Programme Schedule

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

Friday, October 23, 2026 | DAY 1 ***(Venue: Seminar Hall, Main Building, IIT Delhi)***	
07:00 - 8:45 hrs.	**Breakfast (Venue: Red Square)**
08:00 - 09:15 hrs.	**Registration / Kit Collection**
Master of the Ceremonies *Ms. Charu, Ms. Ratna Das & Ms. Deepali Patel* *Dais Programme Coordinator: Ms. Gunjan Mishra*	
INAUGURAL SESSION **(9:15 – 11:10 hrs.)** ***Venue: Seminar Hall***	
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** *Jennifer Gibson, Executive Director, Dryad & Kailasha Purushothaman, Data Curator, Dryad*
12:11 – 13:00 hrs.	**Workshop on AI BHASHINI** (language translation and voice-first platform, Govt. of India) **Bridging divides and increasing productivity** *Baishali Chakraborty, Team Member, Ecosystem Enablement (Domain/Sector Engagement), BHASHINI*

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.	**INFLIBNET @ETD-2026** • 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 *Faiz Anjum & Aysha Parveen*
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 *Naveen Dobriyal* • Thesis Lifecycle from Submission to Dissemination: A Case Study of the Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi *Bingi Kranthi Kumar, Meemansha Nabiyal and Vijay Kumar*
17:36 - 18:05 hrs.	**Poster Presentations *(2 minutes each)*** Moderator: *Dr. Satish Malik, University Librarian, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak & Prof. Nirmal Kumar Swain, Head DLIS, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak* • Academic Integrity and Responsible Use of AI Tools in Research: Emerging Ethical Challenges *Dinesh K. Gupta, Renu & Sulekha* • AI-Assisted Cross-Lingual Discovery of Non-English ETDs: A Conceptual Framework *Adarsh Krishna R S* • AI-Powered ETDs: Scopes, Prospects & Challenges *Ankita Ghosh* • Assessment and Evaluation of National ETD Repositories: a comparative study *Sameena Khatoon & Madhulika Parihar* • 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 *Rishabh Kumar, Shivarama Rao & Kruti Trivedi* • Enhancing ETDs Cataloging Workflows with AI-Generated Metadata: A Case Study Using ChatGPT and ScholarWorks *Boutsaba Janetvilay* • ETD Consortia: Building a Global Gateway to Scholarly Research *Rohit Singh* • From Submission to Semantics: Proposing an AI-Assisted Prenatal Metadata Support System for Electronic Theses and Dissertations *Manmeet Kaur & Kumar Rohit* • Global Growth and Development of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) and Repository Trends (2014-2023) *V. Kalaiappan & V. Rajasekar* • Governing the Invisible Hand: An Ethical-Legal-Responsible AI Framework for Electronic Theses and Dissertations *Akella N V S S R Syamala Rao & Suryanarayana Alamuri* • Integrating Artificial Intelligence with Open Science Repositories: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategic Frameworks *Jatinder Kumar & Suman Sumi*

	• LLM-Assisted Review of Metadata Quality and Semantic Enrichment of Tuberculosis-Related ETDs: An Exploratory Study using ChatGPT and Perplexity *Sangeeta Narang, Praveen Vashist & Charles J Greenberg* • Mapping the Global LIS Research Landscape: From Bibliometric Trends to AI-Assisted Discovery *Rukhsar & Archana Shukla*
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 *Prof. A.R.D. Prasad, Former Professor, DRTC (ISI), Bengaluru* • Preservation with Resilience: Strategic Disaster Recovery Planning for Institutional Repositories *Dr. Saiful Amin, Director, Semantic Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, India*	**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 *Nisha S., Balasubramani R., Kanagadurgadevi S. & Annu* • Efficient Data Migration Approach for Migrating Large-Scale ETD Repository: A Case Study of Shodhganga *Manoj Kumar K, Vikas Pal, Rajan Kumar & Surbhi* • Evaluating ETD Platforms: A Comparative Study of Shodhganga and Thesis.fr *Ufaira Yaseen & Fayaz Ahmad Loan*	

