



Programme Schedule

(Seminar Hall, Senate Room, Board Room & Learning Commons, IIT Delhi)

Friday, October 23, 2026 DAY 1 <i>(Venue: Seminar Hall, Main Building, IIT Delhi)</i>	
07:00 - 8:45 hrs.	Breakfast (Venue: Red Square)
08:00 - 09:15 hrs.	Registration / Kit Collection
Master of the Ceremonies <i>Ms. Charu, Ms. Ratna Das & Ms. Deepali Patel</i> <i>Dais Programme Coordinator: Ms. Gunjan Mishra</i>	
INAUGURAL SESSION (9:15 – 11:10 hrs.) <i>Venue: Seminar Hall</i>	
09:15 hrs.	Assembly at the Seminar Hall
09:25 - 09:30 hrs.	Lighting of Lamp
09:31 - 09:32 hrs.	Release of Conference Proceedings and Programme Booklet
09:33 - 09:35 hrs.	Opening Remarks ETD-2026 Dr. Nabi Hasan, Organising Chair & Head Librarian, IIT Delhi
09:36 - 09:40 hrs.	Welcome Address Prof. Ramesh C Gaur, Conference Committee Chair, NDLTD, USA & Dean, Faculty of Arts and Design, South Asian University, New Delhi
09:41 - 09:45 hrs.	Address by Executive Director, NDLTD, USA Prof. Edward A. Fox, Executive Director & Chairman of the Board for NDLTD, USA
09:46 - 09:50 hrs.	Address by IFLA President Ms. Leslie Weir, IFLA President (2025-2027) & Librarian and Archivist of Canada, Office of the Librarian and Archivist of Canada
09:51 - 10:00 hrs.	Address by the Guest of Honour Prof. Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar
10:01 - 10:15 hrs.	Address by the Chief Guest Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, New Delhi
10:16 - 10:20 hrs.	Presidential Address Prof. Arvind K Nema, Deputy Director (Operations), IIT Delhi
10:21 - 10:25 hrs.	Vote of Thanks Prof. B. J. Alappat, ACL Chairperson, IIT Delhi
10:26 - 11:10 hrs.	Group Photo, Inauguration of Exhibition and High Tea
11:11 – 12:10 hrs.	Workshop on Dryad: Publish and Preserve Your Data <i>Jennifer Gibson, Executive Director, Dryad & Kailasha Purushothaman, Data Curator, Dryad</i>
12:11 – 13:00 hrs.	Workshop on AI BHASHINI (language translation and voice-first platform, Govt. of India) Bridging divides and increasing productivity <i>Baishali Chakraborty, Team Member, Ecosystem Enablement (Domain/Sector Engagement), BHASHINI</i>



Lunch Break and Visit to Exhibition Area
13:01 - 13:45 hrs.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - 1

13:46 - 14:15 hrs.

Saral AI: Democratising Scholarly Work by Transforming into Accessible, Multilingual Content
Prof. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru, Visiting Scientist, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Govt. of India

TECHNICAL SESSION – 1 (14:16 - 16:05 hrs.)

Next-Generation ETDs: AI, Infrastructure, Interoperability & Sustainable Stewardship

Chaired by: Prof. Yogendra Singh, University Librarian, SRH University, Dehradun

Session Coordinator: Dr. Mohd Asif Khan, Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur

14:16 - 14:55 hrs.

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- An Integrated National Scholarly Ecosystem: INFLIBNET's Services, Initiatives and Contributions to Research and ETDs
Mr. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist F-CS, INFLIBNET & Centre Team, Gandhinagar, India

14:56 - 15:35 hrs.

Invited Talk (20 minutes each)

- One Nation One Subscription (ONOS): A Strategic Imperative
Dr. Hafsa Ahmad, Scientist D, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India
- Beyond the PDF: Electronic Theses as Structured, Linked, and Responsibly Published Scholarship
Prof. Arjun Ghosh, Digital Humanities, HUSS, IIT Delhi

15:36 hrs. - 16:05 hrs.

Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each)

- Breaking Language Barriers in Shodhganga: Exploring AI for Multilingual Access to Indian Electronic Theses and Dissertations
Prasanth M. P., Ashok Thomas & Vinod Kumar K. T.
- From Metadata to Knowledge Graphs: Reimagining ETD Discovery Using Hybrid Semantic Retrieval
Kumar Sumit, Satveer Singh Nehra & Manendra Singh
- Reimagining Research in Next-generation ETD Systems: Intelligent Pathways to Data Discovery and Student Learning beyond PDF
Shiva Kanaujia & Mamta Rani

16:06 - 16:10 hrs.

