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ICRTL-2027

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RE-ENGINEERING & TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES

for Research & Development

E-Resources | Research Documentation
Emerging Technologies | IT Applications

11-13 February 2027

Hybrid Mode

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

@ Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Keralam, India

Organised by:
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Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Keralam, India

In collaboration with

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- Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), New Delhi, Govt. of India.
- Kerala State Council for Science Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), Thriruvanthapuram.

The Organizers

Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS):- AIMS, Thrissur, Kerala, is a leading medical college in India with a 1500-bed hospital and the most modern facilities, with 28 teaching and research departments offering master's and super-speciality courses in medicine. The Amala Cancer Research Centre, now coming under AIMS, Thrissur, was originally established in 1978 and inaugurated by President of India Neelam Sanjiva Reddy on April 25, 1978. It is involved in cutting-edge research in oncology, medicine and allied fields, and till now it has produced more than 118 PhDs and completed several critical research projects. AIMS has Nursing College, offering BSc, MSc and PhD in Nursing; College of Allied Health Sciences, offering BSc (MLT), BSc (MIT) and MHA; and Nursing School, offering Diploma in Nursing. It has Ayurveda and homoeopathic divisions also. More than 3500 staff members are working under different organs of the AIMS.

Indian Academic Library Association (ALA):- ALA (alaindia.org) originally started its functioning in 2013, and it became an officially registered entity on 31st March 2014 as per the Travancore-Cochin, Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955. Now it is a leading library professional association in India with 1300+ qualified library professionals as life members.

Kerala Medical Librarians Association (KMLA):- KMLA is the only association of medical librarians in Keralam. Almost all medical librarians in Keralam are members of the Association.

Professional Organization of LSGD Librarians (PROLLIB):- PROLLIB is the only organisation of library professionals in local self-government. Organisations like Grama Panchayaths, Municipalities, and Municipal Corporations in Keralam.

About the Conference

Libraries are undergoing a fundamental transformation from conventional repositories of printed documents into dynamic, technology-enabled knowledge and research ecosystems. Rapid developments in **electronic resources, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, big data, blockchain, Internet of Things, virtual and augmented reality, digital preservation, semantic technologies and automation** are redefining the way information is created, organised, accessed, evaluated, shared and preserved.

In the AI Era, the libraries face significant challenges. The exponential growth of digital information, increasing subscription costs, copyright and licensing restrictions, misinformation, plagiarism, predatory publishing, cybersecurity threats, unethical research and publishing practices, digital inequalities and the rapid emergence of generative AI require libraries to reconsider their traditional models of operation and service delivery.

The Single **E-Resource Consortium for the Entire Country, that is, One Nation One Subscription (ONOS), the expansion of the National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**, open-access initiatives, institutional repositories and national research infrastructure further emphasise the need for libraries to re-engineer their services and technological infrastructure.

In this context, the **International Conference on Re-engineering and Transforming Libraries: E-Resources, Emerging Technologies and IT Applications (ICRTL-2027)** is proposed as a multidisciplinary platform for

academics, librarians, information professionals, documentalists, researchers, technologists, policymakers, publishers and knowledge-resource providers to deliberate on the emerging directions of libraries and information services. The conference also seeks to harness the synergistic potential between academic, research and public libraries. By integrating research-driven resources with inclusive community access, it aims to promote sustainable social development and strengthen excellence in the Indian education system.

Objectives of the Conference

The major objectives of the conference are to:

1. Examine emerging trends in the transformation of academic, public and special libraries.
2. Explore innovative applications of Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in libraries.
3. Discuss issues in acquisition, management, evaluation and preservation of e-resources.
4. Examine the impact of emerging IT applications on library operations and services.
5. Promote innovative models of digital libraries and knowledge-resource management.
6. Explore the implications of Consortia Access, ONOS, NDLI and open-access initiatives for higher education and research.
7. Identify emerging professional, research and innovation competencies required for future librarians.
8. Address ethical, legal, copyright, privacy and cybersecurity issues in digital libraries.
9. Encourage collaboration among libraries, universities, research institutions, technology organisations and professional associations.
10. Develop recommendations for sustainable, inclusive, intelligent and user-centred libraries and documentation centres.

Major Themes of the Conference

1. Re-engineering, Re-defining and Transforming Libraries
2. E-Resources and Electronic Information Management
3. Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI in Libraries
4. Emerging Technologies and IT Applications
5. Digital Libraries and Institutional Repositories
6. Research Support and Scholarly Communication
7. Plagiarism Control, Predatory Publishing and Research Integrity
8. National Knowledge Access Initiatives and Consortia
9. Medical and Health Sciences Libraries
10. Future Skills and Professional Development

Venue of the Conference

Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Amala Nagar, Thrissur, Keralam, is just 08 km away from Thrissur Railway Station towards Guruvayur or Kunnamkulam State Highway and 59 km from Cochin (Nedumbasserry) Airport.

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Presentation of ALA Awards 2027

Prestigious ALA Honours will be presented to distinguished professionals during the Inaugural Session of the Conference. ALA Lifetime Achievement Award carries a Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000/-, a Citation and a Memento. Best Librarian Awards also carries Cash Award Citation and Memento.

