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        Director General Higher Education, Haryana
        Shiksha Sadan, Sector-5, Panchkula

To

        The Principals/DDOs of
        All the Government Colleges and Public Libraries
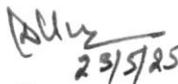
        Memo No: 4/63-2025 Lib (2)
        Dated Panchkula, the 23.05.2025

Subject : **Regarding duty leave and support to participate in HLA conference on "Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL)" to be held on MRIIRS, Faridabad on 27/28 May 2025.**

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Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

        Please find enclosed here a copy of request received from the President, Haryana Library Association dated 18.04.2025 with the request to allow the eligible Senior/Junior Librarians working in the Government Colleges/Public Libraries to join the subject cited conference to be held on 27-28 May 2025 at MRIIRS, Faridabad as per provision mentioned in the above said letter date 18.04.2025, please.

Enclosed : As above.

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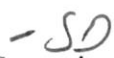   Deputy Superintendent, Library
                        for Director General Higher Education,
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        A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action, please:-

1. Superintendent College-IV along with a copy of request dated 18.04.2025 received from the President, Haryana Library Association for taking action in regarding to employees working in Private Colleges.
2. In Charge-IT Cell to upload on the portal of Higher Education Department.

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                            Deputy Superintendent, Library
                        for Director General Higher Education,
                           Haryana, Panchkula

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HLA/2025/60   Date :18/04/2025

The Hon'ble Director General
Department of Higher Education, Haryana
Shiksha Sadan, Sector – 5,
Panchkula

Subject: Request for Duty Leave and Support to Participate in HLA Conference on "Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL)" to be held at MRIIRS, Faridabad on 27–28 May 2025.

Respected Sir,

The **Haryana Library Association (HLA)** is a professional and academic registered body actively working for the development, modernisation, and effective functioning of libraries across the state. Our association remains committed to supporting education by organising knowledge-sharing platforms for library professionals, thereby contributing to the enhancement of academic and public library services.

In this direction, the Haryana Library Association, in collaboration with **Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS)**, is organising an **International Conference** on the theme: **"Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL)"** on **27–28 May 2025** at MRIIRS, Faridabad.

We are pleased to inform you that this prestigious event is being **sponsored by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**, which further underscores its national relevance and academic value.

This conference aims to bring together library professionals, academicians, technologists, and policy-makers to deliberate on emerging trends in digital transformation, innovative practices, and the future roadmap of academic libraries in India. Eminent speakers from across the country and abroad will be sharing their expertise and insights.

It is also pertinent to mention that the **recent recruitment of 67 Junior Librarians in Government Colleges** by the Haryana Government marks a progressive step towards strengthening library infrastructure in the state. Participation in this conference will provide them a golden opportunity to engage with senior professionals, gain exposure to best practices, and deepen their understanding of digital library transformation.

Given the significance of the theme and the high academic value of this conference, **we kindly request the Department to grant permission to library professionals working in Government/Private/Technical Colleges and Institutions to attend the event on Duty Leave, along with TA/DA and registration fee to be borne by the respective institutions.**
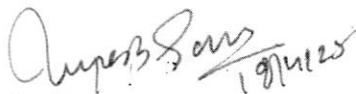
We also request your kind direction to the Principals/Institutional Heads to extend necessary cooperation and facilitate the participation of librarians from their institutions.

Sir, similar requests from the Haryana Library Association have been kindly entertained by your esteemed office in the past, for which we are deeply grateful. We are confident that your continued support will help make this event a grand success and substantially benefit the library ecosystem in Haryana.

Enclosed herewith are the detailed brochure and schedule of the conference for your kind perusal.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Rupesh Gaur)
President