Academic Partner Presentation

- NPTEL

16:11 - 16:25 hrs.

Tea Break and Visit to Exhibition Area

TECHNICAL SESSION – 2 (16:26 - 18:05 hrs.)

Transforming the ETD Lifecycle: Workflows, AI-Enabled Management, Curation & Reuse

Chaired by: Ms. Kiran Chauhan, Director, DESIDOC, Delhi

Session Coordinator: Dr. Ranjit Kumar Das, IIT Bombay

16:26 - 16:55 hrs.

Fireside Chat: Human vs. Artificial Intelligence: Who Owns the Future of Innovation?

Invited Guest Speaker: Prof. Parag Singla, CSE & Yardi School of AI, IIT Delhi
Host: Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi

16:56 - 17:15 hrs.

Experiential Papers (10 minutes each)

- Building a Next-Generation Institutional Repository and Research Data Management System Using InvenioRDM
A. Muthuraj



	Enhancing the Discoverability and Accessibility of Electronic Theses and Dissertations in the Age of AI through Wikimedia Projects <i>Faiz Anjum & Aysha Parveen</i>
17:16 - 17:35 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - End-to-End Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Lifecycle Mapping: Challenges and opportunities in submission, curation and reuse in Indian HEIs <i>Naveen Dobriyal</i> - Thesis Lifecycle from Submission to Dissemination: A Case Study of the Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi <i>Bingi Kranthi Kumar, Meemansha Nabiyal and Vijay Kumar</i>
17:36 - 18:05 hrs.	Poster Presentations (2 minutes each) Moderator: <i>Dr. Satish Malik, University Librarian, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak & Prof. Nirmal Kumar Swain, Head DLIS, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak</i> - Academic Integrity and Responsible Use of AI Tools in Research: Emerging Ethical Challenges <i>Dinesh K. Gupta, Renu & Sulekha</i> - AI-Assisted Cross-Lingual Discovery of Non-English ETDs: A Conceptual Framework <i>Adarsh Krishna R S</i> - AI-Powered ETDs: Scopes, Prospects & Challenges <i>Ankita Ghosh</i> - Assessment and Evaluation of National ETD Repositories: a comparative study <i>Sameena Khatoon & Madhulika Parihar</i> - Development of Departmental - Level ETD and Scholarly Content Repository using Omeka Classic: A case study of the Library and Information Science Department, Central University of Himachal Pradesh <i>Rishabh Kumar, Shivarama Rao & Kruti Trivedi</i> - Enhancing ETDs Cataloging Workflows with AI-Generated Metadata: A Case Study Using ChatGPT and ScholarWorks <i>Boutsaba Janetvilay</i> - ETD Consortia: Building a Global Gateway to Scholarly Research <i>Rohit Singh</i> - From Submission to Semantics: Proposing an AI-Assisted Prenatal Metadata Support System for Electronic Theses and Dissertations <i>Manmeet Kaur & Kumar Rohit</i> - Global Growth and Development of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) and Repository Trends (2014-2023) <i>V. Kalaiappan & V. Rajasekar</i> - Governing the Invisible Hand: An Ethical-Legal-Responsible AI Framework for Electronic Theses and Dissertations <i>Akella N V S R Syamala Rao & Suryanarayana Alamuri</i> - Integrating Artificial Intelligence with Open Science Repositories: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategic Frameworks <i>Jatinder Kumar & Suman Sumi</i>



	- LLM-Assisted Review of Metadata Quality and Semantic Enrichment of Tuberculosis-Related ETDs: An Exploratory Study using ChatGPT and Perplexity <i>Sangeeta Narang, Praveen Vashist & Charles J Greenberg</i> - Mapping the Global LIS Research Landscape: From Bibliometric Trends to AI-Assisted Discovery <i>Rukhsar & Archana Shukla</i>
18:06 - 18:30 hrs.	Guided Central Library Tour Visit to Poster Area / Exhibition / Tea
18:31 - 20:00 hrs.	Cultural Programme (Venue: Seminar Hall)
20:01 hrs. onwards	Dinner

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | DAY 2

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - 2

09:15 - 09:45 hrs.

