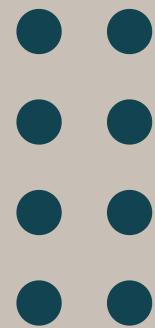


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New Delhi, India

Conference Theme

“Evolving Information Landscape: Making Libraries Future-Ready”

Sub-Themes

- From Collections to Connections: Redefining the Library's Core Mission
- Fostering a Culture of Innovation: Change Management for Library Leaders
- Data-Driven Decisions: Using Analytics to Shape Services and Spaces
- Policy and Advocacy in the Digital Age
- AI and Generative Tools in Library Services: Practical Applications and Ethical Considerations
- Curating the Digital Commons: Strategies for Managing Digital and Born-Digital Collections
- The Immersive Library: Integrating AR, VR, and Mixed Reality
- Ensuring Digital Equity: Infrastructure, Access, and Literacy
- Beyond Literacy: Cultivating Metaliteracy and Digital Citizenship
- The Library as Creator Space: Makerspaces, Media Labs, and Publishing Hubs
- Personalizing the User Experience: Adaptive Technology and Customized Pathways
- Community as Collection: Centering Local Knowledge and Dialogue
- Designing for Flexibility: Creating Agile and Multi-Functional Spaces
- The Sustainable and Green Library: Environmental and Economic Sustainability
- Bridging the Physical and Digital: The Hyflex Service Model
- Wellness and Belonging: The Library as a Third Place for Wellbeing



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Important Conference Dates



31st
DEC, 2025

**Abstract
Submission Deadline**

28th
FEB, 2026

**Full Paper
Submission Deadline**

15th
MAR, 2026

**Acceptance
Notification**

31st
MAR, 2026

**Registration
Deadline**

Registration Fee

Sr. No.	Category	Registration Fee
1	Working Library Professionals	Rs. 3000/ without accomodation
2	ASIALA Members/ Retired Library Professional, and Students	Rs. 2000/without accomodation
3	Foreign Delegates	Rs.5,000/ Payable on the spot in INR only

Accommodation Charges

Rs. 750/- per night (Single Occupancy)

Rs. 500/- per night (Double Occupancy)



About the Conference

The information landscape is undergoing a relentless and profound transformation, characterized by the exponential growth of digital content, the rise of artificial intelligence and machine-generated data, and the decentralization of authority. Users are now inundated with information from a myriad of sources, from scholarly databases and open-access repositories to social media and misinformation, creating a complex ecosystem where discernment and digital literacy are paramount. This shift moves the central challenge from one of information scarcity to one of information overload, where the critical need is no longer simply access to information, but the ability to navigate, evaluate, synthesize, and ethically use it. Libraries, therefore, can no longer define their value primarily as storehouses of physical collections but must reimagine their role as dynamic hubs for knowledge curation and critical thinking.

To become future-ready, libraries must proactively evolve from passive repositories into active, collaborative, and technology-integrated learning centers. This requires strategic investment in robust digital infrastructure and discovery tools, while simultaneously expanding expert services to include data management, digital citizenship, and media literacy instruction. The physical space itself must be adaptable, fostering creativity through makerspaces, collaborative work areas, and environments conducive to both production and contemplation. Ultimately, the future-ready library is not defined by its walls but by its connections curating quality resources, empowering users with critical skills, and serving as an essential, agile partner in the lifelong learning and research needs of its community within an ever-changing information universe. The ICAL-2026 intends to deliberate on all these issues and the future challenges facing LIS Professionals.

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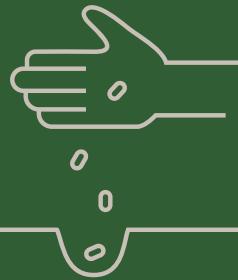
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Learning Resource Centre (Chaitya Library)

The IIM Kashipur Library (Chaitya Library), situated in a spacious building, boasts a collection of over 11,500 printed books, predominantly related to management and allied subjects, as well as more than 6,000 electronic books and 16,500 print/online journals.

The library holds a substantial collection of printed and electronic resources, including books, journals, databases, audio-visual materials, CDs/DVDs, e-journals, reports, case studies, Theses, and more. The library, with its modern collection of knowledge resources and innovative information services, plays a vital role in supporting the academic community's intellectual pursuits.



About Asian Library Association

Headquartered in New Delhi, the Asian Library Association (ASIALA) is an international library association, formed to play an important role in the promotion of librarianship as a profession vital to an informed and knowledgeable society and puts emphasis on the professional development of LIS community through advocacy, peer networking, and leadership development through idea generation and many other initiatives.

ASIALA works in the strategic areas of the profession to further the library interests, library institutions, and library & information services and help library fraternity to engage in actions that develop group consciousness and respond to the public interest in ways that achieve socially and professionally desirable goals. ASIALA further acts to provide an organizational frame work to discuss future plans, organize committee activities, promote library studies and surveys, encourage the development of new tools, issue the resulting publications, lobby for legislative support, policies, and planning necessary for the larger cause of library profession.

One of the main objectives of ASIALA is development of strong linkages among Libraries in Asian Countries through discussion, sharing and exchange of ideas and thus providing a common forum to the professionals interested or engaged in librarianship and information services by holding national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, training programmes, library development programmes and publishing Journals, Books and Reports etc. across Asian countries.

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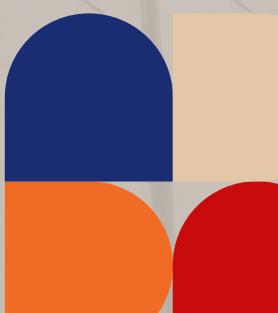
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1. Title Page (with author details)
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3. Keywords
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5. References
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Font: Use Times New Roman throughout the paper.

Font Size & Spacing:

- Body text: **12 pt, single-spaced**
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Authors must submit a structured abstract with the main article, including:

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References must follow the APA 6th or 7th Edition guidelines.

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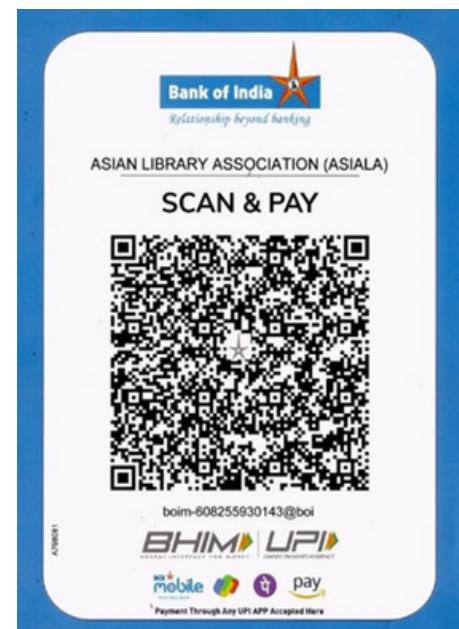
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