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CALL FOR PAPERS

Adaptive Libraries:
Resilience and Innovation

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The IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026 will be organised in collaboration with the **Central Library, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) University,** Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India and is scheduled to be held at the Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) University, Bhubaneswar during December 28-30, 2026.

Libraries are to be adaptive in nature to respond proactively to any challenging situation caused by natural disasters, human-induced crisis, socio-political conflict or technological transformation. Adaptive libraries address challenges during any crisis period continuously evolving services, developing resources and infrastructure to meet the emergent needs of society. In 2015, the United Nations (UN) adopted the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), which outlined a strategy of Build Back Better (BBB) to make communities more resilient in the wake of crises by reducing their vulnerability to future challenges. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has also suggested integrating UN's Sendai Framework into libraries towards playing *a pro-active role in managing the risk of, and responding to, disasters as part of broader strategies, as well as acting as a form of emergency service for crisis-hit communities*. It has further highlighted the role of libraries in protecting cultural heritage, to build community resistance, to develop emergency information hubs. Library professionals should prepare themselves through necessary training, work together with other government and non-government institutions. A recent meeting of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group with representatives and experts of BRICS nations, held in India has highlighted the following aspects – Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability while emphasizing globally recognized Indian disaster management models. Adaptive Libraries are well suited to incorporate the important factors like Resilience-the ability to bounce back; Innovation- development of new ideas, application of new technologies, introduction of new services satisfying the users' needs and thus to stay relevant and sustainable in the contemporary challenging situation in India overcoming the barriers to achieve Vikshit Bharat 2047 and its crucial objectives expressed for the survival of communities in this age of ever-increasing crises. Keeping in view the importance of these objectives, IASLIC has selected **Adaptive Libraries: Resilience and Innovation** as the main theme of this year's national Seminar inviting library professionals' deliberations and encouraging discussions to frame a proper guideline so that the libraries in India can be made future ready. While the concept of adaptive libraries has emerged, handling and managing of research data in the present context becomes an important issue for social sciences requiring appropriate labeling, storage, and access for huge datasets, versatile in nature, at all stages of rigorous, innovative, insightful and organized research. Of two Special Interest Groups, SIG 01(Social Science Information) discussion would be on **Research Data Management for Social Sciences** facilitating more capacity for storing of social science data and addressing the challenges of making that data findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable. In the present context, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning appeared as a boon to the library activities and services raising enough challenges of its wrong use. Towards exploring its real-life usability in different areas of library activities, **Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Library Services: Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges** is considered the topic of discussion under SIG02 (Computer Applications in Libraries). Research Papers are invited on the following areas of the main theme of the seminar and the themes of SIG Meetings for deliberation during the seminar.

Main Theme

Adaptive Libraries: Resilience and Innovation

1 Adaptive Libraries – Concept and Characteristics

11 Need and Importance
12 Coping Proactively with disasters
- Natural
- Human-Induced, Socio-political
- Technological

13 Resilient Strategies – Reuse and Sustainability
14 Innovative Approaches in Adaptive Libraries

2 Adaptive Libraries in Promoting Social Well-Being

21 Advocating Social Inclusivity
22 Adaptive Activities to Maintain Community Bonds
23 Empowerment of the Vulnerable and Marginalised
24 Assistive Support for Differently-Abled Individuals

3 Digital Integration

31 Adoption of New Technologies in Library Services
32 Promoting Ethical Use of AI
33 Developing Proactive Resilient Digital Strategies
34 Combating Misinformation

4 Utilisation of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

41 Preservation of IKS
42 Propagation of IKS
43 Leveraging IKS for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
44 Integrating IKS with Emerging Technologies

5 Preparing for Future

51 Adaptive Leadership
52 Collaboration with Other Institutions
53 Developing Crisis Support Infrastructure
54 Preparing Work-Force for Emergency Management

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Meetings

SIG 01: Social Science Information

Theme: Research Data Management for Social Sciences

A. Research Data sources in Social Sciences
B. Collection and Curation of Research Data
C. Standards for Research Data Management
D. Research Data Repositories
E. Role of Libraries and Information centres in RDM
F. Research Data Management sensitization plans and strategy in Social Sciences

SIG 02: Computer Applications in Libraries

Theme: Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Library Services: Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges

I. AI and the Changing Role of Libraries
II. Generative AI Fundamentals - Large Language Models (LLMs)
III. AI in Classification and Cataloguing
IV. AI-assisted metadata creation and knowledge discovery
V. Prompt Engineering for Librarians
VI. AI-powered User Services and Research Support

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Important Dates

Dates of Seminar
December 28-30, 2026

Submission of Full Paper by
September 15, 2026

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October 15, 2026

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General Instructions

1. Contributed papers must have to be of qualitative value for publishing in the **IASLIC Special Publication** (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 63, a peer- reviewed post-Seminar publication. A generalised presentation, thus, should be avoided.
2. Full research paper within 2000 words (not more than 10 pages of A4 paper-size), along with an informative abstract (between 300 and 400 words), typed in double space on single side, in Times New Roman 12pt font size, with margin of 1.5" on all sides should be submitted in **duplicate (hard copy) by August 15, 2026.**
3. Authors' declaration in prescribed format for the Seminar must be signed by all author(s) sequentially and submitted along with the full paper indicating distinctly the sub-theme and topic of the paper.
4. Declaration by the author(s) should be made separately in a hardcopy that the paper has not been sent elsewhere for publication/ presentation.
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8. Once a paper is submitted, any kind of changes in authorship is not permissible.
9. Pre-Seminar abstract volume will include only informative abstracts of accepted papers.
10. All accepted papers will be invited for presentation either in the main thematic sessions of the Seminar or in the SIG Meetings. Each presenter will be allowed maximum fifteen minutes for presentation, including introduction and conclusion.
11. There will be provision for Poster presentation. All papers accepted for poster presentation will be allocated time for display of full papers. Abstracts of all papers accepted for poster presentation will be included in the pre-Seminar volume.
12. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award which is likely to be included in the post-Seminar volume. Other Poster papers will not be published in the post-Seminar volume.

13. Accepted papers which are presented in the Seminar, will only be considered for publishing in the Post-Seminar **IASLIC Special Publication** (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 63 subject to its merit of publication. IASLIC Special Publication 2026 is likely to be published within three months after the Seminar.

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15. Those who wish to purchase the volume through post, an amount of Rs.150/- will be charged for packaging and postage in addition to its cost price.

16. The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no pursuance regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Seminar or otherwise will be entertained.

17. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Dr Banasree Roy, General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054 or iaslic.sem@gmail.comand for Seminar update please visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

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