The Next Evolution of ETDs: Reimagining Academic Knowledge in the Age of Generative AI

Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Arora, AI & Blockchain Consultant and Trainer, Gurugram, Haryana

TECHNICAL SESSION - 3 (09:45 - 11:10 hrs.)

(Venue: Seminar Hall)

Advancing ETD Repositories: AI-Enabled Discovery, and Digital Resilience

Chaired by: Dr. Nishat Fatima, Librarian and Professor, Aligarh Muslim University

Session Coordinator: Dr. Naresh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi

09:46 - 10:25 hrs.	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) - AI-enabled National Research Discovery Platform <i>Prof. A.R.D. Prasad, Former Professor, DRTC (ISI), Bengaluru</i> - Preservation with Resilience: Strategic Disaster Recovery Planning for Institutional Repositories <i>Dr. Saiful Amin, Director, Semantic Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, India</i>	Ideathon (Live Collaborative Library Innovation Challenge) 09:31 - 13:00 hrs. (Venue: Board Room, 1st Floor, IIT Delhi)
10:26 - 10:55 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - Comparative Perspectives on Global ETD Repositories, Repository Platforms and Scholarly Networks towards Intelligent Research Infrastructures <i>Nisha S., Balasubramani R., Kanagadurgadevi S. & Annu</i> - Efficient Data Migration Approach for Migrating Large-Scale ETD Repository: A Case Study of Shodhganga <i>Manoj Kumar K, Vikas Pal, Rajan Kumar & Surbhi</i> - Evaluating ETD Platforms: A Comparative Study of Shodhganga and Thesis.fr <i>Ufaira Yaseen & Fayaz Ahmad Loan</i>	



10:56 - 11:10 hrs.	Industry Presentation Clarivate	Ideathon (Live Collaborative Library Innovation Challenge) 09:31 - 13:00 hrs. (Venue: Board Room, 1 st Floor, IIT Delhi)
11: 11 - 11:20 hrs.	Tea Break and Visit to Exhibition Area	
TECHNICAL SESSION – 4 (11:21 - 13:00 hrs.) ETD Analytics & Research Impact: Visibility, Metrics & Emerging Trends <i>Chaired by: Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian and Head, DULS, University of Delhi</i> <i>Session Coordinator: Dr. Kumar Sanjay, Director, Library, NITI Aayog</i>		
11:21 - 12:00 hrs.	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) - Building ETD Visibility, Usage, and Impact with Persistent Identifiers and Open Metadata: Use Cases from Australia, Tunisia, and Côte d’Ivoire <i>Mohamad Mostafa</i> - Making India's Research Count: Visibility, Trust and Impact in the Age of AI <i>Arend Kuester, Country Manager India, Springer Nature</i>	
12:01 - 12:45 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - A Comprehensive Survey of the Landscape of Institutional Repositories in IITs <i>Vijay Kumar, Bingi Kranthi Kumar & Nizam Husain</i> - Artificial Intelligence Research and ETD Readiness in Kuwait: A Bibliometric and Repository Assessment <i>Parvez Ahmad & Wadhhah A. Ahmed</i> - Bibliometric Analysis of Ph.D. Theses in Sanskrit: A Study Based on the Online Directory of Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi <i>P. M. Gupta</i> - ETD Beyond Storage: Integrating Citation Tracking into Shodhganga <i>Syed Shaz Husain & Nishat Fatima</i> - LIS Theses in the Scholarly Ecosystem: Trends, Visibility, and Citation Impact Abstract <i>Aasif Ahmad Mir & Fayaz Ahmad Loan</i>	
12:46 - 13:00 hrs.	Industry Presentation (8 minutes each) - DrillBit Softtech India Pvt Ltd - VIR Softech Pvt Ltd	



Lunch Break and Visit to Exhibition Area

13:01 - 13:45 hrs.

TECHNICAL SESSION - 5.1 (13:46-15:45 hrs.)

(Venue – Seminar Hall)

AI-Driven ETD Discovery: Metadata, Semantics & Intelligent Access

Chaired by: Dr. K. P. Singh, Joint Director, DRDO, Delhi

Session Coordinator: Dr. Asif Fareed Siddiqui, Deputy Librarian, AMU, Aligarh

TECHNICAL SESSION - 5.2 (13:46-15:45 hrs.)

(Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor)

AI-Driven ETD Discovery: Metadata, Semantics & Intelligent Access

Chaired by: Prof. Sewa Singh, Ex. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Session Coordinator: Dr. Faizul Nisha, DRDO

13:46 - 14:25 hrs.

Invited Talk (20 minutes each)

- Beyond Preservation: Bridging the Metadata Expertise Gap for Multilingual ETDs with AI
Dr. Kshema Prakash, Librarian, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Telangana
- From Repository to Intelligence: Turning Electronic Theses into an Impact Analytics Platform
Dr. Tamal Kumar Guha, Librarian, IIT Guwahati

Invited Talk (20 minutes each)

- From Scan to Oblivion? Agentic AI and the Vicious Circles of Thesis Digitisation
Dr. Jean-Charles LAMIREL, Associate Professor (Habilitated to Supervise Research), University of Strasbourg, France
- Transforming ETD Management: Best Practices, Workflows, Metadata Standards, and Digital Preservation
Dr. Manju Naika, Chief Library Officer, IIT Bombay

14:26 - 15:25 hrs.

Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each)

- Enhanced Metadata Generation for Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) Using NLP and Linked Data
Sanjay
- Enhancing the Discoverability of Electronic Theses and Dissertations through Artificial Intelligence and Semantic Technologies: A Review
Partha Chattopadhyay & Arun Kumar Chakraborty
- From Key Words to Semantic Discovery: An Observational Study of IR@NITR and AI Research Assistants
Dibya Kishor Pradhan
- Smart Retrieval of Electronic Theses and Dissertations from DSpace: Implementation of an Open-Source Framework for Repositories using the Model Context Protocol
Tirtharaj Dasgupta, Jhantu Mazumder & Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay
- User Perception and Research Efficiency of AI-Based ETD Discovery Systems in Academic Libraries
RK Kishore Patnala, Jitendra Kumar Jain & Surendra Kumar Sahu

Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each)

- A Semantic Intelligent Framework for Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Discovery
Chitra Ghosh, Sanya Agarwal & Ankit Gupta
- An Explainable Semantic Discovery Framework for Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Repositories Using Dense Retrieval and Grounded AI Assistance
Mrigank Jaiswal, Sparsh Kumar & Shivam Yadav
- Digital Repositories for ETDs: A Case Study Using Zotero Group Libraries for Developing Academic Repositories
Goutham N. & K. G. Sudhier
- Enhanced Interoperability in ETD Repositories Through Metadata Standards and Linked Data Technologies: A Case Study of Mangalayatan University
Shukal Kumar & Anand Prakash Srivastava
- Transforming Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Systems through Artificial Intelligence: An AI-Enabled DSpace Framework for Academic Libraries
Keerthna M, R. Balasubramani, Susan Babu, & Annu

15:26 - 15:45 hrs.

Industry Presentation (5 minutes each)

- ExpertEdge - by Packt
- DELNET

Industry Presentation (5 minutes each)

- IEEE
- IGIN Knowledge Services Pvt. Ltd. (iGroup)



