

National Seminar on Libraries

Pillars of Unity, Harmony and National Integrity

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DAY I

24 MARCH 2026

TUESDAY

REGISTRATION

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

TECHNICAL SESSION I

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Prof. Fayaz Ahmad
Prof. Simi Malhotra
Prof. Farzana Gulzar

Moderator: Ms. Asra Yaqoob

Rapporteur: Ms. Libnee Altaf

TECHNICAL SESSION II

Venue: Library, DLIS

Chair: Prof. Preeti Mahajan
Prof. Nazir Ahmad Nazir
Dr Pramod Kumar Singh

Moderator: Ms. Ronak Malik

Rapporteur: Mr. Taseef Ayub

Presentations

Knowledge Institutions and Nationhood: The Contribution of Indian Libraries to Unity, Harmony, and Responsible Citizenship

Koushal Sharma, Anju Devi, Anjali Jamwal, Naina Thakur & Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha

Libraries as National Digital Infrastructure: A Proposal for INFLIBNET as a Nodal High Performance Computing Intermediary Hub under India AI

Adil Ashraf Reshi, Taseef Ayub & Yasir Rashid Lone

The Role of Libraries in Youth Development: Evidence from a Systematic Literature Review

Monisa Reshi, Ishrata Gul, Ronak Rafiq Malik & Tajamul Ahmad Bhat

Introducing Open Data Editor (ODE) for Data Cleaning: Use Cases and Success Stories

Mohit Garg & Nikhil Raj

Role of Libraries in Youth Mobility & Understanding in Contemporary Times

Prof. Gul Mohd. Wani

Strengthening Digital Libraries for Cultural Heritage Preservation and Bridging the Digital Divide in India

Rakhi Kumari, Shivangi Sharma, Dr Vikram Singh Sahi & Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha

Presentations

Technology Transfer from Lab-to-Farm: A Study of Agri Scientists of Shivalik Region

Priya & Prof. Shivarama Rao K

Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Transform Open Education and Research in India

Prof. M. P. Singh & Ritik Bajpai

Institutionalizing the Sacred: The Role of Libraries in Safeguarding Shrine-Based Cultural Heritage in Jammu & Kashmir

Rakiba Jan

Role of Libraries in National Health Awareness

Tazia Tariq

Libraries as Catalysts for Social Justice and Equality: A Study of Women-Centric Literature in Public and College Libraries of District Anantnag and Kulgam

Dr. Ashfaq Maqsood Ali & Aijaz Ahmad Bhat

Bridging the Digital Divide as a Brand Strategy: Strengthening Library Brand Equity

Furqana Altaf, Ishrat Fayaz & Prof. Farzana Gulzar

Empowering the Future: The 24/7 Service of Allama Iqbal Library in Shaping the Academic Careers of Kashmiri Youth

Dr. Mudasir Khazer, Dr Uzma Qadri, Huma Shafiq, & Iram Mahajan,

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INAUGURAL FUNCTION

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Venue: Media Auditorium

Inaugural Quiz (Only for Registered Participants)

Welcome Address

Prof. Sumeer Gul, Head, DLIS, University of Kashmir

Address by Special Guest

Prof. S.M. Shafi, Former Head, DLIS, University of Kashmir

Guest of Honour Address

Prof. Preeti Mahajan, DLIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Guest of Honour Address

Prof. Sangita Gupta, DLIS, University of Jammu

Guest of Honour Address

Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Registrar, University of Kashmir

FELICITATION OF TOP 3 QUIZ WINNERS

Presidential Address

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Uni. of Kashmir

Vote of Thanks

Dr Rabiya Mushtaq, Faculty, DLIS, University of Kashmir

Moderator

Dr Rosy Jan, Associate Prof., DLIS, University of Kashmir

Kehwa Break

1:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch Break

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

TECHNICAL SESSION III

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Prof. M.P Singh
 Dr Rishabh Shrivastava
 Dr Vikram Singh Sahi
Moderator: Ms. Monisa Reshi
Rapporteur: Mr. Shahid Maqbool Mir

Special Talk

Bridging the Digital Divide with Library Services in India: Challenges and Strategic Responses
Prof. Margam Madhusudhan

Presentations

Status and Sustainability of Open Access Institutional Repositories in India: An Exploratory Study Using OpenDOAR
Riya Jain & Prof. Meera

