



Amala Institute of Medical Sciences
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Amala Nagar, Thrissur, Kerala – 680 555

National Conference on
Partnership of Academic and Public Libraries for
Excellence in Education and Sustainable Social Development
Presentation of Academic Library Association Awards 2026

Dates: 22-23 May 2026 (Friday & Saturday); Time: 09am to 05pm
Venue: Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Thrissur, Kerala

Collaborative Partners

- Indian Academic Library Association (ALA- www.alaindia.org)
- Kerala Medical Librarians Association (KMLA)

Sponsorships

- Submitted proposal to Sponsor by the **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)**, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and some other agencies

The Organizers

Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS):- AIMS, Kerala is a leading medical college in India with 1500 Bedded Hospital and most modern facilities, 22 teaching and research departments offering Masters and Super Speciality courses in Medicine. The Amala Cancer Research Centre now coming under AIMS was originally established in 1978 and inaugurated by President of India Neelam Sanjiva Reddy on April 25, 1978. It is, involved in cutting edge research in oncology, medicine and allied fields and till now it has produced more than 110 PhDs and completed several critical research projects. AIMS has Nursing College, offering BSc, MSc and PhD in Nursing, College of Allied Health Sciences, offering BSc (MLT), BSc (MIT) and MHA; and Nursing School, offering Diploma in Nursing. It has Ayurveda and Homeopathic Divisions also. More than 3500 staff members are working under different organs of the AIMS.

Academic Library Association (ALA):- ALA has originally started its functioning in 2013 and it became an officially registered entity on 31st March 2014 as per the Travancore-Cochin, Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955. Now it is a leading library professional association in India with 1100+ Qualified Library Professionals as Life Members.

Kerala Medical Librarians Association (KMLA):- KMLA is the only one association of medical librarians in Kerala. Almost all medical librarians in Kerala are members of the Association.



Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF):- RRRLF is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The main objective of the Foundation is to promote and support the public library movement in the country, providing financial and technical assistance for development of Public Library System and Services, inculcating reading habits among the masses with the active cooperation of the State/ U.T. Library Authorities. RRRLF, in order to accomplish the objectives, has formulated some Matching and Non-Matching Schemes. We have submitted a proposal to the RRRLF for sponsoring the conference and expecting a favourable decision.

About the Conference

This conference seeks to harness the synergistic potential between academic and public libraries. By integrating research-driven resources with inclusive community access, it aims to promote sustainable social development and strengthen excellence in Indian education system.

We envisage the urgent need to foster strong and sustained collaboration between academic and public libraries to:

- Enhance the quality of education and lifelong learning
- Strengthen research and evidence-based community development
- Share resources, technologies and best practices
- Support social development through information empowerment

Objectives of the Conference

1. To promote collaboration between academic and public libraries for educational and research excellence.
2. To explore innovative models of resource sharing, ICT integration and service enhancement.
3. To provide training and service quality enhancement to public librarians through a structured pre-conference workshop.
4. To highlight best practices, technological innovations and community outreach models in academic and public libraries.
5. To create a national platform for library professionals, students and researchers to interact and exchange ideas.

Major Themes of the Conference

1. Collaboration of Academic and Public libraries
2. Innovative models for resource sharing, ICT integration and Service enhancement of Libraries
3. Management of Library and Knowledge Centres and HRD of Library Professionals
4. Best practices, Technological innovations and Outreach Models in Libraries
5. Libraries in Education, Research, Publishing, Social Impact and Sustainability
6. National platform for library professionals, students and researchers to interact and exchange of ideas and knowledge.



Venue of the Conference

Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Amala Nagar, Thrissur, Kerala is just 08 km away from Thrissur Railway towards Thrissur to Guruvayur or Kunnankulam route and 59 km away from Cochin International Air port.

Presentation of ALA Awards 2026

Prestigious ALA Honours 2026 will be presented to distinguished professionals during the Inaugural Session of the Conference. ALA Life Time Achievement Award carries a Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000/-, Citation and Memento. Best Librarian Awards carries Citation and Memento. The following are the ALA Awardees 2026:

1. ALA Life Time Achievement Award:

- a. Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil CMI, Librarian & Faculty, DVK, Bengaluru, Karnataka

2. ALA Best Librarian Awards:

- a. Dr. P. Muthimari, Librarian & Research Guide, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
- b. Dr. Mercy Lydia, University Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- c. Ms. Vineetha Davis, UGC Librarian, St. Aloysius College, Elthuruth, Thrissur, Kerala

Amala-ICSSR Seminar Proceedings

The printed Proceedings of the Amala-ICSSR Seminar 2025 (480 pages) will be officially released and distributed free of cost to all paper contributors who are attending the conference 2026.