15:46 - 16:10 hrs.	Tea Break and Visit to Exhibition Area	
TECHNICAL SESSION - 6.1 (16:11 -18:10 hrs.) (Venue – Seminar Hall) Responsible AI in ETDs: Ethics, Integrity, Policy Standards, Copyright & Governance <i>Chaired by: Dr. T. S. Kumbar, Advisor (Library & Institute Archives), IIT Gandhinagar</i> <i>Session Coordinator: Mr. Sudhanshu Bhushan, Scientist-F, DESIDOC</i>		TECHNICAL SESSION - 6.2 (16:11 -18:10 hrs.) (Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor) AI in ETD Creation: Writing, Literature Review, & Submission <i>Chaired by: Dr. P.K. Jain, Former Librarian, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi</i> <i>Session Coordinator: Mr. Yogesh Modi, Scientist-F, DESIDOC, Delhi</i>
16:11 - 16:50 hrs.	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) 16:11 - 16:50 hrs. - AI-Generated Hallucinated Citations: A Threat to the Integrity of Scholarly Research and ETDs <i>Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi, India</i> - Data Visitation and Federated Learning: A Cross-Sector Imperative for Privacy-Preserving AI <i>Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi, Chief Librarian, India International Centre, New Delhi</i>	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) 16:11 - 17:10 hrs. - From Repository to Policy: Developing a Scholarly Gateway for Indian Foreign Policy Theses to Strengthen Evidence-Based Diplomacy-A Proposal by the Ministry of External Affairs Library <i>Dr. Ramesh Yernagula, Director (L&I), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India</i> - From Vision to a Global Knowledge Commons: The Genesis, Evolution, and Impact of Shodhganga <i>Dr. Jagdish Arora, Advisor, NBA and Former Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar</i> - One Institution, One Journal: Reimagining Indian Academic Publishing <i>Dr. Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Librarian, IISER Bhopal</i>
16:51 - 17:50 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each - 6 presenters) 16:51 - 17:50 hrs. - Countering AI Misuse, Fostering Originality: Designing an Institutional Framework for Rubrics in Doctoral Assessment through Constructive Alignment <i>L S Venkatesh</i> - Ensuring Integrity in E-Theses and Dissertations Submission: The Role of Hash Values <i>Prashanta Kumar Behera, Sanmati Jinendran Jain & Ramakant</i> - Research Process Management: Improving Transparency and Reuse in Modern Research <i>Snehasish Paul</i> - Responsible AI in ETD: Ethical, Legal, and Governance Issues in Academic Repositories <i>Vaishnavi Ambade</i> - User-Centric Evaluation of ETD Discovery: Evidence from Search Engine and Repository Usage Patterns <i>Kunal Gaurav, Kunwar Singh & Arun Kumar Sharma</i>	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each - 4 presenters) 17:11 - 17:50 hrs. - AI Literacy Among PhD Scholars of tricity Bridging the New Academic Divide in Digital Scholarship <i>Neha Sethi & Jivesh Bansal</i> - Awareness and Strategic Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Academic Writing and Research Workflows <i>Vijay Kumar Verma, Ankita Ghosh, Gunjan Mishra, Bhupendra Kumar, Satbir Chauhan & S Lubisa Chawang</i> - Digital Transformation of Thesis Submission in India: A Case Study of NBEMS Digital Thesis Processing Portal <i>Mohd Raqib Khan, Priya Vaidya & Misbah Ul Huda</i> - Generative AI in M.Ed. Dissertation Writing: Practices, Perceptions and Implications for Research Ethics in Education <i>Shivani</i>



	Who Owns the Thesis? Copyright, Authorship, and Academic Integrity in AI-Assisted Electronic Theses and Dissertations <i>Mini Srivastava, Shefali Raizada & Shreya Chopra</i>	
17:51 - 18:10 hrs.	Industry Presentation (5 minutes each) - BSB EDGE Pvt. Ltd. - Total Library Solutions (India) Pvt Ltd	Industry Presentation (5 minutes each) - KGL Accucoms - World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd (Video)
18:11 - 18:30 hrs	Guided Central Library Tour Visit to Poster Area / Exhibition / Tea	
17:00 - 18:00 hrs.	IIT Library Professionals Meet (<i>Venue: Room No. 201, Learning Commons, Central Library, IIT Delhi</i>)	
18:31 - 20:00 hrs.	Cultural Programme (Venue: Seminar Hall)	
20:01 - 21:00 hrs.	Gala Dinner	
Sunday, October 25, 2026 DAY 3		
KEYNOTE ADDRESS – 3 09:15 - 09:45 hrs. Show Your Working: ETDs and the Evidence of Thinking <i>Shameem Nilofar Maideen, University Librarian, Singapore Management University, Singapore</i>		
KEYNOTE ADDRESS – 4 09:46 - 10:15 hrs. How Can the Internet Archive Help? Preserving the Open Thesis Record, by Libraries, for Libraries <i>Mr. Julien Masanes, Co-founder, Internet Archive Europe</i>		
Parallel Sessions Interval (10:16 - 10:20 hrs)		
TECHNICAL SESSION – 7.1 (10:21 - 11:25 hrs.) <i>(Venue – Seminar Hall)</i> Dynamic ETDs: Recommendation Systems & Immersive Scholarship <i>Chaired by: Dr. Mahendra N. Jadhav, Former Librarian, IIT Madras</i> <i>Session Coordinator: Dr. Samar Iqbal Bakhshi, Deputy Librarian, National Law University Delhi</i>		TECHNICAL SESSION – 7.2 (10:21 - 11:25 hrs.) <i>(Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor)</i> Global ETD Ecosystems: Consortia, Networks, Platforms & Institutional Practices <i>Chaired by: Prof. Naushad Ali, Professor of Library & Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University</i> <i>Session Coordinator: Dr. K. G. Sudhier, Assistant Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu</i>
10:21 - 10:40 hrs.	Invited Talk The Post-Boolean Librarian: Semantic Search for ETDs through Tool RAG and Richer Metadata <i>Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, Kalyani University, West Bengal, India</i>	Invited Talk Beyond Plagiarism: The Coming Crisis of Epistemic Authenticity in Graduate Research <i>Dr. Wasim Arif, Associate Professor, NIT Silchar</i>