Research Visibility through Academic Social Networking Sites: A study of ResearchGate Profiles of North Indian Researchers
Pragya Lohia & Dr Rishabh Shrivastava

Bridging the Digital Divide through Modern Library Services
Priya Sharma

A Website-Based Analysis of Research Support Services in University Libraries of Jammu & Kashmir
Avanish Kumar Tiwari, Nikhal Parihar & Dr Pramod Kumar Singh

Libraries as Catalysts of Digital Equity: Empowering Marginalized Rural Students through Community-Based Digital Inclusion
Sheikh Mustafa Ali

Woven Wisdom: The IICT Library as the Living Archive of Kashmiri Heritage
Javeed Ahmad Rah

Motivations for Sharing Misinformation on Social Media: Evidence from Students at IUST
Dr. Saleeq Ahmad Dar & Dr. Jahangeer Iqbal Qureshi

Promoting Educational Equity through Library Outreach: A Case Study of T.S. Central State Library, Chandigarh
Dr Neeza Singh

TECHNICAL SESSION IV

Venue: Library, DLIS

Chair: Prof. Sangita Gupta
 Prof. Sharad Kumar Sonkar
 Dr Fayaz Ahmad Lone
Moderator: Mr. Ishfaq Hussain Wani
Rapporteur: Mr. Wahid Majid Dar

Presentations

Bridging the Digital Divide through Inclusive Library Services for Students with Disabilities in Universities of Jammu and Kashmir
Akriti Sharma & Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh

Evolving Role of Library Leadership under NEP 2020
Dr Umar Mufeed

Libraries in the Digital Age: Anytime, Anywhere, Any Resource
Dr Afsana Rashid

From Discovery to Access: Comparing the strengths and weaknesses of Academic Search Engines
Dr Mufazil Ali & Dr Fayaz Ahmad Loan

Open Access and Moral Rights: Reimagining Copyright in the Digital Era
Dr Mir Junaid Alam

Libraries as Digital Literacy Centres
Dr. Tarseem Singh

Health Focus Areas in Different Types of Libraries
Mohd Muzamil Mir

Importance of Libraries as Foundations of National Integration
Abdul Majed

Role of AI Tools in Academic Libraries for Promoting Inclusive Knowledge and Research Integrity
Misbah Manzoor, Umra Mansoor, Syeeda Mouzama Zainab & Irtiza Gulzar

Digital Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge: Libraries as Custodians of a Unified yet Diverse National Identity
Muzamil Majeed

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

TECHNICAL SESSION V

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi
Dr. Uzma Qadri
Dr Tariq Ahmad Shah

Moderator: Ms. Irtiza Gulzar

Rapporteur: Mr. Adil Hussain

Presentations

Role of Remote Access Services in Crisis Management: Perceptions and Expectations of A.C. Joshi Library Users
Shahzeb & Prof. Preeti Mahajan

Challenges and Future Strategies for Libraries as Pillars of Unity, Harmony, and National Integrity
Mohsin Ahmad Bhat, Rahat Gulzar, Mashood Yousuf Khan, Kamran Mubaraz, Samina Yousuf Khan, Asiya Ahmad

Information Behavior and Future of Higher Education in Libraries
Shabnam

National-Level Assessment of LIS Doctoral Theses in Shodhganga: A Metadata-Driven Study
Vinay Manral, Riya Raj & Vinit Kumar

Green Libraries as Indian Knowledge Space Supporting Sustainable Development Goals
Sonia Firdose, Shivani Attri & Libnee Altaf

Public Libraries in a Multicultural Society: Promoting Social Harmony, Unity, and National Integrity
Dr. Zahid Ashraf Wani & Mashood Yousuf Khan

Examining Factors affecting digital Inclusion across the libraries of India: A Systematic Review
Shahid Maqbool Mir, Dr Nadim Akhtar Khan, Aamirul Haq & Tajamul Ahmad Bhat

Technical Session VI

Venue: Library, DLIS

Chair: Prof. Malik Zahra Khalid
Dr Nazir Ahmad Bhat
Dr Sheikh Mohd Imran

Moderator: Ms. Misbah Manzoor

Rapporteur: Ms. Umra Mansoor

Presentations

Landscape of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Research across India
Mehraj Ahmad Najar, Dr. Aasif Ahmad Mir & Ishrat Ayub

Fostering Peace, Unity & Social Cohesion through Libraries: A Study
Dr. M.P. Singh, Ms. Suryakala Bharti, Komal Gupta & Pinky Bhagat

