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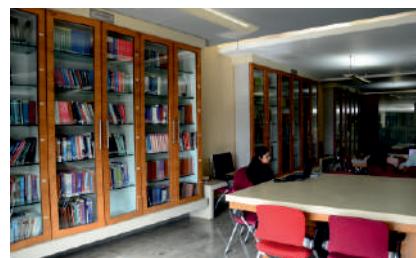
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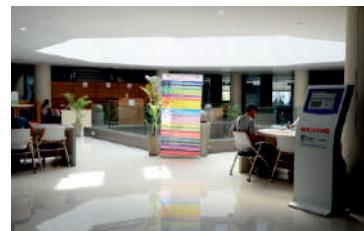
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International Library Symposium on Knowledge and Communication: (ILSKCOM- 2026):
The 2nd International Symposium on Knowledge and Communication (ILSKCOM 2026) is being jointly organized by SVKM's NMIMS, MPTP Shirpur Campus, India, in collaboration with the Faculty of Information Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand. The symposium will be held from June 12 to 13, 2026, at NMIMS, Shirpur Campus, Dhule, Maharashtra, India.

In recent years, the world has witnessed remarkable transformations across multiple domains, including Libraries and the Library Profession. The evolution of technology has transformed the way libraries are managed and how information is accessed and disseminated globally. These trends have opened new opportunities for users of Knowledge Resource Centres while simultaneously presenting new challenges for information professionals.

To explore the Transforming Knowledge Frontiers: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Access (OA) for Sustainable Library development, NMIMS, in association with Khon Kaen University, is proud to host ILSKCOM 2026 — a platform dedicated to fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and promoting global collaboration in the field of information science and communication.

OBJECTIVE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

1 Provide a platform for sharing knowledge, innovations, and best practices among the Library and Information Science students, researchers, practitioners, and IT professionals.
2 Facilitate interaction between the academic, public, and library professionals from India and abroad to discuss emerging trends and challenges in library knowledge and communication.
3 Explore innovative services, tools, and technologies that can be adopted in academic and public libraries.
4 Bridge the gap between LIS professionals and technology/service providers through expert discussions and collaborative sessions.

ILSKCOM 2026 is pleased to invite academicians, researchers, Library professionals, and students to register, participate, and submit high-quality research papers, case studies, and technology updates relevant to the symposium's theme and subthemes.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original high-quality, unpublished papers on the application/research / Surveys/ Practices, empirical research findings/case studies/ tools related to the theme and sub-theme of library knowledge and communications given below are invited from students, research scholars, academicians, Library and Information Science (LIS), and IT Professionals on the;

THEME:

Transforming Knowledge Frontiers : Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Access (OA) for Sustainable Library Development.

SUB-THEMES:

A. Use of New Technologies for Library & Information Sciences

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries
- Generative AI and Its Impact on Library Services
- AI in Digital Preservation and Archival Practices
- Emerging AI Tools and Technologies
- Ethical Use of AI in Libraries
- Future Developments and Innovations in AI
- Digital Disaster Management (DDM)
- Social Media in Libraries
- Digital Libraries: IPR and Copyright Issues

- AI Tools and Services
- AI for Research and Scholarly Communication
- AI in Information Literacy and Instruction
- AI for Library Marketing
- AI and Legal Considerations
- Internet of Things (IoT) and Smart Library Spaces
- Blockchain Applications in Library Management
- Big Data: Collection, Storage, Access, and Data Mining

B. Open Access (Open Mantra)

- Emerging Trends in Open Access (OA)
- Open Collaborations
- MOOCs and OERs
- Developing OERs for Global and Local Needs
- Role of Libraries in Promoting and Disseminating OERs
- Library Support Open Services

- Adoption of Open-Source Software (OSS)
- Addressing the Digital Divide and Technological Challenges
- Best Practices for Open Educational Resources (OERs)
- Open Pedagogy
- Role of Government in OER Promotion
- Libraries supporting Open Research

C. Emerging Services

- Research Support Services
- User Experience (UX) Design in Libraries
- Cloud Preservation: Issues and Challenges
- Content Creation and Curation in Indian Languages
- Library Portal-Based Services
- Best Practices in Library Services
- Reinventing Library Spaces
- Indian Knowledge Systems
- Research Ethics and Academic Integrity
- Emerging Technologies and Trends in Public Libraries
- Impact of Online Programmes/Webinars/Online Courses for Competency Building of Library professionals.

D. Sustainability and Inclusive Development

- Libraries Supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Inclusive Library Services for Marginalized Communities
- Gender Equity and Diversity in Library Leadership
- Collaborative Knowledge Creation and Sharing.
- Green Library Practices and Eco-Friendly Infrastructure
- Accessibility in Digital and Physical Library Spaces
- Libraries as Agents of Social Transformation

E. Policy, Governance, and Leadership

- Strategic Planning and Policy Development in Libraries
- Governance Models for Academic and Public Libraries
- International Standards and Best Practices in Library Management
- Leadership and Change Management in the Digital Era
- Advocacy and Policy for Open Access and AI Integration

F. Capacity Building and Professional Development

- Competency Frameworks for Future-Ready Librarians
- Role of Library Associations in Professional Growth
- International Collaborations for LIS Research and Training
- Training and upskilling in AI and Digital Tools
- Mentorship and Leadership Development in LIS Education

