



I-KOAL 2026

International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries

Theme:

Preserving Traditional Agriculture Knowledge via Digital
Rural Libraries: Integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
for Sustainable Growth and Viksit Bharat 2047



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ABOUT CONFERENCE

The International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL 2026) focuses on the pivotal theme, *"Preserving Traditional Agriculture Knowledge via Digital Rural Libraries: Integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for Sustainable Growth and Viksit Bharat 2047."* Organised by the Library Professionals Association (LPA), New Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh.

I-KOAL 2026 aims to bring together librarians, researchers, academicians, policymakers and community leaders to explore how academic and rural libraries can play a transformative role in preserving indigenous agricultural wisdom. As India moves toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, this conference emphasises the importance of safeguarding centuries-ancient agrarian practices and integrating them into digital knowledge systems to support sustainable development. The event will delve into sub-themes such as traditional farming techniques, the design and role of digital rural libraries, integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), technology-driven archiving tools, and collaborative policy frameworks. Academic libraries are seen not only as custodians of modern knowledge but also as enablers of grassroots documentation and digital empowerment in rural communities.

The conference will feature keynote speeches, paper presentations, panel discussions, hands-on workshops and knowledge-sharing sessions that highlight field-based initiatives and innovative practices. Through this platform, I-KOAL 2026 aims to foster meaningful collaborations across sectors, promote inclusive knowledge organisation and ultimately contribute to a more self-reliant and sustainable India.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To provide an opportunity to put forward innovative plans, debates, classic ideas, and promote closer cooperation among LIS professionals and encourage them for participation in future.
- To share innovative ideas and experiences to cultivate creativity and inventiveness.
- To offer specialized areas to encourage learning through experience and innovative research.
- To provide spaces to discuss current issues like smart libraries etc. with national and International information professionals.
- To prepare recommendations for common interest of the professionals and forwarded to the concerned and competent authorities for its implementation.



CONFERENCE THEME

Preserving Traditional Agriculture Knowledge via Digital Rural Libraries: Integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for Sustainable Growth and Viksit Bharat 2047

Subthemes:

- Role of Libraries and Academic Institutions in Knowledge Integration
- Vision 2047: Empowering Rural India through Knowledge Systems
- Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship
- Indian Knowledge Systems in Agriculture
- Digital Libraries and Knowledge Preservation
- Rural Libraries: Infrastructures & Development
- Policy, Governance and Institutional Support
- Education, Literacy and Agricultural Extension
- Technology Integration and Innovation
- Documentation and Archiving Techniques
- Cultural and Socio-Economic Dimensions
- Future Pathways for Viksit Bharat 2047 and relevant...

Author's Guidelines:

Original research papers, research surveys, case studies or action plan on any of the sub-themes or covering topics relevant to the main theme of the conference, using 11 Point Times New Roman font, APA bibliographical and citation standard, may be submitted to ***conferencelpaindia@gmail.com***. The selected papers will be published as an edited book with ISBN in print format upon submission of registration fee.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 15th, 2025 : Full Paper Submission
December 18th, 2025 : Notification of Acceptance
December 20th, 2025 : Registration for Paper Submission

Registration Fee (Without Accommodation)