Awareness, Usage and Concerns of Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools Among Faculty of J&K Higher Education
Ansaar Hussain

Planting Ideas, Growing Futures: Innovative Initiatives at Allama Iqbal Library
Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Loan

Technological Initiatives of Professional Librarians: A Study on Digital Inclusion and Social Unity
Shivani Attri, Libnee Altaf & Sonia Firdose

A Peep into Publishing & Research Ecosystem: A Case Study of Islamic University of Science & Technology
Dr Sheikh Shueb, Dr Sheikh Mohd Imran & Aabid Hussain

Mapping Scholarly Communication on the Role of Libraries in Crisis Management and Disaster Response: A Bibliometrics Analysis
Sakshi Jain & Dr Sharad Kumar Sonkar

Tea Break

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

TECHNICAL SESSION VII

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Prof. Margam Madhusudhan
Dr Aneeda Jan
Ms Humma

Moderator: Ms. Monisa Reshi

Rapporteur: Mr. Wahid Majid Dar

TECHNICAL SESSION VIII

Venue: Library, DLIS

Chair: Prof. Aaliya Ahmad
Dr Raj Kumar Bharadwaj
Dr Sheikh Shueb

Moderator: Mr. Mashood Yousuf Khan

Rapporteur: Mr. Adil Hussain

Presentations

Libraries as Cultural Gateways: Promoting National Unity through Heritage Tourism

Prof. Sumeer Gul, Huzaif Tariq & Mashood Yousuf Khan

Libraries in the Age of Digital Discombobulation: A Perennialist Reassertion of Dateless Educational Values

Amir Iqbal

Digital Health Literacy: Examining Technology & Mediating Role in Health Awareness Enhancement

Shabir Ahmad Lone, Mohammad Mubeen & Prof. Farzana Gulzar

Assessing the Visibility of Research in Social Justice and Libraries: An Altmetric Perspective

Dr Rishabh Shrivastava & Pragya Lohia

Libraries as Digital Literacy Hubs

Basharat Rasool

An Overview of the College Library GDC Kupwara with special reference to Bio-Science Book Resources of Rastogi Publications

Shabir Ahmad Shah

The Role of Language in Shaping Environmental Awareness: A Discourse Analysis of Climate Change Media Coverage

Sheeba Hassan & Tahseen Hassan

Evaluating the Operational Accuracy of AI-Driven Dewey Classification: A Study of Dewey Assistant 5.2

Riya Jain and Alok Kumar

Libraries as Anchors of Global Peace

Huma Shafiq, Iram Mahajan, Dr Uzma Qadri & Dr Mudasar Khazir

Presentations

Digital Literacy and Exposure to Misleading Health Information among Medical Students on Social Media: Repositioning Academic Libraries as Institutional Safeguards

Ishfaq Hussain Wani, Misbah UI Huda & Dr. Nadim Akhtar Khan

Ecosystem for Minds: Libraries Advancing Green Agenda

Dr Shuaib & Dr Mohamad Ishaq Lone

Role of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Bridging the Digital Divide in Jammu and Kashmir

Mohammad Tabir, Muzamil Majeed & Dr Nadim Akhtar Khan

Leveraging the Potential of Public Libraries to Enhance Digital Literacy in Remote Tribal Regions of Jammu and Kashmir : A Pathway to Inclusive Growth and National Integration

Azmit Begum

Retractions in Top NIRF-Ranked Indian Universities: Unraveling Trends and Implications for Research Integrity

Mohd Ashraf Bhat, Rayees Ahmad Malla, Abdul Majed, Ajra, Khan Tajamul Islam & Syed Inabia

A Comparative Study of Discovery Tools Used in Higher Education Libraries of Bharat

Vipin Sati & Prof. Sonal Singh

Misconfigured Author Profiles of Three Reputed Indian Institutions on Google Scholar

Sarfaraz Ahmad Sofi, Shugufta Manzoor & Dr Rosy Jan

TECHNICAL SESSION IX

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Dr Aadil Bashir
Dr Mohd Iqbal Bhat
Mr Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha

