Empowering Knowledge Ecosystems: Collaborative, Inclusive and Sustainable Libraries

Tentative Programme Schedule

13th Convention PLANNER 2026

Venue: B K B Auditorium, Gauhati University, Guwahati

Conference Director: Prof. Moses M. Naga, Professor, DLIS, North-Eastern Hill University, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. **Rapporteur General**: Dr. Lallaisangzuali, Librarian, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram. **Co-Rapporteur:** Dr. Birender Pal, Librarian, Kaliabor College, Nagaon, Assam.		
Day 1 | November 25, 2026		
	Registration	08:30 Onwards
	Breakfast	08:30 - 09:30
#	**Curtain-Raiser Session** • MoU Ceremony for Universities of North-Eastern States • Launch of MizoCat • Visit to the Exhibition by Dignitaries	10.00 – 11.00
*	Tea Break	11.00 - 11.15
T1	**Technical Session – 1**	**11.15 – 12.30**
#	Scholarly Communication: The evolving role of academic libraries by **Dr. Umeshareddy Kacherki**, Librarian, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Karnataka	11.15 – 11.30
P1	Access to Legal Information Through Digital Workflows: A Case Study of Gauhati High Court Judges' Library *By Rajdeep Das, Jumi Kalita and Chandan Jyoti Baishya*	11.30 – 12.00
P2	Adoption of Artificial Intelligence in Knowledge Organization and Library Services: An Empirical Study of Library Professionals in North-East India *By Naeem Ezaz, Gargi Choudhury and Deepjyoti Kalita*	
P3	Awareness and Use of AI-Powered Academic Search Tools among Research Scholars of Gauhati University By *Jayashree Konwar, Komal Kumari and Sudipta Kalita*	

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*	Partnering for Progress: Research Pathways to Viksit Bharat 2047 by **Taylor & Francis**	12.00 - 12.10
*	How AI is Reshaping Academia and Research by **Wiley Publishing**	12.10 - 12.20
*	Presentation **by Turnitin**	12.20 - 12.30
T2	**Technical Session – 2**	**12.30 – 13.30**
#	From Access to Inclusion: Reimagining Library Spaces, Services, Technologies and Policies for Persons with Disabilities by **Dr. Champeswar Mishra**, University Librarian, Tripura University, Agartala, Tripura	12.30 – 12.45
*	Presentation by **Compilatio & Springer Nature**	12.45 – 13.00
P4	Cost-Effective AI for Academic Libraries: A Five-Year Total Cost of Ownership Analysis and Implementation Guide for Local RAG Systems *By Pawan Kumar Pal, Parikshit Mondal and Amit Uraon*	13.00 – 13.30
P5	Developing a Virtual Library Assistant (ViLA): A Comparative Evaluation of Fine-Tuning and RAG *By Kaustav Kumar Khanikar, Gitanjali Gogoi, Parbat Chhetri and Niraj Barua*	
P6	Digital Library Ecosystem in North-East India: A Comprehensive Survey *By Subhadip Mandal, Swapan Kumar Patra, Anisha Kumari, Kanu Chakraborty and Sankhayan Mukherjee*	
	Lunch Break	13.30 – 14.30
#	**Keynote Address** on From Data to Discovery: Building Connected Knowledge Ecosystems for the Future of Science **By Dr. Ishwar Chandramouliswaran,** Lead Program Director, National Institutes of Health, Maryland, USA	14.30 – 15.00
#	**Inaugural Function**	**15.00 – 17.00**
	Tea Break	17.00 – 17.30
#	**Cultural Programme followed by Dinner**	**18:00 Onwards**

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Day-2 | November 26, 2026		
	Breakfast	08:00 - 09:00
T3	**Technical Session – 3**	**09.00 – 10.30**
#	Reading the ONOS Dividend from Shillong to Bathinda: Usage Insights and Evidence-Based Collection Development for Indian Academic Libraries by **Mr. Arnaud Delivet**, Sales Manager, OCLC, Paris, France	09.00 – 09.20
P7	Digital Workflow in Nursing Institute Libraries of Assam: Service Transformation, Constraints and a Phased Improvement Framework *By Sangita Mazumdar and Rupathi Khakhalary*	09.20 – 10.20
P8	Awareness and Usage of ChatGPT among PG Students of Aligarh Muslim University: A Study *By M Masoom Raza and Imteyazul Haque*	
P9	Enhancing the Accessibility of Knowledge Resource Centres: A Study of AI-Driven Tools for Persons with Disabilities *By Kankana Baishya and Tonmay Sabhapandit*	
P10	Semantic Workbench for Ethnolinguistic Traversal and Access: Supporting Cross-Community Discovery across Libraries in Northeast India *By Kumar Sumit, Manendra Singh, Soumyajit Mondal, Shobhit Gangawat and Prince Buragohain*	
P11	Bridging Awareness and Adoption: Understanding Generative AI Use and Challenges among Student Users of the NEC Library *By Dipankar Borah, Ratna Kanta Bora and Moses M Naga*	
*	Presentation by **DrillBit**	10.20 – 10.30
	Tea Break	10:30 - 11:00

