



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES: UNITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND ACCESS (SUOLA) 23-24 March 2024

Venue: Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Odisha

Key Highlights

- Engaging Keynote Sessions by Renowned Experts
- Research Paper Presentations
- quiz and technical presentation competitions
- Thought provoking Panel Discussions
- Networking Opportunities with Professionals
- Best paper award

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

We are delighted to invite you to the National Conference on "Sustainable Libraries: Uniting Opportunities for Learning and Access (SUOLA)," organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Sambalpur University, in collaboration with Odisha Library Academy. This conference aims to bring together library professionals, educators, researchers, and enthusiasts to explore sustainable practices and innovations in libraries.



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ABOUT SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY

The Sambalpur University Act was passed by the Orissa Legislature on 10th December, 1966 and the University started functioning from 1st January, 1967. The Postgraduate Departments of Sambalpur University offer P.G. Diploma, MA, M.Sc., M. Tech, M. Phil., Ph.D., and D.Litt./D.Sc. degrees. Many P. G. Departments have been recognized as Centers of Excellence and have been receiving special grants for conducting cutting edge research. The central library of the university holds a large collection of books, journals, theses, and reference documents along with access to e-resources from INFLIBNET. The University has received 'Think Odisha Leadership Awards-2013' from the Chief Minister of Odisha for its remarkable contribution to the betterment of the State.

KIND ATTENTION FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS:

An online quiz and competition for PowerPoint presentations on any theme related to the conference will be held during the event for students of Library and Information Science (BLISc., MLISc., Library Trainee/Scholars), with exciting prizes for the winners. Students interested in participating in the PowerPoint presentation competition are required to **submit their presentations before March 15, 2024, to ola2015bbsr@gmail.com**. Only shortlisted presentations will be given the opportunity for presentation during the event.

THE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1976 as the first LIS School in Odisha, the P. G. Department of Library & Information Science has achieved excellence in teaching and research. The Department has been inducted under DRS-SAP of UGC during the period (2002-07). The Department imparts a two-year Masters Level Programme in Library & Information Science (MLISc), One-year Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Ph.D. in Library & Information Science as regular courses. The alumni of this Department have been serving in almost all the national level institutions in the country including IIMs, IITs, NITs, CSIR, ICSSR & ICAR laboratories/institutions and abroad as well. The Course Curriculum has been updated as per the requirements of the industry and their libraries.

ODISHA LIBRARY ACADEMY

Odisha Library Academy was launched on 9th August 2015 by a group of young Library & Information Science Professionals of Odisha. The Academy was launched by the then Vice Chancellor, Utkal University and the then Director, RMRC, Bhubaneswar. The primary objective of this Academy is to harness the library Movement in the state. The Academy is a non-profit making professional organisation registered under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Regn. No. 122/18201900034 of 2019-20) with the goals:

- To promote the Library & Information Science Education & Research in the state of Odisha;
- To undertake training and continuing education among library professionals for the improvement of the status and service conditions of library professionals in the state;
- To suggest and frame rules, regulations, and standards to the Govt. of Odisha for the library movement and its implementation;
- To publish the Library & Information Science Journal, Periodicals, and books, which will lead to the improvement of professionalism among the library staff;
- To suggest Govt. of Odisha for proper implementation of library legislation already passed by the Legislative Assembly of Odisha and
- To organize conferences/ seminars/ symposiums /meetings/discussions in periodic intervals in the LIS domain.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration fee for participation
LIS Professionals & others Rs. 700/-

Research Scholars Rs. 500/-
Students Rs. 300/-

The fee covers the seminar kit and hospitality during the conference. The Registration Fee may be sent in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director, National Seminar, Department of Library & Information Science, Sambalpur University, payable at SBI, Jyoti vihar, (IFSC Code: SBIN0006672). The Fee can also be transferred online to SBI Ac No. 32183686820 at SBI, Jyoti Vihar, (IFSC Code: SBIN0006672). After payment of the registration fees, participants are required to register themselves using the link provided below by **March 15, 2024:**

<https://forms.gle/72pr248h2Hx318xr7>

Accommodation Limited accommodation is available for outside participants and will be provided on a first come first serve basis with additional charges.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Library and Information Science Professionals
- Educators and Researchers
- Students and Enthusiasts
- Technology Providers in Library Solutions

CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors are invited to submit the paper based on research survey, practice, theoretical and empirical research, case studies on the above theme, sub-theme or any other topic related to the theme of the seminar. The authors are requested to submit abstracts of the papers in about 250 to 300 words in the prescribed format (A4 Size; 1.5 Space, 12 point Times New Roman Font) through email to **hodlibsc@suniv.ac.in** on or before **1st March 2024**. The full length paper along with the registration fee may be submitted by **10th March 2023** for presentation and publication in the Conference Proceeding.

CONFERENCE THEME: SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES

1. Digital Transformation in Libraries

- Integrating emerging technologies for sustainable library services
- E-books, online resources, and the future of digital collections
- Strategies for digital preservation and access

2. Community Engagement and Outreach

- Building community partnerships for sustainable library development
- Library-led community programs for education and empowerment
- Inclusivity and diversity in library services

3. Environmental Sustainability in Libraries

- Green library initiatives and eco-friendly practices
- Sustainable building designs and energy-efficient libraries
- Environmental awareness and education through libraries

Sub-Themes: Uniting Opportunities for Learning and Access

4. Innovations in Library Services

- Creative approaches to user-centric library services
- Incorporating user feedback for service improvement
- Enhancing accessibility for differently-abled users

5. Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning

- Promoting information literacy for lifelong learning
- Innovative teaching methodologies in library education
- Lifelong learning opportunities through libraries

6. Open Access and Open Data Initiatives

- Advancing open access principles for scholarly communication
- Managing and promoting open data in libraries
- Open access repositories and their impact on research dissemination

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