10:56 - 11:10 hrs.	**Industry Presentation** • *Clarivate*	**Ideathon (Live Collaborative Library Innovation Challenge)** **09:31 - 13:00 hrs.** ***(Venue: Board Room, 1st 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** *Chaired by: Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian and Head, DULS, University of Delhi* *Session Coordinator: Dr. Kumar Sanjay, Director, Library, NITI Aayog*		
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 *Mohamad Mostafa* • Making India's Research Count: Visibility, Trust and Impact in the Age of AI *Arend Kuester, Country Manager India, Springer Nature*	
12:01 - 12:45 hrs.	**Insight Paper Presentations (*10 minutes each*)** • A Comprehensive Survey of the Landscape of Institutional Repositories in IITs *Vijay Kumar, Bingi Kranthi Kumar & Nizam Husain* • Artificial Intelligence Research and ETD Readiness in Kuwait: A Bibliometric and Repository Assessment *Parvez Ahmad & Wadhhah A. Ahmed* • Bibliometric Analysis of Ph.D. Theses in Sanskrit: A Study Based on the Online Directory of Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi *P. M. Gupta* • ETD Beyond Storage: Integrating Citation Tracking into Shodhganga *Syed Shaz Husain & Nishat Fatima* • LIS Theses in the Scholarly Ecosystem: Trends, Visibility, and Citation Impact Abstract *Aasif Ahmad Mir & Fayaz Ahmad Loan*	
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** *Chaired by: Dr. T. S. Kumbar, Advisor (Library & Institute Archives), IIT Gandhinagar* *Session Coordinator: Mr. Sudhanshu Bhushan, Scientist-F, DESIDOC*		**TECHNICAL SESSION - 6.2 (16:11 -18:10 hrs.)** ***(Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor)*** **AI in ETD Creation: Writing, Literature Review, & Submission** *Chaired by: Dr. P.K. Jain, Former Librarian, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi* *Session Coordinator: Mr. Yogesh Modi, Scientist-F, DESIDOC, Delhi*
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 *Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi, India* • Data Visitation and Federated Learning: A Cross-Sector Imperative for Privacy-Preserving AI *Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi, Chief Librarian, India International Centre, New Delhi*	**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 *Dr. Ramesh Yernagula, Director (L&I), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India* • From Vision to a Global Knowledge Commons: The Genesis, Evolution, and Impact of Shodhganga *Dr. Jagdish Arora, Advisor, NBA and Former Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar* • One Institution, One Journal: Reimagining Indian Academic Publishing *Dr. Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Librarian, IISER Bhopal*
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 *L S Venkatesh* • Ensuring Integrity in E-Theses and Dissertations Submission: The Role of Hash Values *Prashanta Kumar Behera, Sanmati Jinendran Jain & Ramakant* • Research Process Management: Improving Transparency and Reuse in Modern Research *Snehasish Paul* • Responsible AI in ETD: Ethical, Legal, and Governance Issues in Academic Repositories *Vaishnavi Ambade* • User-Centric Evaluation of ETD Discovery: Evidence from Search Engine and Repository Usage Patterns *Kunal Gaurav, Kunwar Singh & Arun Kumar Sharma*	**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 *Neha Sethi & Jivesh Bansal* • Awareness and Strategic Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Academic Writing and Research Workflows *Vijay Kumar Verma, Ankita Ghosh, Gunjan Mishra, Bhupendra Kumar, Satbir Chauhan & S Lubisa Chawang* • Digital Transformation of Thesis Submission in India: A Case Study of NBEMS Digital Thesis Processing Portal *Mohd Raqib Khan, Priya Vaidya & Misbah Ul Huda* • Generative AI in M.Ed. Dissertation Writing: Practices, Perceptions and Implications for Research Ethics in Education *Shivani*