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T4	**Technical Session – 4**	**11.00 – 12.30**
#	Empowering Indic Knowledge Ecosystems: Transforming Sanskrit Libraries through Emerging Technologies – The CSU Experience by **Dr. P. M. Gupta**, University Librarian, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi	11.00 – 11.20
*	Presentation by **iGroup**	11.20 – 11.30
P12	Bridging the Digital Divide in Remote India: A Review and Workflow Model for Libraries *By Ritu Singh, Ankita Gupta and Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha*	11.30 – 12.15
P13	Digital Inclusion through Multilingual Library Services in Arunachal Pradesh: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies for Oral-Tradition Tribal Communities *By Sandeep Kalita*	
P14	Enhancing Bibliographic Control and User Autonomy through Koha ILMS: A Case Study of the Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University *By Chinmay Bora*	
P15	Enhancing User-centred Personalised Library Services: An Assessment of User Perceptions and Expectations at Gauhati University, Assam *By Niki Haloi, Aalia Anam, Liza Das and Priyanka Kalita*	
P16	Evaluating Digital Accessibility of Central University Library Websites in North East India: A WCAG-Based Study *By Parbat Chhetri and Niraj Barua*	
*	Presentation by **Oxford University Press & Sage Publishing**	12.15 – 12.30
	Lunch Break	12.30 – 13.30
T5	**Technical Session – 5**	**13.30 – 15.00**
#	Invited Presentation by **Prof. Aditya Tripathi**, Head, DLISc, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	13.30 – 13.50

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#	Digital Inclusion through Multilingual Tools: Accessibility Features and User-Centric Services in top 10 institutions in India by **Prof. Ch. Ibohal Singh**, Head, DLISc, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur	13.50 – 14.10
P17	From one-size-fits-all to User-centric Libraries: A Framework for Personalized Academic Library Services through User Behaviour Analytics *By Jayashree Patra, Pritish Chandra Bal and Subarna Kumar Das*	14.10 – 14.45
P18	Identifying the Status and Users Perception for Multilingual Services: An Evaluation Study in State Central Library of Tripura *By Tapas Singha, K. Anurima Sinha, Payel Goswami and Sudip Bhattacharjee*	
P19	Severity-Weighted Accessibility Assessment of IIT Library Websites *By Souvik Koner, Shalini Bhattacharjee and Subham Ch Shil*	
P20	Mapping the Digital Presence of Bodo Literature: A Survey of Archives, Repositories and Access *By Gedetchat Islary and Badan Barman*	
P21	Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Library and Information Services in Selected Technical Institutes of Rajasthan: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions *By Vineeta Chauhan*	
*	Presentation by **JSTOR & AIP Publishing**	14.45 – 15.00
	Tea Break	15.00 – 15.30
T6	**Technical Session – 6 & Poster Session - 6A**	**15.30 – 17.00**
P22	Role of Heritage Repositories for Knowledge Preservation and Dissemination in Assam: A Study *By Priyanka Bhuyan and Nimisha Pathak*	

P23	Assessing Digital Transformation Maturity of Academic Libraries Using a Composite Webometric Index *By Bipin B Nargide and Supriya Abhijit Bejalwar*	
P24	Awareness, Practices, and Challenges of Open Research Data and Open Science among Research Scholars of IIT Guwahati *By Arpan Naskar, Trinayan Borgohain and Sanjib Kumar Deka*	
P25	Bibliometric and Altmetric Assessment of the Research Ecosystem at the University of Madras (2021–2026) *By V Kalaiappan and V Rajasekar*	
P26	Crafting the Future of Library Services at the University of Lucknow: A Focus on User Needs *By Medha Ray and Harender Pal Patel*	15.30 – 17.00
P27	Documentation and Dissemination of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Embedded in the Indigenous Food Habits of the Manipuri Tribe: An Overview *By Dhan Maya Chetry and O Priya Singha*	
P28	Documentation and Preservation of the Endangered Languages of Assam in Selected Historical Institutions: Problems and Prospects *By Rima Nath, Debajit Borgohain and Kongkona Boruah*	
P29	Empowering Library Service to build Knowledge Ecosystems: A Case Study on Academic Library Services *By Goutham N and K. G. Sudhier*	
P30	Evaluating VIAF-Based Reconciliation of Regional Author Names in a Selected Dataset of AssamCat Using OpenRefine *By Sanam Das and Badan Barman*	
T6A	**Poster Session - 6A**	**15.30 – 17.00**
A1	Accessibility and Inclusive Library Services for Differently-Abled Users: A Study of University Libraries of Mizoram *By Priya Barman, Zairemmawii Khiangte and F. Chanchinmawia*	
A2	AI-Enabled Framework for Innovative School Library Services: Empowering Knowledge Ecosystems *By Kumud Singh*	