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies

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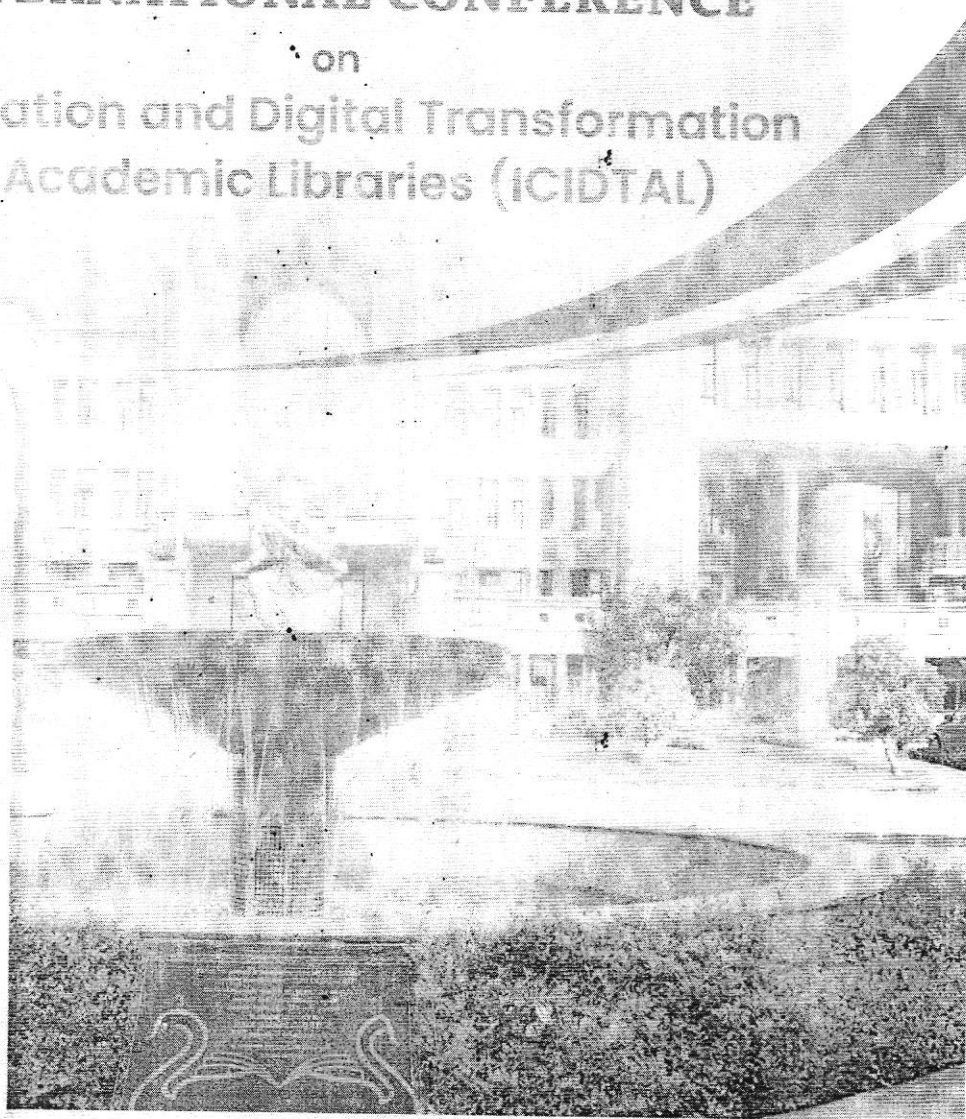### Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL)

Date:

27th-28th

May

2025

Registration

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Organized by:

Dr. O P Bhalla Central Library
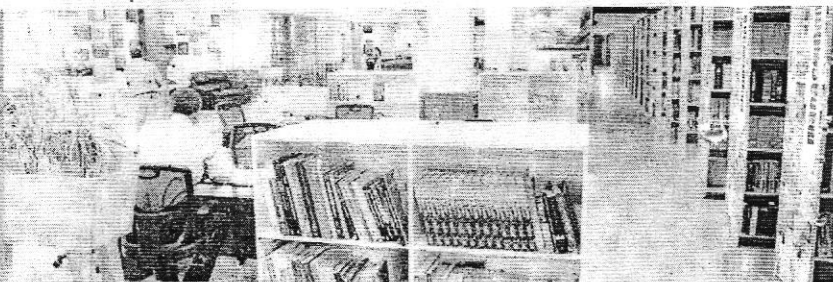Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies

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About
the Conference

Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library, MRIIRS, is delighted to announce the International Conference on Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL). This prestigious event will be held on 27th & 28th May 2025 at Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library, MRIIRS, supported by the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and organized in collaboration with Haryana Library Association and Delhi Library Association.

The conference aims to bring together academic librarians, information professionals, researchers, and industry leaders to explore the latest trends and innovations in the digital transformation of academic libraries. With the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing demand for digital resources, libraries are significantly transforming their services, systems, and infrastructure. The conference will provide a comprehensive platform to discuss the innovative solutions being implemented to address the challenges of digitalization in the library sector.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to discuss the evolving role of academic libraries in a digital-first world, including topics such as digital resource management, data privacy, artificial intelligence, automation, and the future of library services. The conference will also focus on the impact of digital transformation on user experience, library staff training, and the development of new library systems and tools.