Event Highlights

- **Pre-Conference Workshop (22nd May, Friday):** Specifically designed for Librarians and Leaders of Public Libraries.
 - *Limit: 50 Participants only.*
- **Main Conference (23rd May, Saturday):** Open to Librarians, Teachers, Researchers and LIS Students.
 - *Limit: 200 Participants only.*
- **Invited Talks:** Experts will deliver Invited Talks on various relevant topics.
- **Participant Presentations:** Interested participants can submit their research Findings, Technology updates or Best practices as poster presentations. The document should be free from plagiarism. Similarity of the documents should be less than 10% and the AI Content should be less than 20%. Selected abstracts will be published with ISBN.

Call for Papers

We invite original papers on research and case studies, new technologies and best practices for Poster Presentation. Selected papers can be presented in the form of posters. Extended Abstracts of the papers will be published as Seminar Volume with ISBN.

- **Word Count:** 500 – 700 words in Times New Roman 12 point Font



- **Quality Standards:** Original work (Similarity < 10%) and AI-generated content must be < 20%.
- **Author Declaration:** Authors must submit a Declaration signed by all authors, clearly indicating the theme and topic of the contribution, should be attached as scanned copy at the end of the document. The declaration should state that the paper has not been submitted elsewhere for publication or presentation. The document in MS Word format Times New Roman 12-point font should be submitted through a Google Form.
- **Poster Presentation:** Selected papers will be invited for Poster Presentations. The Abstracts in 500 – 700 words should be submitted through a Google Form.
- **Awards:** The **Best Poster Presentations** in each theme will be honored with prizes, certificates, and cash awards.
- The decision of the Editorial Committee regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation or publication shall be final and binding.

Publication of Conference Papers

Compendium of Abstracts

Selected abstracts will be published in a compendium (Digital/Print) or both and provided to the participants of the conference.

Full Text Papers in Journals

Selected Full-Text Papers presented in the conference will be published in the following journals, if agreed by the Authors and Editorial Team of the Journals:

1. **HSWS Global Multidisciplinary Journal: ISSN No. 3107-6823.**
<https://hsws.co.in/hsws-global-multidisciplinary-journal/>
2. **CRI Journals (Centre for Research and Innovation Journals).**
<https://crijournals.org>

Conference Participation

- **Authors of accepted papers must register and at least one author should physically attend and present the paper.**
- All authors who attend the conference are entitled to get the Conference Volume publishing with ISBN either in Digital or Print form or both

Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline

- Last Date to Receive Extended Abstracts : March 31, 2026
- Notification of Acceptance of the Paper : April 10, 2026
- **Last Date of Registration** : May 16, 2026



Registration Fee

Professionals working in Govt. / Govt. Aided Institutions/JRF Scholars	: Rs. 500/-
ALA Members in Govt. or Aided (Existing/Fresh)	: Rs. 300/-
Professionals working in Unaided Institutions	: Rs. 200/-
Part-Time Public Librarians @	: Rs. 200/-
Students & Part-Time Research Scholars without Govt. Salary/JRF	: Rs. 200/-
Other ALA Members (Existing or Fresh Applicants)	: Rs. 150/-

Payment Details

A/C. No. 0462053000000910

A/C. Name: Amala Cancer Hospital Society

South Indian Bank, Amala Nagar Branch; IFSC Code: SIBL0000462

Fill and submit the Google form for Registration after payment.

<https://forms.gle/grb1PPxT1LXBCEyDA>



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Food, Accommodation, TA and Conference Kit

- All participants will get seminar volume, conference kit, working lunch and tea.
- **Out-of-Kerala Participants: Free Shared Accommodation will be provided to Out-of-Kerala Participants, maximum for two days, if requested in advance.**
- Others: Upon their request, low cost accommodation can be arranged in the campus or nearby on Payment Basis, subject to the availability.
- **@ TA/DA Part-Time Public Librarians who are attending the Pre-Conference Workshop/Main Conference will be given Rs. 500/- as TA/DA.**

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