10:41 - 11:00 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - ETD Recommendation System: Enriching The Scholarly Discovery in the Academic and Research Institutions of India <i>Srijan Dey & Parikshit Mondal</i> - Need and Acceptance of AI-Based Smart Search and Recommendation Systems in Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Repositories among PhD Scholars in Lucknow: An Extended Technology Model Investigation <i>Deepali Patel & Pravish Prakash</i>	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - A Comparative Study on Open Access Government or Public Funded ETDs Platforms: Challenges and Future Directions <i>Inapanuri Abhinay, Kanu Chakraborty, Navin Upadhyay, Subhadip Mandal, & Simul Chakraborty</i> - Electronic Theses and Dissertations in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI): A Comparative Study of National and Global Initiatives <i>Priyanka Tripathi, P.K. Jain, Deepa Singhal & Sangeeta</i>
11:01 - 11:25 hrs.	Lightning Talks (7 minutes each) Moderator: Prof. Sanjay Kataria, Director, Learning Resource Centre, Bennett University, Greater Noida - Beyond the Repository: Transforming Scholarly Outputs into Research Insights at IIT Gandhinagar <i>Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar</i> - Creation of Inclusive and Accessible Digital Spaces: ETDs in the Age of AI <i>Mr. Baiju Joy & S Raja</i> - Metadata for Audio-Visual Research Outputs in ETD Repositories: Interoperability, Preservation, and AI Readiness <i>Dr. Sanjay Vats, Project Lead – Information Management Vedanta Limited (Cairn Oil & Gas)</i>	Lightning Talks (7 minutes each) Moderator: Dr. Vijay Kumar Verma, Assistant Librarian (SG), Central Library, IIT Delhi - Generative AI in Thesis Creation and Scholarly Writing <i>Dr. Parveen Babbar, Deputy Librarian, JNU, New Delhi</i> - Navigating Regional-Language ETDs Across Digital Platforms: A Researcher's Perspective <i>Dr. Santosh C. Hulagabali, University Librarian, Central University of Haryana</i> - The National Library in the Age of AI: Synergies with ETDs towards Viksit Bharat 2047 <i>Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, DLIS, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata</i>
11:26 - 11:40 hrs.	Tea Break and Visit to Exhibition Area	
TECHNICAL SESSION - 8.1 (11:40 - 13:15 hrs.) (Venue – Seminar Hall) The Future of ETDs: AI, Open Science & Global Access Chaired by: Dr. Pardeep Rai, President, Indian Library Association Session Coordinator: Dr. Navin Upadhyay, Deputy Librarian, IIT (BHU) Varanasi		TECHNICAL SESSION - 8.2 (11:40 - 13:15 hrs.) (Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor) The Future of ETDs: AI, Open Science & Global Access Chaired by: Dr. R.K. Sharma, Ex DG, Delhi Public Library Session Coordinator: Dr. Akhtar Hussain, Head, Library, Institute of Management Technology (IMT), Ghaziabad