We invite all interested professionals and scholars to join us in this exciting event to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas that will shape the future of academic libraries in the digital era.

The Objectives of the Conference

- Promote innovation in academic libraries to foster digital transformation and enhance library services in the evolving education landscape.
- Provide a platform to discuss the challenges and opportunities in integrating emerging digital technologies into academic library systems and operations.
- Explore the role of academic libraries in supporting digital literacy, research, and learning in a technology-driven education environment.
- Address library users' evolving needs by developing new, user-centred services and digital resource management strategies.
- Facilitate professional development by offering insights, best practices, and hands-on training for library professionals navigating digital transformation.

Structure of the Conference

- Invited Talk
- Paper Presentation
- Panel Discussion
- Product Presentation

Who Should Attend

Library and Information Science Professionals/Information Scientists/Technical Staffs/LIS Faculty Members/Research Scholars/LIS Students

Theme

Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries

We are living in the Digital Age. Since the pandemic, customers' desire for electronic reading gadgets and Internet connection has steadily risen daily. Over the last few years, the Library has seen significant transformation due to the shifting needs of scholars, educators, and students and the start of the digital revolution in library collections. The disruptive digital technologies, insights, and procedures that drive digital transformation. Digital transformation is primarily concerned with adapting to the digital age by impacting efficiency, innovation, and customer experience. "How quickly and how far should organizations go on their digital transformation path?" is the main problem with digital transformation. The path of digital transformation is lengthy, encompasses a wide range of goals, and is complex. A logical and well-structured digital strategy is necessary to successfully handle technological and process change and support governance and delivery models.

Sub Themes

1. Digital Infrastructure and Library Management Systems
2. Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics in Libraries
3. Ethical Use of AI Tools like ChatGPT and Gemini in Research
4. Integrating Social Media and Collaborative Tools into Library Services
5. Open Access and Scholarly Communication in the Digital Era
6. User Experience and Accessibility in Digital Library Services
7. Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Ethical Issues in Digital Libraries
8. Libraries as Collaborative Hubs in the Digital Landscape.
9. Digital Preservation and the Future of Archiving in Libraries
10. Supporting Remote and Hybrid Learning through Digital Library Services
11. Sustainability and Green Initiatives in Digital Library Systems
12. Library Workforce and Digital Skill Development
13. The Role of Libraries in Supporting Digital Literacy and Research Skills
14. Next-Generation Search Engines and Discovery Tools for Academic Libraries
15. Building Smart Library Spaces: IoT and Automation in Library Design
16. Ensuring Long-Term Access and Sustainability of Digital Resources
17. Mobile Applications for Enhancing Library Services and User Experience
18. Collaboration between Libraries and Research Institutions in the Digital Era

Call for Papers

Original research papers and case studies related to the theme and sub-theme but not limited to the areas as specified are invited from the academic fraternity, including Faculty, Library and Information Science Professionals, Academicians, Researchers, Students, IT Professionals and IT Service Providers, Knowledge Management Professionals, Policy Makers & Archivists, Business and Corporate Professionals, etc. Contributors are encouraged to contribute to current and critical Library and Information Science issues, including innovative best practices.

Submission of Full Paper

Full papers can be submitted online via email to librarian@mriu.edu.in or icidtal@mriu.edu.in Please ensure all submissions adhere to the conference guidelines and include the author's contact information.

Publication Opportunity

All selected papers will be published in print in an edited book with an ISBN. Only the top shortlisted papers may be published in the refereed journal "Gyankosh: The Journal of Library and Information Management."

Guidelines for Author

- The paper should be approximately 6000 words, single-spaced, in Times New Roman, 12-point font size.
- The paper must be submitted in Word format only.
- The paper should include the title, the name(s) of the author(s), contact details, a 500-word abstract, and keywords.
- The APA writing style should be followed throughout the text and in the references.
- All the papers must be submitted along with the registration form.
- All papers submitted for the conference will undergo a blind review process by experts. Based on the reviewers' recommendations, the authors will be informed about the status of their submitted paper.

Important Dates

Event	Date
Conference Dates	27th-28th May, 2025
Registration Deadline	25th May, 2025
Full Paper Submission Deadline	9th May, 2025
Paper Acceptance Confirmation	12th May, 2025

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