71st ILA Conference 2026

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on

Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता के युग में पुस्तकालय सेवाओं का रूपांतरण: पुस्तकालय सेवाएँ, उपयोगकर्ता सहभागिता और सामुदायिक प्रभाव

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5th - 7th
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About Conference

The Indian Library Association (ILA) is proud to host its 71st annual Conference 2026 in the historic city of Taj, in collaboration with the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra (U.P.). This international mega event will bring together librarians, information scientists, educators, and technology experts from across the globe. The conference is a crucial platform for discussing the evolving landscape of libraries and their pivotal role in shaping the future of knowledge dissemination and community engagement.

The main theme of the conference is "Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact." Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of discussions aimed at fostering dialogue, sharing best practices, and inspiring innovative solutions to the challenges and opportunities facing modern libraries. The goal is to explore how libraries can adapt to a digital age while remaining essential community hubs.

The conference will cover a diverse array of topics, from innovative library services that integrate AI and machine learning to strategies for enhancing user engagement through personalized experiences and gamification. Other focused areas include the role of libraries in promoting equity, social inclusion, preserving cultural heritage, and embracing sustainability. Participants will also discuss professional development for 21st-century librarians and the role of libraries during crises. Join us in Agra for an enriching experience of learning, networking, and collaboration.

Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra

Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Central Institute of Hindi) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It is dedicated to the teaching, research and promotion of Hindi across the globe. The headquarter of the institute located in Agra (Uttar Pradesh), is spread over 15 acres and houses modern infrastructure including academic blocks, hostels, an international auditorium, guest house, and residential quarters. The idea for its establishment emerged on 15 March 1951 during the All-India Cultural Conference at the Red Fort under the guidance of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Following this, Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Parishad was set up in Agra in 1952. In 1953, Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Prashikshan Mahavidyalaya was established under the supervision of this Parishad. On 19 March 1960, the Ministry of Education took over the Mahavidyalaya and entrusted its functions to the Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, chaired by Hon'ble Padma Bhushan Dr. Moturi Satyanarayan. The Mandal registered under the Societies Registration Act on 1 November 1960, renamed the Mahavidyalaya as Kendriya Hindi Shikshak Mahavidyalaya in 1963, and later, on 21 October 1963, as Kendriya Hindi Sansthan.

Guided by Article 351 of the Constitution of India, the Institute works to promote Hindi as a Pan Indian language, improve teaching standards, train teachers, prepare and publish textbooks, and facilitate advanced study in Hindi language, literature, and comparative linguistics. It publishes research-oriented books, journals, and magazines, collaborates with similar institutions, and provides fellowships, scholarships, awards, and medals. The Sansthan operates eight regional centres across the country in Delhi, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Shillong, Mysore, Dimapur, Bhubaneswar, and Ahmedabad conducting various courses and orientation programmes for teachers, students, and foreign learners. Its founder, Shri Moturi Satyanarayan, hailed from a non-Hindi speaking state, symbolizing the role of Hindi as a unifying link for national integration.

Indian Library Association, Delhi

The Indian Library Association is a premier professional association committed to the cause of library movement and development. The Indian Library Association is the national association which represents those who work in or advocate for Indian libraries. ILA has provided a wide variety of library and information services and programmes to its members and others in the library communities since its inception. The objectives of the association are: promotion of research in library science, cooperation with international organizations with similar objectives, publication of newsletters, journal, books etc., which tend to the realization the object's of association for establishment of libraries, documentation and information centres and assistance to their establishment working and promotion of appropriate library legislations in India. It plays a vital role in advancing the field of Library and Information Science in India by providing a platform for professionals to collaborate, share knowledge, and work towards the betterment of libraries and information services in the country.

CONFERENCE THEME

Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact

Sub-themes

1. Innovative Library Services in the Digital Age
- Integration of AI, machine learning, and automation in library workflows
- Emerging trends like smart libraries and IoT-enabled services
- Digital literacy initiatives and virtual reference platforms

2. Enhancing User Engagement
- Designing inclusive and responsive library environments
- Personalizing user experiences through data and technology
- Using gamification and interactive media to boost participation

