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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 an ideal forum for examining 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 a 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, assistive technologies and inclusive library services, emerging technologies in Library and Information Science. Overall, subthemes of the conference include most 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, 1,200 non-teaching staff, and around 6,000 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 the late Prime Minister 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 databases, 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.



Future Libraries: Advancing Research & Excellence

THEME 1: Libraries and the Sustainability Agenda *(Libraries as Drivers of Sustainable Development)*

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

THEME 2: Digital Transformation in Libraries *(AI, ML, Semantic Web, and Digital Transformation in Libraries)*

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Libraries
- Algorithmic Literacy and Artificial Intelligence
- Semantic Web technologies (RDF, Linked Data, Ontologies) in Libraries
- AI-enabled cataloguing, classification, and metadata generation
- Cloud-based library services
- Digital frontier and Digital divide
- Automation and integrated library management systems
- Ethical AI and Responsible Technology Use in Libraries
- Big data analytics and knowledge discovery
- Blockchain, IoT, AR/VR Applications in Smart Libraries
- Library Makerspaces

THEME 3: Scholarly Communication & Open Science *(Research Support and Scholarly Communication)*

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

THEME 4: Capacity Building, Policy & Future-Ready Librarianship *(Library Management, Policy and Governance)*

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

THEME 5: Assistive Technologies & Inclusive Library Services *(Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) in Libraries)*

- Accessibility standards and assistive technologies in libraries
- Accessible digital content and formats
- 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
- Multilingual access and localization of digital content

THEME 6: Collaboration, Consortia & Knowledge Ecosystems *(Libraries in Collaborative Knowledge Networks)*

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

THEME 7: Digital Preservation & Cultural Heritage *(Preservation, Archives & Technology)*

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

THEME 8: Ethical & Legal Frameworks for Information Access and Use in Libraries *(Ethics, Copyright & IPR)*

- Ethical issues in library and information services
- Intellectual freedom and equitable access to information
- Plagiarism detection, academic integrity and AI-assisted research ethics
- AI hallucinations and their impact on scholarly accuracy and credibility
- Fair use and fair dealing in academic and research environments
- Digital copyright issues in e-resources and institutional repositories
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) awareness among library users
- Open access publishing and copyright challenges
- Creative Commons licensing and its role in libraries
- Licensing agreements and legal compliance in e-resource management
- Data Privacy, Confidentiality, and User Rights in Libraries
- Predatory Publishing and Ethical Concerns in Scholarly Communication
- Role of libraries in supporting authors' rights and copyright literacy

THEME 9: Social Media & Digital Engagement in Libraries *(New Media Platforms and Library Visibility)*

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

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BY AIR

**Rajiv Gandhi International
Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad**

- Distance:** Approximately **32 km**
- Travel Time:** **45–60 minutes**
- Airport taxis, prepaid taxis, app-based cabs (Uber, Ola), and rental cars are readily available.



BY RAIL

The University is conveniently accessible from major railway stations.

Railway Station	Distance
Lingampalli Railway Station (Nearest)	6 km
Hyderabad Deccan (Nampally)	20 km
Secunderabad Junction	22 km



Taxis, auto-rickshaws, app-based cabs, and TSRTC buses are available from all stations.



BY HYDERABAD METRO

Nearest Metro Station
Raidurg Metro Station (Blue Line)

- Distance:** Approximately **8 km**
- Travel Time:** **15–20 minutes**
- Taxis and auto-rickshaws are easily available outside the station.



BY ROAD

The University of Hyderabad is well connected by road from all parts of Hyderabad.

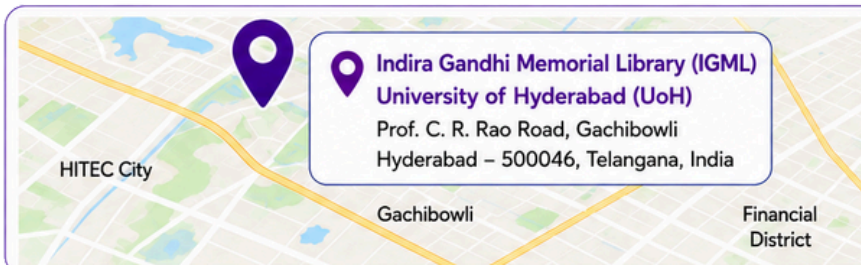
Available transport options include:

- TSRTC City Buses
- Metro Rail (via Raidurg Station)
- Taxi Services
- Uber & Ola
- Private Vehicles



The campus is located near:

- Gachibowli
- HITEC City
- Financial District



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2. GOLCONDA FORT



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4. SALAR JUNG MUSEUM



5. RAMOJI FILM CITY



6. BIRLA MANDIR



7. NECKLACE ROAD



8. T-HUB, HITEC CITY



9. DURGAM CHERUVA
CABLE BRIDGE



10. SHILPARAMAM



11. CHOWMAHALLA PALACE



12. QUTB SHAHI TOMBS



13. FALAKNUMA PALACE



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