

PLACES TO VISIT NEAR THRISSUR

Thrissur is known as the Cultural Capital of Kerala with several institutions like Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University, Kerala Sahitya Academy, Sangheetha Nataka Academy, Kerala Agricultural University, Kerala University of Health Sciences, Kerala Forest Research Institute and so on. Guruvayur and Vadakkumnathan Temples, Dolours Basilica and Lourde Cathedral are of historic importance. Elephant Fort, Peechi Dam, Athirapilli Waterfalls, Vilangan Hills, Extensive seashores and Kole wet lands below the sea level are of scenic important.



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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LIBRARIES FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL CHANGE

TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

Sponsored by

**Govt. of India, Ministry of Education &
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**

February 28 - March 01, (Friday & Saturday) 2025

Organised by

Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Thrissur, Kerala

In Collaboration with

Academic Library Association (ALA) &

Kerala Medical Librarians Association (KMLA)



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Libraries have always been important institutions for fostering knowledge access, inclusion, and equity within societies. They serve as dynamic centre for learning, sharing information, and promoting social structure. Recognizing the transformative potential of libraries in driving sustainable social change, the National Seminar on "Empowering Communities through Libraries for Sustainable Social Change" aims to explore and celebrate the role of reading and libraries in empowering communities and advancing societal well-being.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

MODE OF THE SEMINAR: OFFLINE

Special permission will be given to present papers online for out of Kerala participants.

Seminar Subthemes.

- Reading, Knowledge and Libraries in Empowering Communities.
- **Libraries and Sustainable Education:** School Libraries and Reading Culture; Relationship of Reading and forming Positive and Negative Social Behaviour.
- **Libraries and Sustainable Higher Education and Research:** Use of Library and Quality of Research.
- Library and High Impact Publications and Research Index of Individual scientists and Institutions; Bibliometric and Webometric Analysis.
- Professional Support by Libraries in Agriculture, Health, Employment, Industry, Medical and Paramedical fields.

- **Cultural and Social Change through Public Libraries:-** Public Library as a Nerve Centre of Community Living; Peoples' University; Role of Public Libraries for Peaceful Living.
- Library Automation and Technology Adoption for Modern Library Services.
- AI Tools for Library Management and Services supporting Education and Research.
- Library Networks and Consortia for Universal Bibliographic Control, Inter Library Services and Document Delivery.
- Partnership of Academic Libraries, Public Libraries and Research Libraries.
- School Libraries as Catalyst to determine the quality of Education, Research and Publications.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Academicians, administrators, library and information science professionals, researchers, post graduate scholars in library and information science, documentation officers and scientists can attend.

PAPER SUBMISSION AND AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Original research papers, research surveys, case studies or action plan on any of the subthemes or covering topics relevant to the main theme of the conference, using 12 Point Times New Roman font, APA bibliographical and citation standard, may be submitted to: library@amalaims.org. All papers will undergo a Blind Review Process, Similarity, Plagiarism and AI Checking for selection. The papers should contain an Extended Abstracts (300-400 Words) with the details like affiliations, whatsapp numbers and email ids of all authors.

The authors should transfer the copyright right to the ICSSR Seminar for publishing.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTIFICATE

The selected papers should be presented by the author(s) in the Seminar. In the case of joint author papers, only those presented the papers are eligible to receive the presentation certificate.



PUBLISHING

Extended Abstracts of the selected papers will be published as a Seminar Volume and provided to the participants. Presented papers will be printed and published as an edited book with ISBN.



SEMINAR AWARDS

The following Awards will be presented during the conference:

1. BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD
2. BEST PRESENTER AWARD
3. BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD AND
4. BEST STUDENT PRESENTER AWARD

IMPORTANT DATES

January 04, 2025:
SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

January 24, 2025:
SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPERS

January 31, 2025:
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

February 10, 2025:
REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION

February 28-March 01, 2025
(Seminar Dates)



REGISTRATION FEE

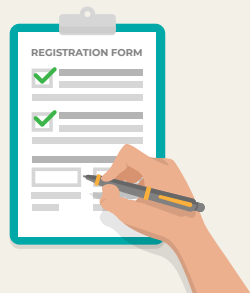
PROFESSIONALS

₹400/-

STUDENTS &
RESEARCH SCHOLARS

₹300/-

The Registration Fee covers Conference Kit,
Working Lunch, Tea and Snacks.



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ACCOMMODATION

1. Out of Kerala Participants will be given Non-AC Free Accommodation, not more than two days on First Come First Service Basis, subject to the availability.
2. Out of District Participants will be provided Twin sharing accommodation at a subsidized rate of Rs. 600/- per day for Non-A/C Room or Rs. 750/- per day for A/C Room, not more than two days, on First Come First Service Basis, subject to the availability.



WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather in Thrissur will be dry with temperature
around 27-35°C.

AMALA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIMS), Thrissur, Kerala

AIMS, a major medical college in Kerala, is a "Home for total Healing", named after Blessed Virgin Mary, is a multi-disciplinary medical network of pedagogical, therapeutic, research and outreach programmes. AIMS brings together a dedicated team of faculty members, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to provide the highest standards of medical education, treatment, research, documentation and publishing with state of art infrastructure and facilities comprising 25 operating theatres, 210 fully equipped intensive-care beds, a fully computerized and networked Hospital Information System (HIS).

Medical College, Nursing College, Nursing School, Para Medical, Ayurveda, Homeo Divisions and Amala Research Centre are working under the umbrella of AIMS with most modern Library and facilities in all divisions.

The Department of Library and Research Documentation (DLRD):- The DLRD and Padmabhushan Fr. Gabriel Central Library looks after and supports all Library and Information Science activities, research documentation and services under various departments and divisions of AIMS.

The Library is having modern facilities like RFID User Control, Digital Libraries, Digital Education Centre, Computer Labs, Softwares for Plagiarism Control, AI Detection in Manuscripts and Data Analysis. It is functioning from 9am to 9pm including Sundays and Second Saturdays. The External Reading Room is functioning from 7am to 2am.

HOW TO REACH

AIMS is just 09 km away from Thrissur Rail Station / Bus Station and 60 km away from Kochi International Airport. Frequent buses are plying from Rail / Bus Station towards Amala.

ICSSR: ICSSR is a Government of India, Ministry of Education Institution promoting research in social sciences in the country. It provides grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, organizing seminars, conferences, capacity building programmes, surveys, publications etc. in social sciences. National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC) - provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences and data service for sharing and reuse of data in the field.

ALA: ALA is a major professional association in India with more than One Thousand librarians, library educators, documentation officers and information scientists as Life Members.

KMLA: KMLA is the only association of library professionals of medical, nursing and para-medical colleges in Kerala.



KEY THEMES

A. Role of Libraries in Promoting Knowledge Access:

- i. Libraries and Sustainable Education:- School Libraries and Reading Culture; Relationship of Reading and Anti-Social Behavior.
- ii. Addressing barriers to information literacy and promoting lifelong learning initiatives, especially through Public Libraries.
- iii. Ensuring the preservation, achieving and dissemination of cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge.
- iv. Leveraging technology for expanding access to information, knowledge and digital resources.



B. Inclusion and Equity in Library and Documentation Services:

- i. Strategies for enhancing inclusivity and diversity within library collections and programmes of the present libraries.
- ii. Addressing the information needs of underserved and marginalized communities and promoting access to library services for persons with disabilities and other similar groups.

C. Libraries as Catalysts for Social Change:

- i. Reading, Knowledge, Propagation of Science and the role Libraries in Empowering Communities.
- ii. Promoting social justice, human rights and democratic values through library extension programmes.
- iii. Fostering collaboration with local organizations and stakeholders to address community needs.

D. Identifying the Relationship between Reading and Social Behaviour.

- i. School libraries in promoting reading behaviour and literacy development among students.
- ii. Innovative and research approaches and best practices in school library programmes.
- iii. School libraries in practicing the culture of inquiry, creativity, and lifelong learning for promoting equity, inclusion, and social justice in education.

e. Strengthening Education, Research and Peaceful Community Living through Library Collaboration and Networking.

- i. Library Automation, Digitization and Networking for expanding access to information and promoting lifelong learning.
- ii. Collaboration and Networking of libraries at local, regional, national and international levels.
- iii. Strategies for overcoming barriers in effective collaboration among libraries.
- iv. Involving schools, and local bodies and other self government agencies in library programmes and services.
- v. Role of Libraries in Sustainable Higher Education and Research.
 - Library as a catalyst for High Impact Publications and enhanced Research Index of Individual scientists and Institutions; Bibliometric and Webometric Analysis.
 - Professional Support by Libraries in Agriculture, Health, Employment, Engineering, Industry, Medical and Paramedical fields.
 - Partnership of Academic, Public and Research Libraries for scientific and sustainable development of the society.

f. Professional Development of Library and Information Professionals.

- i. Opportunities for library professionals to participate in training, workshops, and peer-to-peer learning networks.
- ii. Modernization of Library Education and research.
- iii. Re-structuring Library and Information Science and Research under NEP.
- iv. Academic Inclusion of Information literacy and library education in schools. Information, research methodology and academic and publication ethics and plagiarism control in the curricula of colleges and universities.
- v. AI and Generative AI Tools for Content Creation, Library Management and Information Services.

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