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ASLIP CONCLAVE 2026

Fourth Annual Conclave of Association of Senior Library & Information Professionals (ASLIP) On

"AI Revolution and Future Libraries: Learning, Leadership and Legacy"

DECEMBER 16-18, 2026

At
Indira Gandhi National Open University
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi



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About Organiser

The IGNOU Library System operates as a three-tier structure having Library & Documentation Division (L & DD) at the headquarters and branch libraries at the Regional Centres (RCs) and Learner Support Centres (LSCs). L & DD acts as the information hub of IGNOU to provide access to books, journals, reports, theses, microforms, IGNOU Archives, Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Collection, IGNOU Course materials and e-resources in diverse disciplines. It is spread over an area of 2675.89 sq. m.

L&DD has digitized question papers of Term End Examinations (TEE) of previous years since June, 2010 and uploaded on the IGNOU website. The holdings of the library collection and access of e-resources can be browsed and downloaded by users from their own desktops through Web-OPAC and Integrated Search Engines. The Library has installed Koha software for CentralLibrary and Regional Centre Libraries. The Library at headquarters has over 1.81 lakh printed books and 2.51 lakh printed books are made available at Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres.

Through the OneNation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the University has access to approximately 13,196 e-journals across 31 databases. These resources are accessible outside the campus also through the INFED (Indian Access Management Federation) under the ESS authentication system of UGC's INFLIBNET Centre.

L&DD has signed an MoU with Shodhganga, a UGC INFLIBNET project which provides a platform for the researchers to archive their research work (Ph.D. theses) and make it available to the entire scholarly community in Open Access environment. For more information, kindly access ignou.ac.in





About ASLIP

The Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) is a registered body of library professionals devoted to the cause of development of the profession and professionals. It is a unique platform designed especially for younger, senior and retired library professionals. Most of the present senior ASLIP members serve as Advisors, Consultants and Expert Members in various organizations.

ASLIP provides an exclusive network of seasoned library professionals who have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience throughout their careers. It intends to have special interest in mutual social interaction and harmony amongst Senior Library Professionals to satisfy their urge to continue contributing to the profession, students, scholars and society at large while developing friendship relations.

ASLIP has members from India as well as abroad. It has ambitious plans to enroll members from across the globe, making it a unique association of international status.

To bring its members as well as library and information professionals face to face with the latest advances in information products, solutions and technology tools, ASLIP has come across the practice of holding annual conclaves. It has so far held three such conclaves: 2023 at Ajmer, 2024 at Chandigarh and 2025 at Hisar. For more details, kindly access www.aslip.in

ASLIP Conclave 2026

Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) Regd. is organising its 4th International Conclave at Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi on December 16-18, 2026. This conference is envisioned as a forward looking platform to critically examine the rapid transformation of libraries in response to emerging digital technologies, evolving user expectations and complex information ecosystems, calling for an urgent need to rethink infrastructure, ethics, services, leadership and professional competencies.

The theme of the conclave is **"AI Revolution and Future Libraries: Learning, Leadership and Legacy".**

The main theme is expected to be tackled under the following Sub themes:

AI Revolution & Libraries

- Evolution of Libraries from traditional repositories to AI
- Enabled Library Systems
- Application of AI in libraries
- Machine learning, Chatbots, Cloud based Library Services
- Redefining library services in AI Era

Preservation of Cultural & Documentary Heritage

- Archives: Roles and Responsibilities
- Digitisation & Digital Preservation
- Conservation of Rare Books, Manuscripts
- Indigenous Knowledge and Local Heritage Documentation

Ethics, Privacy & Responsible Research in AI Era

- Open Access, Open Educational Resources
- Academic Integrity in AI Enabled Research
- Data Privacy & Transparency
- Research Data Management
- Combating Misinformation & Plagiarism

AI Oriented Skills & Competencies

- Information Literacy & AI Literacy
- Futuristic Skills for AI Oriented Libraries
- Curriculum Innovation in Library & Information Science Education
- Community Engagement & Outreach

Moving on with Tradition & Technology

- Sustaining good old library values
- Print versus E-Resources
- Human Intelligence versus Artificial Intelligence
- Library Automation & Next Gen Library Systems

Libraries for Sustainable Development

- Libraries & the SDGs of United Nation
- Green & Sustainable Libraries
- Digital Inclusion Bridging the Information Divide
- AI Enabled Solutions for Library Management

Leadership, Policy & Knowledge Management in AI Era

- Leadership Capabilities in Library Professionals
- Policy Framework for AI Adoption in Libraries
- Strategic Planning & Library Management
- Meta Data, Linked Data and AI Assisted Cataloguing and Classification

Future of Libraries with AI & Beyond

- Libraries as Hub of Innovation, Collaboration & Lifelong Learning
- Big Data and Data Analytics
- The Future of Intelligent Library Ecosystem
- Blockchain, Internet of Things, Robotics, Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality

Key Highlights of the event:

Keynote address, Foundation Day Lecture, Invited Lectures, Award Ceremony, Talent Hunt, Panel Discussion, Poster Presentation, Product Display and Presentation, Quiz, Fireside Chat and कल, आज और कल

How to submit papers:

Original research papers covering theoretical/empirical research, case studies are invited from students, research scholars, faculty members, library and information professionals and from other domains also on the theme and sub-themes mentioned below. The research papers should be sent to Dr. R. P. Kumar, President ASLIP on aslipchd@gmail.com. The papers will be selected on the basis of peer review by the committee of experts and senior library professionals.