Moderator: Mr. Aamir ul Haq

Rapporteur: Mr. Shahid Maqbool Mir

TECHNICAL SESSION X

Venue: Library, DLIS

Chair: Dr Sheikh Javaid Ahmad
Dr Irfana Rashid
Dr Mohammad Ishaq Lone

Moderator: Ms. Ishrata Gul

Rapporteur: Mr. Taseef Ayub

Presentations

Challenges in the Utilization of MOOCs Among PG Students of University of Kashmir: A Survey
Asra Yaqoob, Prof. Shabir Ahmad Ganaie & Dr. Zahid Ashraf Wani

Language Attitudes of the Tibetan Muslim Community in Srinagar: A Sociolinguistic Study & The Role of Libraries in Bridging the Regional Language Barriers
Iqra Nazir

Web Content Management Systems as a Support Service in Academic Library Websites: An Investigation of the World-class Universities
Aamirul Haq, Dr. Rosy Jan, Shahid Maqbool Mir, Sabreena Saleem & Umer Yousuf Parray

Bridges of Bharat - The Strategic Role of Librarians in National Integration
Midhat Mehraj

Children's Digital Libraries as Catalysts of Global Digital Culture: A Content Analysis of the International Children's Digital Library
Syed Inabia Bukhari, Khan Tajamul Islam & Dr. Shohar Bano

Libraries as Civic-Epistemic Institutions Shaping Digital and Global Citizenship
Dr M.P. Singh, Shivangi Shukla & Komal Gupta

Presentations

X as a Peace-Building and Decision-Support Tool: Implications for Library & Information Science
Mohd Rezvan & Syed Inabia Bukhari

Mapping Sustainable Development Goal-Oriented Academic Programs in Indian Universities: A Cross-Institutional Study
Aadil Hussain Wani, Dr. Aasif Ahmad Mir & Dr. Rosy Jan

Global Leadership & Resource Inclusivity: Impact of Female Librarians on Information Access
Dr. Shohar Bano, Humma, Syed Inabia Bukhari, Khan Tajamul Islam, Dr Muzamil Shafi & Benazir Safdar

From Print to Platform: The Role of the University Libraries in Developing Digital Competencies
Wahid Majid Dar & Prof. Shabir Ahmad Ganaie

Role of Public libraries in strengthening of youth: A Case Study of Public Libraries of South Kashmir
Hilal Ahmad Bhat, Snowbar Majeed, Rukhsana Shawl & Sumaya Sadiq

Challenges Faced by Female Researchers and the Role of Libraries in Promoting Research Equity
Libnee Altaf, Sonia Firdous & Shivani Attrii

SPECIAL LECTURE

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Sustainable AI for Academic Libraries

by Dr. Raj Kumar Bharadwaj, Librarian, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi

Tea Break

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

TECHNICAL SESSION XI

Venue: Media Auditorium

Chair: Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma
Dr. Shiva Kanaujia Sukula

Moderator: Dr Nadim Akhtar Khan

Rapporteur: Ms. Libnee Altaf

Presentations

Decoding Audience Sentiments on the 'Mann ki Baat' Radio Broadcast Using Data Mining Approaches

Dr. Maya Deori, Prof. Irene Lalruatkimi & Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma

Libraries Supporting Sustainability: Creating Eco-Responsible Information Systems

Sakshi Rathore, Apeksha Shrivastava & Jitendra Shrivastava

Libraries as Catalysts for Social Justice and Equality

Shiva Kanaujia Sukula & Mamta Rani

Bridging the Digital Divide through Modern Library Services: Strategies, Challenges, and Opportunities

Suneel Kumar Bhat

AI-Enabled Libraries as Catalysts for National Integration and Social Cohesion

Eesha Sharma

Libraries in the Algorithmic Era: Reimagining Access to Knowledge

Abeen Bilal, Aaliya Ahmed & Malik Zahra Khalid

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Rapporteur's Report

Dr Rosy Jan, General Rapporteur, Associate Prof., DLIS, UoK

Special Guest Address

Dr Abdul Majid Baba, Former Librarian, CUK/Allama Iqbal Library, UoK

Guest of Honour Address

Prof. Margam Madhusudhan, DLIS, Delhi University

Guest of Honour Address

Prof. Majid Zaman Baba, Controller of Examination, UoK

FELICITATION OF TOP 3 QUIZ WINNERS

Chief Guest Address

Prof. M Sultan Bhat, Dean Research, University of Kashmir

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

Vote of Thanks

Dr Irfan Ul Haq Akhoun, Faculty, DLIS, University of Kashmir

Moderator

Dr Nadim Akhter Khan, Associate Prof., DLIS, UoK