	• Who Owns the Thesis? Copyright, Authorship, and Academic Integrity in AI-Assisted Electronic Theses and Dissertations *Mini Srivastava, Shefali Raizada & Shreya Chopra*	• Electronic Theses and Dissertations in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI): A Comparative Study of National and Global Initiatives *Priyanka Tripathi, P.K. Jain, Deepa Singhal & Sangeeta*
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** (*Venue: Room No. 201, Learning Commons, Central Library, IIT Delhi)*	
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
Shameem Nilofar Maideen, University Librarian, Singapore Management University, Singapore

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – 4
09:46 - 10:15 hrs.
How Can the Internet Archive Help? Preserving the Open Thesis Record, by Libraries, for Libraries
Mr. Julien Masanes, Co-founder, Internet Archive Europe

Parallel Sessions Interval (10:16 - 10:20 hrs)

TECHNICAL SESSION – 7.1 (10:21 - 11:25 hrs.)	**TECHNICAL SESSION – 7.2 (10:21 - 11:25 hrs.)**
(Venue – Seminar Hall)	***(Venue – Senate Room, 1st Floor)***
Dynamic ETDs: Recommendation Systems & Immersive Scholarship	**Global ETD Ecosystems: Consortia, Networks, Platforms & Institutional Practices**
Chaired by: Dr. Mahendra N. Jadhav, Former Librarian, IIT Madras	*Chaired by: Prof. Naushad Ali, Professor of Library & Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University*
Session Coordinator: Dr. Samar Iqbal Bakhshi, Deputy Librarian, National Law University Delhi	*Session Coordinator: Dr. K. G. Sudhier, Assistant Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu*

10:21 - 10:40 hrs.	**Invited Talk** • The Post-Boolean Librarian: Semantic Search for ETDs through Tool RAG and Richer Metadata *Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, Kalyani University, West Bengal, India*	**Invited Talk** • Beyond Plagiarism: The Coming Crisis of Epistemic Authenticity in Graduate Research *Dr. Wasim Arif, Associate Professor, NIT Silchar*

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 *Srijan Dey & Parikshit Mondal* • 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 *Deepali Patel & Pravish Prakash*	**Insight Paper Presentations (*10 minutes each*)** *10:41 - 10:50 hrs.* • A Comparative Study on Open Access Government or Public Funded ETDs Platforms: Challenges and Future Directions *Inapanuri Abhinay, Kanu Chakraborty, Navin Upadhyay, Subhadip Mandal, & Simul Chakraborty*
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 *Dr. Kannan P, Librarian, IIT Gandhinagar* • Navigating Regional-Language ETDs Across Digital Platforms: A Researcher's Perspective *Dr. Santosh C. Hulagabali, University Librarian, Central Universirty of Haryana* • Exploring Innovation and Research at IIT Delhi *Dr. Shankar B. Chavan, Deputy Librarian*	**Lightning Talks (*7 minutes each*)** *10:51 - 11:25 hrs.* **Moderator:** Dr. Vijay Kumar Verma, Assistant Librarian (SG), Central Library, IIT Delhi • Generative AI in Thesis Creation and Scholarly Writing *Dr. Parveen Babbar,* Deputy Librarian, JNU, New Delhi • Creation of Inclusive and Accessible Digital Spaces: ETDs in the Age of AI *Mr. Baiju Joy & S Raja* • The National Library in the Age of AI: Synergies with ETDs towards Viksit Bharat 2047 *Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, DLIS, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata* • Metadata for Audio-Visual Research Outputs in ETD Repositories: Interoperability, Preservation, and AI Readiness *Dr. Sanjay Vats, Project Lead – Information Management Vedanta Limited (Cairn Oil & Gas)*
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 *Dr. Dinesh K. S., Librarian & Registrar, IIT Ropar* • From Archive to Algorithm: Cultural and Historical Informatics as Research Infrastructure in the Digital Humanities *Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Director, Library Services, Ashoka University, Haryana*	**Invited Talk (*20 minutes each*)** • From Manuscript Digitisation to Knowledge Extraction: Transforming India's Manuscript Heritage into a Discoverable Knowledge Resource *Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi* • Open Metadata and Open Knowledge: Towards a National Policy *Dr. Nihar K. Patra, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee*
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 *Kandhasamy K, Charu Sharma & Aravind R Nair* • Next-Generation ETD Infrastructure through REXI: An Integrated Open-Source Framework for Scholarly Communication *Udayan Ghosh, Shantanu Ganguly, Satarupa Samanta & Sumit Sundar Rays* • Smart Academic Libraries and the Future of ETD Services: Integrating AI and Intelligent Research Support Systems *Vikas & Dinesh K. Gupta*	**Insight Paper Presentations (10 minutes each)** • Attitudes and Perceptions of students towards Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Academic Library: An exploratory Pilot Study *Hiral Patel, Pramod Patel & Meghana Mehta* • Building Archives, Not Just Repositories: Workflow Lessons from Large-Scale Digitisation for Electronic Theses and Dissertations Management *Gopal Adak & S. Shyam Sunder Rao* • BE FAIR and BE CARE Full: An Evaluation of Scholarly Publishers' Policies on Research Data Sharing *Manu T. R., Neeraj Kumar Chaurasia & Nabi Hasan*
12:51 - 13:15 hrs.	**Industry Presentation (*5 minutes each*)** • *Sage* • *Turnitin*	**Industry Presentation (*5 minutes each*)** • *De Gruyter Brill* • *Statista India Private Limited*