All the invited and contributed papers will be published in the book (conference proceedings) with ISBN number.

Who should participate:

Library and Information Science Professionals, Educationists, Academicians, Researchers and Students.

Important Dates:

Dates of Conclave:

December 16-18, 2026

Notification for Acceptance of Abstract:

October 15, 2026

Last Date for Submission of Abstract:

October 20, 2026

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper:

November 15, 2026 (at least one author of the paper should register before November 25, 2026 to ensure the presentation of their paper in the Conclave and for its inclusion in the Proceedings Volume)



Tutorials:

Half day tutorials are also being planned on 16th December, 2026. The details are worked out. Since all tutorials run in parallel, a person can register and attend for one tutorial only.

Confirmed tutorials:

Prof. Subodh K. Kesharwani, IGNOU: OJS and new outlets for scholarly communication

Dr. Manorama Tripathi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: Leveraging Digital Tools for Research - From Discovery and Reference Management to Data Analysis and Visualization

Mr. K V Satyanarayana, TCS: AI enabling Corporate Information Services

Dr. Vimal Kumar V, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam: Self-Publishing of books for the academic community

ASLIP Awards

1 ASLIP @80 Honour
ASLIP has decided to honour the Library Professionals (Librarians and teachers of Library Science) who have attained the age of 80 years and above or are going to be 80 on November 30, 2026.
There is no committee to decide, so all those who send their one-page biodata will be honoured.

2 ASLIP International Library Ratna Award
In order to encourage professionals from abroad and India, the ASLIP Executive has instituted this novel award.
·Both library professionals from India and abroad are eligible.
·Minimum age: 70 years and above.

3 ASLIP - Neena Kumar Best LIS Teacher Award
This Award has been instituted in order to recognise and honour the exemplary teacher who has made outstanding contributions in teaching, mentoring, research, innovation and professional development.
Age: 65 years and below

4 ASLIP - Jang Pannu Best Senior Librarian Award
Age Limit: 54–60 years

5 ASLIP Best Progressive Librarian Award
Age Limit: 53 years and below

6 ASLIP Best School Librarian Award
Age Limit: 40 years and above

More details about these awards are available at https://www.aslip.in/awards

IGNOU Best Paper Awards

There are three best paper awards based on the quality of papers printed in the Conclave Volume and presented in the sessions:

1. **Prof. G Rama Reddy ASLIP Conclave 2026 Best Paper Award** (with a cash award of ₹5000)
2. **Prof. V C Kulandaiswamy ASLIP Conclave 2026 Best Paper Award** (with a cash award of ₹3000)
3. **Prof. R Satyanarayana ASLIP Conclave 2026 Best Paper Award** (with a cash award of ₹2000)

The decision of the Expert Committee shall be final in deciding the winners.

Registration Fees

Category	Early Bird Registrations done till 10th November 2026	Registrations done from 11th November 2026 to 5th December 2026	Registrations done from 6th December 2026 onwards
Professionals from Delhi NCR	₹750 for Tutorial ₹2500 for Conclave ₹ 3000 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹850 for Tutorial ₹3000 for Conclave ₹ 3500 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹900 for Tutorial ₹3500 for Conclave ₹ 4000 for both Tutorial and Conclave
ASLIP members, Staff and BLIS/MLIS students of IGNOU, retired professionals and research scholars	₹500 for Tutorial ₹2000 for Conclave ₹ 2500 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹700 for Tutorial ₹2500 for Conclave ₹ 3000 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹800 for Tutorial ₹3000 for Conclave ₹ 3500 for both Tutorial and Conclave
Others	₹1000 for Tutorial ₹ 3000 for Conclave ₹ 3500 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹1100 for Tutorial ₹ 3500 for Conclave ₹ 4000 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹1200 for Tutorial ₹ 4000 for Conclave ₹ 4500 for both Tutorial and Conclave
Two toppers of BLIS/MLIS from every university on receipt of nomination from Head, Dept of Library & Information Science without Conclave Kit (₹ 500 extra need to be paid if they want Conclave kit)	₹300 for Tutorial ₹ 1000 for Conclave ₹ 1200 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹400 for Tutorial ₹ 1500 for Conclave ₹ 1700 for both Tutorial and Conclave	₹500 for Tutorial ₹ 2000 for Conclave ₹ 2200 for both Tutorial and Conclave
International participants	$75 (₹7500) for participants from Asia, Africa and Latin America	$100 (₹10000) for participants from other countries	
Accompanying persons without conference kit	₹ 1000	₹ 1250	₹1500

The payments are to be made in favour of IGNOU

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Accommodation

Since IGNOU has limited Guest House accommodation, we have contacted institutions nearby to seek rooms from their Guest Houses also. Our objective is to facilitate affordable but comfortable accommodation to all delegates seeking a place to stay. Kindly inform your requirement in advance. We will also connect you to hotels nearby for those who don't want to stay in Institutional Guest Houses. The accommodation charges are to be paid directly by the participants to the respective Guest House/Hotels.

Delhi weather in mid-December is generally cool, pleasant daytime conditions and chilly nights, with daily high temperatures averaging around 22°C to 24°C dropping to about 9°C to 11°C at night. Kindly come prepared with enough woolen clothes.

Reaching IGNOU Campus

IGNOU Campus is located at Maidan Garhi near Saket. The nearest metro station is Saket. It is ideal to book an app based cab/auto for travel from Railway Station/Airport if you do not want to travel by Metro.

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Participation in Tutorial only: Yes/No Conclave only: Yes/No
Both Tutorial and Conclave: Yes/No

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