INR 3000.00 : National Delegates
INR 2000.00 : LPA Members, Accompany Persons and Retired Professionals
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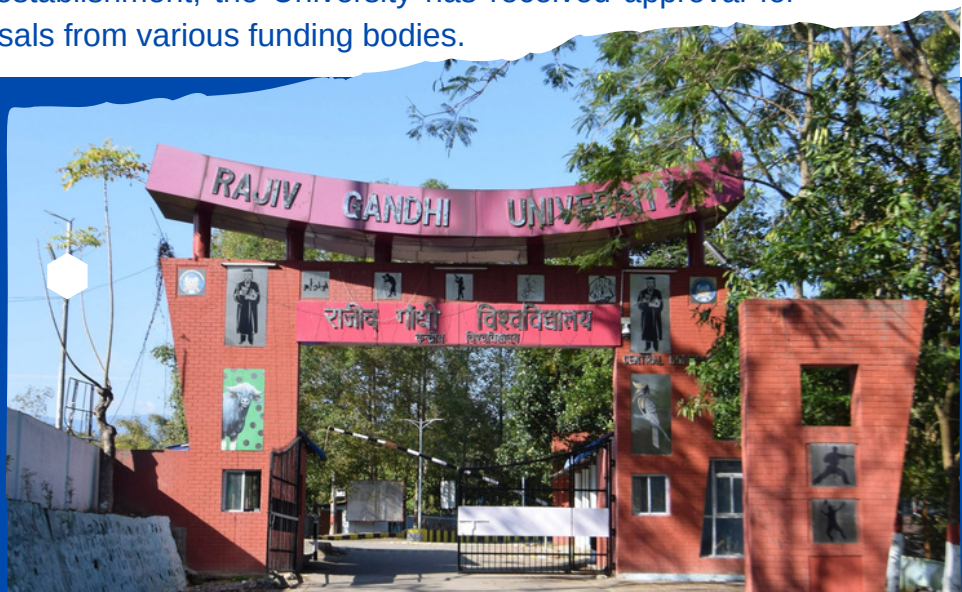
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ABOUT RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Rajiv Gandhi University, previously known as Arunachal University, stands as the leading institution for higher education in Arunachal Pradesh and has recently celebrated its twenty five years of establishment. The foundation stone of the university was laid by the late Smt. Indira Gandhi, who was the Prime Minister of India at the time, on 4 th February 1984 at Rono Hills, the site of the current campus. Since its founding, the university has consistently pursued excellence and aimed to fulfil the objectives outlined in the University Act. It received academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28 th March 1985 and commenced operations on 1 st April 1985. Financial recognition under section 12-B of the UGC was granted on 25 th March 1994. Following this, Rajiv Gandhi University, formerly Arunachal University, established itself as a significant player in the educational landscape of India, having been designated as a University with potential for excellence by a distinguished expert committee from the University Grants Commission. The institution was officially designated as Central University on 9 th April 2007, in accordance with a notification from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The University is situated atop Rono Hills, encompassing a scenic tableland of 302 acres that overlooks the Dikrong River. It is positioned 6.5 kilometres from National Highway 415 and 25 kilometres from, Itanagar, the capital of the State. Access to the campus is facilitated by the Dikrong bridge, which connects it to the National Highways.

The University's teaching and research initiatives are structured to contribute positively to the socio-economic and cultural advancement of the State. It provides a range of educational offerings, including certificate Course, Diplomas, Post Graduate Diplomas, Undergraduate, Post-Graduate, and Ph.D. programs. There are in total 13 faculties – Basic Science, Commerce Management, Communication Studies, Education, Environmental Science, Engineering and Technology, Language, Life Science, Social Science, Law, Physical Education and Sport Science Agricultural Science and Library & Information Science. There are 45 affiliated colleges under the University's jurisdiction. The institution has been providing educational opportunities to students from neighbouring State, especially Assam, and the enrolment in various Departments and affiliated colleges has been consistently on the rise. Faculty members have been deeply involved in research initiatives, receiving financial backing from the UGC and other funding organizations. Since its establishment, the University has received approval for numerous research project proposals from various funding bodies.



ABOUT LPA

The Library Professionals Association (LPA) is a registered non-profit society under The Society Registration Act of 1860, dedicated to supporting and developing library and information science (LIS) professionals in Bharat. LPA aims to enhance the LIS profession through various initiatives, including organising seminars, conferences, training courses, and workshops focused on emerging information technologies.

Since 2012, LPA has hosted its annual conference, "Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries" (KOAL), exploring different themes each year at esteemed institutions. The conference has evolved to include international perspectives, starting with the first International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL) in 2015 at Manipal University, Jaipur, which was met with great success. Subsequent I-KOAL events have been held at various universities across India, including Goa University, University of Hyderabad, and Sardar Patel University.

