services
- Role of libraries in inclusive education
- Accessibility standards and assistive technologies in libraries
- Adaptive technologies in academic libraries
- Accessible digital content and formats
- Representation and diversity in collections and knowledge organisation
- Multilingual access and localization of digital content
- Role of libraries in inclusive education
- Adaptive technologies in academic libraries
- Inclusive policies and equitable access to library services
- Representation and diversity in collections and knowledge organisation



Digital Preservation, Cultural Heritage, Archives, and Emerging Technologies

- Strategies for preservation of digital and born-digital content
- Preservation and promotion of indigenous knowledge systems
- Digitisation of rare books, manuscripts, and archival collections
- Preservation and Conservation of Digital Resources
- Museology, archives and Information sustainability
- Digital humanities and computational archival research
- Legal, ethical, and technological challenges in digital preservation

Ethical and Legal Frameworks for Information Access and Use in Libraries

- Ethical issues in library and information services
- Intellectual freedom and equitable access to information
- Plagiarism detection, academic integrity and AI-assisted research ethics
- Retractions, research misconduct, and integrity in AI-assisted publications
- Predatory publishing and ethical concerns in scholarly communication
- Role of libraries in promoting research ethics
- AI hallucinations and their impact on scholarly accuracy and credibility
- Copyright laws and their implications for libraries
- Fair use and fair dealing in academic and research environments
- Digital copyright issues in e-resources and institutional repositories
- Licensing agreements and legal compliance in e-resource management
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) awareness among library users
- Role of libraries in supporting authors' rights and copyright literacy
- Open access publishing and copyright challenges
- Creative Commons licensing and its role in libraries
- Data privacy, confidentiality, and user rights in libraries

Libraries and Emerging New Media Platforms for Digital Engagement and Outreach

- Strategic use of social media for library outreach and engagement
- Library Visibility through Social Media
- Role of new media in user communication and community building
- Integration of social media tools in library services and programmes
- Digital marketing of library resources and services
- Content creation and curation for library social media channels
- Use of multimedia and interactive tools for user engagement
- Social media as a tool for academic collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Addressing misinformation and strengthening information literacy
- Analytics and assessment of social media engagement in libraries
- Ethical issues in social media use in libraries



Collaborative Knowledge Networks, Library Consortia, and Emerging Knowledge Ecosystems

- Library Consortia and Resource Sharing Models
- Evolution and future of library consortia in the era of ONOS
- University-Community- Industry Partnership
- Public-Private Partnerships in Knowledge Services
- Cross-Border and Global Library Collaborations
- Knowledge Management & Indian Knowledge Systems
- Citizen Science and Library-Led Research Networks
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Community Co-creation

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates of Conference	07–09 January 2027
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	15th August 2026
Notification of Acceptance of Paper	15th September 2026
Last Date for Conference Registration	15th December 2026

NOTE

Authors should submit a brief CV (not exceeding 100 words) and a recent colour photograph along with the paper. An originality undertaking and a copyright transfer declaration in favour of the Indian Library Association (ILA) must also be submitted. Authors are responsible for ensuring that their papers are original, free from plagiarism, AI-generated content, and grammatical errors.

Call for Papers

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

- Length: Maximum 3,500 words (including abstract, references, tables, and figures).
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt (English); Unicode Font, 12 pt (Hindi).
- Line Spacing: 1.5 lines.
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
- Abstract: About 200 words, including objectives, methodology, key findings, and conclusions, followed by 3–5 keywords.
- Referencing Style: APA 7th Edition.
- Anonymity: Manuscripts should not contain author-identifying information to ensure blind peer review.
- Submission Format: Microsoft Word (.docx) only.



REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration Fee

Particulars	On or before 15th Dec. 2026	After 15th Dec, 2026
LIS Professionals (Non-ILA Members)	₹3,000/-	₹3,500/-
ILA Members	₹2,500/-	₹3,000/-
Research Scholars / Students	₹2,000/-	₹2,500/-
Foreign Delegates (with Accommodation)	USD 250	USD 300
ILA Conference Proceedings*	₹1,000/-	₹1,000/-

* Mandatory for all accepted papers

Participants registered for the conference but not holding ILA membership may avail spot enrolment for ILA Life Membership. Such participants shall be eligible for an exemption of ₹500/- on the prescribed registration fee.

- Conference Proceedings purchase is mandatory for all papers accepted.
- Accommodation is optional. Participants who wish to avail the Accommodation are requested to make an advance payment to facilitate proper arrangements. Allocation will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability.
- GST and other applicable taxes shall be charged extra as per Government norms
- A sum of ₹1,000/- shall be paid towards the ILA Conference Proceedings in favour of the Indian Library Association. (Account No.: 20024270299, IFSC: MAHB0000901, Bank of Maharashtra, New Delhi).
- Accommodation Charges: Participants opting for accommodation are requested to pay the prescribed accommodation charges in favour of **The Organising Secretary, ILA-27, Account No. 45192000787, IFSC Code SBIN0015612**, maintained with the State Bank of India.
- Accommodation for registered participants may be arranged in the University of Hyderabad & nearby government institution guest houses upon request, on a payment basis, subject to availability.
- As room availability is limited, accommodation booking will be confirmed only after successful registration on a first-come, first-served basis up to 30th September 2026.
- Delegates opting for accommodation in outside hotels shall have to bear the expenses on their own.
- Accommodation will be allotted based on availability under Single, Twin Sharing, or Triple Sharing categories.
- Accompanying persons shall be required to pay 50% of the prescribed registration fee(if required). However, no conference kit shall be provided to them.




ACCOMMODATION CHARGES (FOR THREE DAYS)

Type of Accommodation	Tariff
Single Occupancy	₹ 3,000/-
Twin Sharing Occupancy	₹ 2,400/-
Triple Sharing Occupancy	₹ 1,800/-

Accommodation Information

- Accommodation will be arranged in Guest Houses/Hotels on request and subject to availability.
- Rooms will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis, generally under Single, Twin Sharing, or Triple Sharing categories.
- As accommodation is limited, participants are advised to make their bookings early.
- Advance payment is required for accommodation booking.
- Participants opting for accommodation in outside hotels shall bear the expenses themselves.
- GST and other applicable taxes will be charged extra as per Government norms.
- Accommodation booking requests will be accepted up to 30th September 2026, subject to availability.
- Accompanying persons, if any, shall pay 50% of the applicable registration fee; however, no conference kit will be provided.
- For accommodation, please contact: drvenkatlibhcu@uohyd.ac.in / 9948258015 (M)

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PRIVATE HOTELS

Sl. No.	Name of Hotel/Institution	Distance from IGM Library	Contact No.	Location
1	Town House	4.8 KM	Varun – 7095411315	Kondapur, Hyderabad
2	Silver Suite	2.8 KM	—	Kondapur, Hyderabad
3	FabHotel SSR Ikon Suites by Fab	3.3 KM	—	Gachibowli, Hyderabad
4	Jaswitha Mukkanti Hotel	3.1 KM	9376366666	Kondapur, Hyderabad
5	Via Athidhi Stay Inn	4.9 KM	7042424242	Kondapur, Hyderabad

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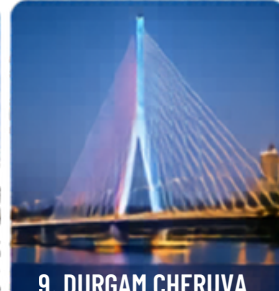
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