Conference Volume and Proceedings 2027

The Conference Volume containing the Extended Abstracts of Accepted Papers will be prepared as ISBN-numbered book, either in print or digital or both, and distributed free of charge to all participants who are attending the conference in 2027.

Event Highlights

- **Online Presentation and Participation (11th February, Thursday):** Online presentation is only for out-of-India delegates and experts. Online participation is open to all registered delegates.

- **Offline Presentations (12-13 February, 2027, Friday and Saturday):** Open to librarians, teachers, researchers and scientists in any subject dealing with knowledge and libraries and students in Library and Information Science, Social Science and Documentation.

- **Invited Talks:** Experts will deliver invited talks on various relevant topics.

Participant Presentations: Interested participants can submit their research findings, technology updates or best practices as poster presentations. The document should be free from plagiarism. The similarity of the documents should be less than 10%, and the AI content should be less than 20%. Extended abstracts (500 to 1000 words approx.) of papers Selected for the conference after peer review will be published as an ISBN-numbered conference volume. All the paper presenters should submit ONE SLIDE containing the title, major findings or best practice for presenting during the conference, if time permits. One initial slide with the name, address, email ID or other contact details may also be attached.

Conference Components

The three-day conference may include:

- Inaugural Session and Presentation of ALA Awards
- International Keynote Addresses
- Plenary Sessions
- Invited Expert Lectures and Presentations
- Technical Sessions
- Research Paper Presentations
- Poster Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Industry/Technology Demonstrations
- Best Paper/Best Poster Awards
- Valedictory Session
- International Participation

Conference Participation

The conference will have an international orientation, with participation expected from librarians, information scientists, social scientists, academicians, researchers, publishers, technology experts and library and documentation professionals from different countries.

- To facilitate international participation, the conference will adopt a hybrid model.

- **Online Participation:-** An option for **online presentation will be provided only for out-of-India participants on February 11, 2027 (Thursday),** enabling international experts and delegates to participate in selected inaugural, keynote and academic sessions without the need for physical travel. **Online Participation is open to all registered delegates, and it is compulsory.**

- The conference programmes on February **12-13, 2027 (Friday and Saturday)**, are by physical participation at Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Kerala, India.

Call for Papers

We invite original papers on research and case studies, new technologies and best practices to the conference on any of the themes. Papers will be selected based on peer review, and these papers will be included in the conference volume and can be presented in the form of posters.

- **Word Count:** Full paper 5000 words (maximum) and extended abstracts 500–1000 words (approx.) in Times New Roman 12-point font.

- **Quality Standards:** Original work (similarity < 10%) and AI-generated content must be < 20%.

Author Declaration: Authors must submit a declaration signed by all authors in specific format clearly indicating the theme and topic of the contribution, which should be attached as a scanned copy at the end of the document. The declaration should state that the paper has not been submitted elsewhere for publication or presentation. The document in **MS Word format in Times New Roman** 12-point font should be submitted through a Google Form.

- **Poster Presentation:** Selected papers will be permitted for poster presentations. An extended abstract of 500–1000 words (approx.) and 5-7 keywords should be submitted through the Google Form (scan QR code).

- **Photo and About the Author(s):** A brief description of the author(s) with a passport-size photo may be given at the end of the full paper and extended abstract.

- **Publication:** Selected abstracts will be published in a compendium (digital/print) or both and provided to all participants.

- **Best Paper and Best Poster Awards:** The Best Papers and Best Posters in each theme will be honoured with prizes, certificates, and cash awards.

- The decision of the Editorial Committee regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation or publication shall be final and binding.

- All authors of the accepted papers must register for the conference. And at least one author should physically attend and present the paper.

The Indian authors and participants who attend the two-day Physical and One-Day Online Conference are entitled to get the Participation/Presentation Certificate and Conference Volume and Kit.

Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline

Last date to receive extended abstracts and papers	: **December 15, 2026**
Notification of acceptance of the paper	: **December 31, 2026**
Last date of registration	: **January 31, 2027**

Registration Fee

Professionals working in Govt./ Govt. Aided Institutions/JRF Scholars	: **Rs. 700/-**
Professionals working in Unaided Academic Institutions	: **Rs. 500/-**
Students & Part-Time Research Scholars without Govt. Salary	: **Rs. 400/-**
Part-Time Public Librarians *	: **Rs. 250/-**

ALA Members (Existing or New) will get a discount of Rs. 200/- in the registration fee for all the above categories.

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Food, Accommodation, TA and Conference Kit

- All participants will get seminar volume, conference kit, working lunch and tea.

- **Out-of-Kerala Participants:** Free Shared Accommodation will be provided to Out-of-Kerala Participants, maximum for two days, if requested in advance.

- **Others:** Upon their request, low-cost accommodation can be arranged in the campus or nearby on a Payment Basis, subject to the availability.

* TA/DA Part-Time Public Librarians who are attending the Conference will be given Rs. 600/- as TA/DA.

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