11:40 - 12:20 hrs.	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) - Building a Digital Scholarly System: Institutional Repository and Digital Library Services at Nalanda Library, IIT Ropar <i>Dr. Dinesh K. S., Librarian & Registrar, IIT Ropar</i> - From Archive to Algorithm: Cultural and Historical Informatics as Research Infrastructure in the Digital Humanities <i>Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Director, Library Services, Ashoka University, Haryana</i>	Invited Talk (20 minutes each) - From Manuscript Digitisation to Knowledge Extraction: Transforming India's Manuscript Heritage into a Discoverable Knowledge Resource <i>Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi</i> - Open Metadata and Open Knowledge: Towards a National Policy <i>Dr. Nihar K. Patra, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee</i>
12:21 - 12:50 hrs.	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - Information Literacy competencies of Indian researchers and Artificial Intelligence for efficient utilization of ETDs <i>Kandhasamy K, Charu Sharma & Aravind R Nair</i> - Next-Generation ETD Infrastructure through REXI: An Integrated Open-Source Framework for Scholarly Communication <i>Udayan Ghosh, Shantanu Ganguly, Satarupa Samanta & Sumit Sundar Rays</i> - Smart Academic Libraries and the Future of ETD Services: Integrating AI and Intelligent Research Support Systems <i>Vikas & Dinesh K. Gupta</i>	Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each) - Attitudes and Perceptions of students towards Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Academic Library: An exploratory Pilot Study <i>Hiral Patel, Pramod Patel & Meghana Mehta</i> - Building Archives, Not Just Repositories: Workflow Lessons from Large-Scale Digitisation for Electronic Theses and Dissertations Management <i>Gopal Adak & S. Shyam Sunder Rao</i> - BE FAIR and BE CARE Full: An Evaluation of Scholarly Publishers' Policies on Research Data Sharing <i>Manu T. R., Neeraj Kumar Chaurasia & Nabi Hasan</i>
12:51 - 13:15 hrs.	Industry Presentation (5 minutes each) <i>Sage</i> <i>Turnitin</i> <i>Cambridge University Press</i>	Industry Presentation (5 minutes each) <i>De Gruyter Brill</i> <i>Statista India Private Limited</i> <i>Taylor & Francis Group</i>
Lunch Break and Visit to Exhibition Area 13:15 - 14:00 hrs.		
Ideathon (Live Collaborative Library Innovation Challenge) – Presentations (5 minutes each team) Venue – Seminar Hall (14:01 - 14:25 hrs.) Moderators: Pankaj Chaurasia, ALIO, Prime Minister's Museum & Library, New Delhi & Dr. Mallikarjuna C. Deputy Librarian, IIT Hyderabad		



PANEL DISCUSSION

Venue – Seminar Hall

14:26 - 15:25 hrs.

The Next Frontier of AI: Can We Build Ethical, Secure and Interoperable ETD Practices?

Moderator: Dr. G. Mahesh, CSIR, Govt. of India, New Delhi, India

- Dr. Umeshreddy Kacherki, Librarian & Head, IISc Bengaluru
- Ms. Heather Greer Klein, Community Manager, Samvera Foundation, USA
- Prof. Supreet Singh Bahga, Associate Dean - Academics, IIT Delhi
- Prof. M. Madhan, Director, Global Library & Professor, O.P. Jindal University, Haryana, India
- Mr. Arend Kuester, Country Manager India, Springer Nature

CONCLUDING SESSION

Venue: Seminar Hall

(15:26 - 17:00 hrs.)

15:26 - 15:30 hrs.

Gather at the Seminar Hall

15:31 - 15:35 hrs.

Welcome Address

Dr. Shankar Chavan, Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi

15:36 - 15:45 hrs.

Conference Report

Dr. Kshema Prakash, Rapporteur General /Librarian, The English and Foreign Languages University, Telangana

15:46 - 15:55 hrs.

Felicitations: Address by Guest of Honour

Prof. Sri Harsha Kota, Associate Dean (Infra)

15:56 - 16:05 hrs.

Awards Ceremony

Coordinated by: Prof. Ramesh C Gaur, Board Member, NDLTD, USA

- ETD Leadership Award (Mr. Austin McLean & Mr. Larry Tague)
- Felicitations of Jury members
- Best Insight Paper Awards
- Best Experiential Paper Awards
- Best Lightning Talk Awards
- Best Poster Awards
- Best Innovation Awards (based on Ideathon)

16:06 - 16:15 hrs.

Address by the Guest of Honour

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi, India

16:16 - 16:25 hrs.

Address by the Guest of Honour

Mr. Julien Masanes, Co-founder, Internet Archive Europe

16:25 - 16:40 hrs.

Address by the Chief Guest

Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

16:41 - 16:50 hrs.

Presidential Address

Prof. Ashwini Agrawal (Dean, R&D), IIT Delhi

16:51 - 17:00 hrs.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Neeraj Chaurasia, Organising Secretary / Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi

High Tea and Certificate Distribution

17:00 hrs. onwards

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