A3	Bibliometric Study of Doctoral Theses in Commerce Awarded By The Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa From (2018-2024) *By Abhishek Kumar Napit*	
A4	Bibliometric Study of Open Science: Dimension during 2015-2025 based on SDG Goal Sustainable Development Goals 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth *By Merina Ahmed and Bikramaditya Barman*	
A5	Developing A Human-Centered AI Framework for Collaborative, Inclusive and Sustainable Academic Libraries *By Ajoy Kumar Das and Sanjay Kumar Singh*	
A6	Digital Carbon Footprint Analysis of Selected University Library Websites of Assam *By Chandamita Das and Gouri Sankar Karmakar*	
A7	Digital Transformation of Museums and Archives in Aizawl, Mizoram: Strategies for Sustainable Preservation and Long-Term Accessibility of Cultural Heritage *By Zairemmawii Khiangte, F. Chanchinmawia Fanai and Priya Barman*	
A8	Digital Workflows in Academic Library Services: Trends, Impact And Perspectives Among Library Professionals In Kamrup Metropolitan District *By Namrata Devi*	15.30 – 17.00
A9	Exploring Digital Reading Habits and Preferences among Undergraduate Students in Kamrup (Metro) District, Assam By Jyoti Kalita and Zabeen Ahmed	
A10	From Printed Catalogue to Koha: Evolution of Library Management Through Four Generations at J.K. Organization Kamla Tower Library, Kanpur (1939–2026) *By Priyanka Srivastava*	
A11	Management of Assamese Traditional Knowledge Through The Digitizing অসম Archive: A Case Study *By Nirmali Chakraborty*	
A12	Mapping The Evolution of Conversational AI in Library and Information Science: A Scientometric Analysis *By Samanta Das*	

A13	Need For Establishment of Green Libraries in the Digital Environment: An Overview *By Manjula V and Kongara Surendra Babu*	15.30 – 17.00
A14	Societal Impact of The Research Output Funded by ICMR: An Altmetric Study *By Pallabi Roy, Pritam Dey and Mukut Sarmah*	
A15	The Role of RFID In Creating Sustainable and Green Libraries for The Future: Case Study of a University Library *By R Swetha, Sivagaami Subbiah and Hirak Jyoti Hazarika*	
A16	Towards Green Library 4.0: A Bibliometric Exploration of Sustainable Practices and Digital Ecosystems in Library Literature (2020-2025) *By Kishur Nath, Nilanjana Purkayastha and Satarupa Paul Choudhury*	
	Dinner	19:00 Onwards

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Day 3 | November 27, 2026		
	Breakfast	08.00 – 09.00
	Technical Session – 7	**09.00 – 10.30**
#	From Catalogue to Cognition: AI/ML in Knowledge Organization and Discovery by **Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay**, Professor, Kalyani University, Kalyani, WB	09.00 – 09.20
#	Invited Presentation by **Dr. F. R. Sumer**, University Librarian, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya	09.20 – 09.40
P31	Evolution of Institutional Repository and Research Data Management in Libraries: A Topic Modelling Approach *By Subhayan Chakraborty and Manoj Kumar Verma*	09.40 – 10.30
P32	Explainable AI (XAI) and Trustworthy Systems: A Global Bibliometric Analysis of Transparency and Accountability Research *By Rajitha Ammaji*	
P33	From Tradition to Modernity: A Bibliometric Study of Garo Literature *By Moyna Sangma and Avian Hat-Neihoi Changsan*	
P34	Mapping Doctoral Research in Library and Information Science: A Bibliometric Analysis of Shodhganga Theses from North-Eastern Universities of India *By Sajal Kumar Mondal and Anamika Das*	
P35	One Nation One Subscription (ONOS): Awareness, Adoption, and Academic Impact among Researchers *By Nishant Kashyap Ghatowar and Trinayan Borgohain*	
	Tea Break	10.30 – 11.00
T8	**Technical Session – 8**	**11.00 – 12.00**
#	Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS): Best Practices, Research Metrics, Open Science, Library Technologies and Standards by **Prof. P. Hangsing**, Head, DLISc, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya.	11.00 – 11.20

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P36	ResearchGate as a Measure of Research Visibility: A Study of LIS Faculty Members in North-East India *By Paojathang Haokip, Ruth Lalthlamuanpuii and Lalnunhlui Ralte*	11.20 – 12.00
P37	Statistical Validation of Bibliometric Patterns of Indigenous Knowledge Research in India *By Kaustav Kumar Khanikar, Gitanjali Gogoi, Mitali Patgiri and Niraj Barua*	
P38	Thematic Structure and Topic Evolution in Research Published in the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK): An LDA-Based Analysis *By Sudipta Kalita, Abhijit Thakuria and Sanjay Kumar Singh*	
P39	Understanding the Growth and Characteristics of Indian Open Access Journals through DOAJ *By Parbat Chhetri, Himakhi Das and Bibek Talukdar*	
#	**Panel Discussion** ▪ **Prof. A R D Prasad**, Former Professor, DRTC, Bengaluru ▪ **Dr. D V Singh**, Former University Librarian, University of Delhi, New Delhi ▪ **Prof. Narendra Lahkar**, Former Professor, Gauhati University, Guwahati ▪ **Dr. Ramesh Yernagula**, Director (L & I), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India	12.00 – 13.00
	Lunch Break	13.00 – 14.00
#	**Valedictory Session**	**14.30 – 16.00**
#	**Certificate Distribution**	**16.00 Onwards**

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