3. Libraries as Community Hubs
- Libraries' role in promoting equity, access, and social inclusion
- Successful models of community outreach and public programming
- Civic engagement and participatory library services
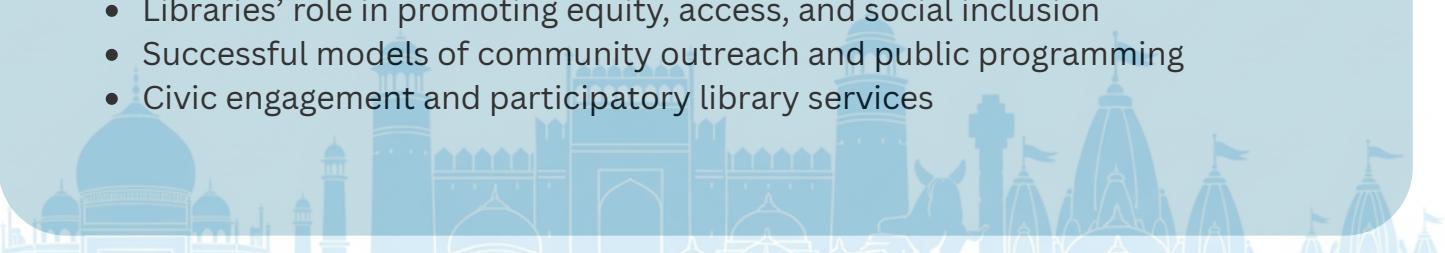
4. Information Access and Equity
- Open access, open data, and democratization of knowledge
- Efforts to bridge the digital divide in underserved communities
- Designing inclusive services for marginalized and differently-abled users

5. Impact Assessment and Outcome Measurement
- Strategies for evaluating user satisfaction and service delivery
- Communicating library impact through stories and data
- Evidence-based planning and performance metrics in libraries

6. Collaborations and Partnerships
- Cross-sector and cross-disciplinary library collaborations
- Partnerships with NGOs, government, and academic institutions
- Strengthening university-public library networks

7. Change Management in Libraries
- Managing organizational change in library systems and services
- Developing staff resilience and adaptability in times of transition
- Leadership strategies for innovation and continuous improvement

8. Professional Development and Capacity Building
- New competencies and skills for 21st-century librarians
- Leadership development and strategic advocacy
- Training models focused on user-centered service delivery

9. Automation of Libraries Vernacular Languages
- Development of digital tools for Indian language cataloging and indexing
- Machine translation, OCR, and text-mining for vernacular resources
- Enhancing accessibility of regional literature through AI and automation

10. Sustainability and Green Libraries
- Eco-conscious design and sustainable library operations
- Promoting environmental literacy through library initiatives
- Libraries aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Who Can Attend / Participate?

- **Library and Information Science Professionals**
- **Educationalists and Academicians**
- **Professionals from IT and Knowledge Sector**
- **Researchers, Students, and Distance Learners**
- **Policy Makers**
- **Extension Functionaries**
- **Publication Industries / Companies**

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE OF CONFERENCE	: 5TH - 7TH FEBRUARY 2026
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPER	: 15TH NOVEMBER 2025
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PAPER	: 30TH NOVEMBER 2025
LAST DATE OF CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WITH ACCOMMODATION	: 31TH DECEMBER 2025

Note

- **Authors are requested to submit a brief CV (only one paragraph not more than 100 words) and a color photograph along with the paper.**
- **Authors must submit an undertaking regarding the genuineness of the papers and surrendering copyright in favour of the Indian Library Association.**
- **Both undertakings are required to be submitted as per the format available on the ILA website (www.ilaindia.net).**
- **It is the author's/contributor's responsibility to ensure the paper is free from plagiarism, ai and grammatical errors.**

Call for Papers

Professionals are invited to submit their original contributions based on research surveys, practices, theoretical and empirical research, or case studies related to the theme or sub-themes of the conference. All submissions will undergo a review process by a panel of experts, and accepted papers will be published in the conference volume with an ISBN.

The full-text papers should be sent to the editor at **paperilakhs.2026@gmail.com** on or before 15th November 2025, accompanied by a Demand Draft, multi-city cheque, or NEFT/RTGS payment of ₹1000 (Rupees one thousand only) for a copy of the Conference Proceedings.
Note: Detailed payment instructions will be provided on the next page.