Authors may submit articles on various areas beyond the above-mentioned domains within the field of LIS.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS:

Authors are requested to adhere to the following guidelines for paper submission:

a. Paper Details: Each paper must include the title, author's name(s), contact number, e-mail ID, and institutional affiliation with complete address (organization, city, state, and country).

b. Length and Format: The paper should not exceed 3,000 words, be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, and submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) format.

c. Abstract and Keywords: An abstract not exceeding 150 words should be included, along with up to 10 keywords.

d. Copyright Declaration: Each submission must be accompanied by a copyright declaration form as per the format available on the conference website.

e. References: References should be prepared according to the APA Style Manual (http://www.apastyle.org/)

f. Submission Email: Papers should be submitted via e-mail to the Organizing Secretary at: iskcom2026@gmail.com

g. Further Information: For detailed guidelines and updates, please visit the conference website: https://iskcom.nmims.edu/

All submissions will undergo a peer-review process conducted by the Editorial Board. Accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings (with ISBN). Notification of acceptance will be communicated to the authors after the review process.

Authors must submit the registration form, Online payment details, and copyright form, which is available at https://iskcom.nmims.edu/

Papers submitted in the prescribed format, as per the guidelines, will be considered for inclusion in the conference proceedings and for presentation during the symposium.

BEST PAPER AWARD AND APPRECIATION:

The Best Paper award and an appreciation certificate will be presented to the author of the best oral presentation at the symposium.

IMPORTANT DATES

Symposium Dates:	**June 12-13, 2026**
Last Date of Submission of Full-length Paper:	**Up to April 30, 2026**
Acceptance of Papers:	**May 5, 2026**

REGISTRATION

Registration Type	With Accommodation (Including GST)	Without Accommodation (including GST)
LIS Professionals	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 1500/-
Overseas Delegates	$60	$50
Students (only B. Lib. I. Sc and M.Lib.I.Sc) (Attachment-Sign & Stamp of Bonafide Certificate by HOD/ Principal).	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1000/-

- Fee includes conference kit, Certificate, conference proceedings, Food, library facilities, etc.
- No TA/DA will be provided to participants/ delegates.
- Registration fee once paid is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Registration form
ILSKCOM 2026

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- Accommodation on a sharing basis will be provided to the participants on a first-come, first-served basis in the campus hostels.
- Those who wish to stay in a hotel should make the reservations by themselves.
- Details of nearby hotels are given on the conference website.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Library and Information Science Professionals;
- LIS Students and Research Scholars, Management professionals, Knowledge managers;
- IT and Information service providers, the Academic fraternity in teaching, and Research, Government officials;
- Electronic, Print, and Publishing Community, Library Vendors; Cultural Heritage and Knowledge Preservationists;
- Computer Science Professionals, Leaders in the Knowledge industry; Community and Public library leaders

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School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology
Centre for Textile Functions

How to reach Shirpur Location

By Air : Nearest Airports- Indore (200km), Nashik (200km), Aurangabad (200km), Jalgaon (110 km) and Mumbai (370 km).
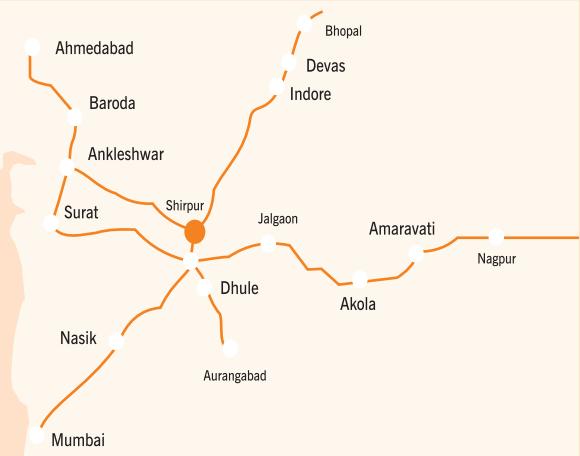
By Railway : The nearest prominent railway stations on the main route are Chalisgaon(CSN), Jalgaon (JL), Bhusawal (BSL), 110 km, Manmad (MMR) (150 km) : Central Railway) and Amalner (AN) (50) KM, Nandurbar (NDB), 85 KM , Sindkheda(SNK), 20km, Nardana(NDN) 15km, (Western Railway via Surat, Ahmadabad route). Mumbai-Dhule(DHI).

By Road : Shirpur is 50 km away from Dhule and 200 km from Indore (MP), Surat (Gujarat), Nasik and Aurangabad. Buses are also available from Jalgoan (110km) and Bhusawal for Shirpur. Buses run between Dhule and Shirpur. Well connected by road through Mumbai-Agra National Highway (NH-3).

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  - http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/242
- Ellora Caves - World Heritage- (180KM)
  https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/243/
- Shirdi – Sai Baba Temple (200KM) - https://www.sai.org.in/
- Nasik (Trimbakeshwar) (200Km)
- Mumbai (370 km)
- Shegaon - Gajanan Maharaj Temple (240km)
  https://www.gajananmaharaj.org/index.html
- Statue of Unity, Gujarat (235 KM) - https://www.statueofunitypackage.in/about-sou

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