	• *Cambridge University Press*	• *Taylor & Francis Group*
Lunch Break and Visit to Exhibition Area **13:15 - 14:00 hrs.**		
Ideathon (Live Collaborative Library Innovation Challenge) – Presentations ***Venue – Seminar Hall* (14:01 - 14:30 hrs.)** ***Moderators**: Pankaj Chaurasia, ALIO, Prime Minister's Museum & Library, New Delhi &* *Dr. Mallikarjuna C. Deputy Librarian, IIT Hyderabad*		
14:01 - 14:30 hrs.	**Ideathon Shortlisted Teams - Presentation/Pitch (5 min. each team)** • Bibliotheca • Brainolia • Gen - X • Hackers • Knowluminati • Navrics	
PANEL DISCUSSION **Venue – Seminar Hall**		
14:31 - 15:30 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. Umeshareddy 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** **(15:31 - 17:05 hrs.)**		
15:31 - 15:35 hrs.	**Gather at the Seminar Hall**	
15:36 - 15:40 hrs.	**Welcome Address** Dr. Shankar Chavan, Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi	
15:41 - 15:50 hrs.	**Conference Report** Dr. Kshema Prakash, Rapporteur General /Librarian, The English and Foreign Languages University, Telangana	
15:51 - 16:00 hrs.	**Felicitation: Address by Guest of Honour** Prof. Sri Harsha Kota, Associate Dean (Infra)	

16:01 - 16:10 hrs.	**Awards Ceremony** Coordinated by: Prof. Ramesh C Gaur, Board Member, NDLTD, USA • ETD Leadership Award (Mr. Austin McLean & Mr. Larry Tague) Felicitation of Jury members • Best Insight Paper Awards • Best Experiential Paper Awards • Best Lightning Talk Awards • Best Poster Awards • Best Innovation Awards (based on Ideathon)
16:11 - 16:20 hrs.	**Address by the Guest of Honour** Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi, India
16:21 - 16:30 hrs.	**Address by the Guest of Honour** Mr. Julien Masanes, Co-founder, Internet Archive Europe
16:31 - 16:45 hrs.	**Address by the Chief Guest** Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
16:46 - 16:55 hrs.	**Presidential Address** Prof. Ashwini Agrawal (Dean, R&D), IIT Delhi
16:56 - 17:05 hrs.	**Vote of Thanks** Dr. Neeraj Chaurasia, Organising Secretary / Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi
High Tea and Certificate Distribution 17:05 hrs. onwards	

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