If you face any problem or have queries related to registration or paper submission, please contact at agraconfila.2026@gmail.com

Guidelines for Paper Submission

Originality: Submissions must be original and not previously published or under consideration elsewhere.
Plagiarism and AI-generated content must be strictly less than 10%; otherwise, the paper will not be accepted.
Language: All papers must be submitted either in English or in Hindi. Papers in Hindi should be in Unicode**.**

Formatting

- **Length:** Maximum 3,500 words (including abstract, references, tables, and figures).
- **Font:** Times New Roman in english and unicode in hindi, size 12pt.
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5 lines.
- **Margins:** 1 inch on all sides.
- **Abstract:** A concise abstract of 200 words, summarizing the paper's objectives, methodology, key findings, and conclusions. Include 3–5 keywords.
- **Referencing:** Use APA 7th edition style for citations and references.
- **Anonymity:** For blind peer review, ensure your submission does not contain any author-identifying information.
- **Submission Format:** Papers must be submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.

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Availability: Accommodation for registered participants will be arranged in the Hotels/Guest House only upon prior request and on a payment basis.
Allotment: Rooms will be allotted strictly on a first-come, first-served basis after successful registration and payment on a twin-sharing basis.
Limited Rooms: As the Guest House/Hotels has limited capacity, participants are advised to book early.
Hotel Stay: Participants opting to stay in hotels will bear their own accommodation expenses.

Registration Confirmation: Registration will be confirmed only after the receipt of payment.
Payment Proof: Participants should retain their payment receipt for verification during check-in.

Accommodation Queries
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Accommodation

Accommodation fees early bird 30th November 2025	Accommodation fees upto 31st December 2025
LIS Professionals Rs. 3500	**LIS Professionals** Rs. 4000
Research Scholars/Students Rs. 2500	**Research Scholars/Students** Rs. 3000
Foreign Delegates 250 USD	**Foreign Delegates** 350 USD

Accommodation for registered participants may be arranged in the guest house provided by the KHS or hotels upon request, on a payment basis. As there are limited rooms available, booking will be confirmed only after successful registration on a first-come, first-served basis till 31st December 2025. Delegates opting to stay in hotels will bear their own accommodation expenses.

In the case of an accompanying person, extra charges will need to be paid as well as the accommodation charges should be paid in advance.

Accommodation will be provided on a twin-sharing basis.

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An amount of **₹1000/- (Rupees one thousand only)** should be paid in favour of **"Indian Library Association", payable at New Delhi, Account No. 20024270299, IFSC Code MAHB0000901,** Bank of Maharashtra, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, New Delhi.

An amount of **₹2000/- (Rupees two thousand only)** towards registration and accommodation charges(extra) should be paid in favour of **The Kendriya Hindi Shikshana Mandal**, Agra Account No. **42583260224**, IFSC Code **SBIN0017686**, State Bank of India, Khandari Crossing, Agra

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An amount of ₹1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) should be paid in favour of the Indian Library Association (ILA) towards conference proceedings, and ₹2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) should be paid in favour of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS) towards registration.

These charges are mandatory. However, if you arrange your own accommodation, you do not need to pay the accommodation charges, as they are not mandatory.

- The registration fee for delegates includes a conference bag, breakfast, lunch.
- Conference proceedings will be given to participants who have paid the mandatory charges of Rs. 1000/- to ILA at register for the conference.

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Aarzoo Stays Agra (**870** m from KHS**)**	**070176 97431**
Palette - Dayal Lodge - A Boutique Hotel (**1.5** km from KHS**)**	**093598 48731**
Hotel Shri Ram Residency (**1.5** km from KHS**)**	**084399 99748**

Hotel Name	Contact
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Sponsorship	Amount (INR)	Privileges
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Silver	25,000/-	Display of logo on the appropriate place : Free registration for one representative: ¼ page colour advertisement in souvenir/abstract book.

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Back cover page (outer)	Rs. 40000/-
Back page (inner)	Rs. 30000/-
Inside souvenir/abstract – Full page	Rs 20000/-
Infer half page	Rs. 10000/-

Stalls Exhibition: Separate provision for stalls exhibition to show case their products will be arranged during the conference period. The size of VIP stall is 10' X 10' costing Rs. 20,000/ stall which includes registration fee (for 2 persons), registration kit, meals/snacks during the conference period. However, there will be limited stalls and will be allotted on first come first serve basis. For platinum, gold and silver sponsors stall will be given at free of cost.

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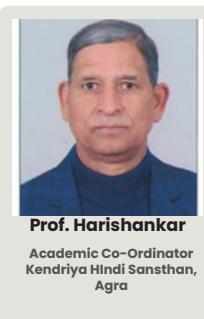
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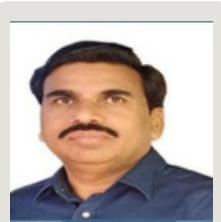
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