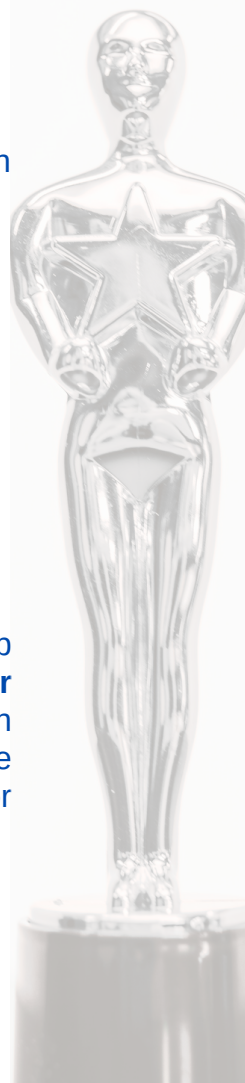
In response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, LPA organised over 25 webinars for LIS professionals, reaching approximately 50,000 individuals worldwide. Finally after pandemic I-KOAL 2022 held at Tumkur University-Karnataka, I-KOAL 2023 at C-DAC, Navi Mumbai, in 2024 we did in MIT-WPU, Pune and I-KOAL 2025 we successfully conducted with DDU Gorakhpur University. This adaptability has underscored LPA's commitment to continuous learning and professional development within the library community.

LIS AWARDS

Best Librarian Award (Six Categories) The award will be given to a working Librarian of the following each categories

- Best Librarian (University)
- Best Librarian (College)
- Best LIS Professional
- Best Librarian (School)
- Best Emerging LIS Teacher
- Best Librarian (Public Library)
- LPA Lifetime Achievement Award
- Best Research Paper Award
- Best Paper Presentation Award
- Special Award: "*Sh. Sukhdev Singh Award*" will be given to any Differently Abled LIS professional working in India or abroad. (It consists INR 2000.00 in cash, Memento, Citation and Shawl.)

All nominations to be sent to conferencelpaindia@gmail.com along with a write-up of thousand words on "**Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for Sustainable Growth and Vikshit Bharat 2047**" including your brief bio-data in hundred words, passport size photograph and LPA membership number. The write up is mandatory for all participants for each award category. The last date for nominations is 31.12.2025.

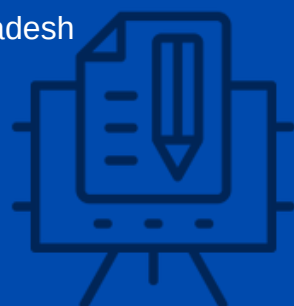


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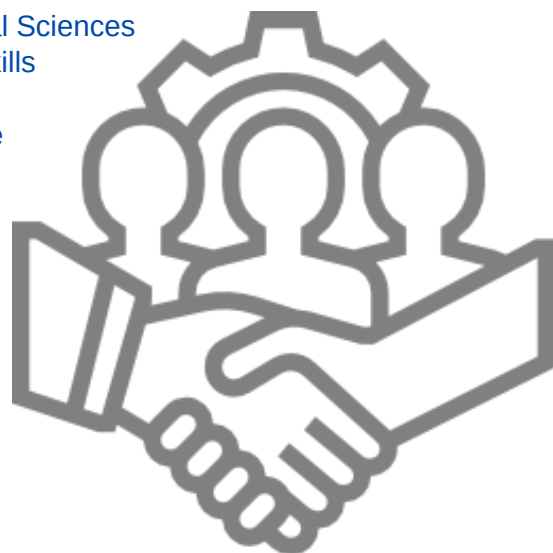
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TOURIST ATTRECTION IN DOIMUKH

Doimukh: which is 25 km from Itanagar is situated on the left bank of river Pare and can be seen from the capital complex. The Rajiv Gandhi University is situated atop a hill called Rono Hill. Sangram is a beautiful hill station. River Paging, which is a tributary of Kurung River flows through this natural scenic landscape. The location of this place and its rural landscape is ideal for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

Sagalee: is 112 km from Itanagar and is a sub-divisional headquarters. It is situated in a beautiful valley with eye catching natural landscape. Here tourists can experience the age old tradition and culture of the Nyishi tribe. Pake kessang is a beautiful natural valley. Papum Reserve Forest has a wide flora and fauna diversity.

Seppa: which is 412 km from Itanagar is the headquarters of East Kameng district. It is a beautiful town located in a valley on the banks of the Kameng River. Tourist attractions include the district museum; district craft centre and library.

For more detail: <https://arunachaltourism.com/>



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