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GLS-25

INAUGURAL VENUE
C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.
Date: 5th February 2025, **Time:** 11.00am

SUMMIT VENUE
South Asian University, Rajpur Rd, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi
Date: 6-7 February 2025, **Time:** 9.30 am to 6.00pm

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY

SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF INDIA, KOLKATA
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH, NEW DELHI
RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY LIBRARY FOUNDATION, KOLKATA
DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (DAIC), NEW DELHI
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About The
SUMMIT

The Global
LIBRARY SUMMIT

The Global Library Summit (GLS), a premier international event series, envisages bringing together LIS Professionals, scholars, and policymakers from across the globe to explore the transformative power of libraries. The summit serves as a platform for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration in addressing the challenges and opportunities faced by libraries worldwide. The summit addresses several contemporary aspects of libraries, such as transformations in libraries, leveraging technologies to enhance services, bridging the digital divide by improved access, democratizing knowledge through open access, libraries as hubs of digital inclusion and literacy, sustainable resource management, and so on. The summit also facilitates leadership, networking, and collaboration opportunities for library and information professionals. The summit encourages the showcasing of innovative initiatives, case studies, and success stories of libraries across the world.

First
SUMMIT GLS-2025

The first Global Library Summit (GLS-2025) aims to create a platform for international collaboration among libraries, enhancing access to information, advancing education, and preserving cultural heritage globally. The theme of the first summit is "Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations through Library Cooperation," focusing on libraries' role in diplomacy and facilitating stronger ties among nations. The summit will emphasize libraries as neutral spaces for dialogue and international cooperation. Collaborative efforts such as shared digital libraries, interlibrary loans, and staff training will improve the quality and reach of library services, fostering cultural exchange and global development. GLS-2025 will showcase successful projects where libraries have driven global integration and peace-building, especially in less developed regions with limited access to information.

Objectives
OF THE SUMMIT

- Promoting library diplomacy
- Exploring library opportunities for cooperation & resource sharing
- Platform to share ideas, best practices & success stories
- Collaborative opportunities among nations
- Encouraging heritage and culture preservation in digital environment
- Enhancing LIS manpower development activities

Organising
INSTITUTIONS

SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY [SAU]

South Asian University (SAU), established in 2010 by eight SAARC nations, is a Centre of Excellence fostering advanced knowledge and regional consciousness. It offers diverse Bachelor's, Master's, and Research programs in a multicultural setting. With five faculties and world-class facilities, SAU promotes leadership and capacity building. Future plans include expanding to 13 faculties, serving over 5,000 students.

LIS ACADEMY [LISA]

LIS Academy, a professional charitable trust, advances the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession with a focus on innovation and skill development. Guided by the motto "Learn Inspire Serve," it provides training, resources, and need-based services to libraries and professionals. The Academy promotes growth through education, research, publications, and collaborations, fostering excellence in libraries

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF INDIA

The National Library of India, Kolkata, established in 1836, preserves the nation's literary heritage as an Institution of National Importance. Renamed in 1948, it serves as a repository under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers Act, 1954. The library offers digitized resources, research support, and internships for LIS graduates. It opened to the public on 1st February 1953.

INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR)

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), established in 1969, promotes and funds research in social sciences across India. It supports scholars through fellowships, grants, and the establishment of research institutes. The council also facilitates collaboration, publication, and dissemination of knowledge in social science disciplines. ICSSR plays a pivotal role in shaping social science research policies and fostering academic excellence.

RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY LIBRARY FOUNDATION (RRRLF)

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), established in 1972 and headquartered in Kolkata, is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It aims to promote public library development in India by providing financial and technical assistance. The foundation supports library modernization, resource development, and reading promotion programs.

DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL CENTRE[DAIC]

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), New Delhi, is a premier institution dedicated to the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. It serves as a hub for research, education, and policy discussions on social justice, equality, and inclusive development. Equipped with modern facilities, it hosts seminars, conferences, and cultural events. DAIC fosters academic exchange and promotes Dr. Ambedkar's vision of an equitable society
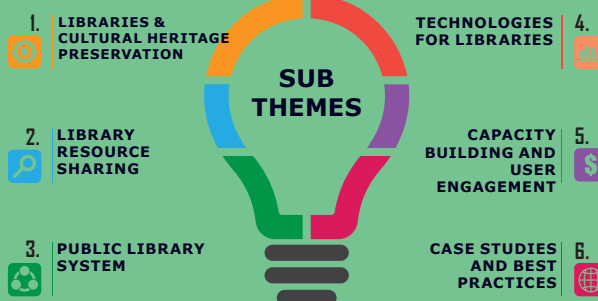
About The Theme
LIBRARY DIPLOMACY

UNITING NATIONS
THROUGH LIBRARY COOPERATION

The summit theme on "Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations through Library Cooperation," focuses on fostering international library relations, emphasizing the potential of libraries for cross-cultural knowledge sharing and cooperation across nations. The Global Library Summit highlights the theme by envisioning libraries as entities capable of transcending geopolitical boundaries to create neutral grounds for dialogue and exchange. Globally, libraries can harness their human and material resources, including collections, infrastructure, and expertise, to overcome barriers of language and geopolitical issues, facilitating mutual cross-border understanding and cooperation. The summit will explore Library Diplomacy through initiatives such as the digitization of collections, collaborative projects, and cultural exchange programs, showcasing successful projects where libraries have served as catalysts for regional integration and peace building. By addressing inadequate information and communication infrastructure globally that has historically deprived poorer countries of knowledge and learning opportunities, the summit seeks to enhance the role of global libraries in education, research, and cultural preservation. Through sharing best practices and developing joint strategies, Library Diplomacy at the GLS-2025 aspires to strengthen the bonds between countries, contributing to a more interconnected and peaceful world through the shared pursuit of knowledge. GLS-2025, under the following sub-themes, invites the original research articles, case studies, success stories, and best practices

SUMMIT SUB THEMES

- Libraries & Cultural Heritage Preservation
- Library Resource Sharing
- Public Library System
- Technologies for Libraries
- Capacity Building and User Engagement
- Case Studies & Best Practices

1. LIBRARIES & CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION
2. LIBRARY RESOURCE SHARING
3. PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

SUB THEMES

4. TECHNOLOGIES FOR LIBRARIES
5. CAPACITY BUILDING AND USER ENGAGEMENT
6. CASE STUDIES AND BEST PRACTICES

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite Abstracts submissions from LIS professionals, stakeholders, and technology experts supporting the library profession for our upcoming summit. This event will feature participation from LIS professionals and External Affairs Ministries across all Global countries. We welcome original papers that contribute to the advancement of the library and information science field.

For Abstract / Paper Submission Guidelines please visit Summit website

https://gls25.org/callforpapers.html

Abstract / Papers Submission Email ID: papers.gls25@sau.int

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submissions:	:	10th January, 2025
Acceptance	:	15th January 2025
Submission of Full Text Papers	:	5th February 2025
Edited Volume Publication through the reputed International Publishers	:	15th March 2025

◆ Paper Presenters will receive 50% Discount (Limiting to Rs.2000) on the Registration Fee and Free Accommodation at South Asian University Hostels

◆ Paper Presentation Certificates will be issued

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Vice Chancellors, University Administrators, Heads/ Directors of the Institutions/ Academicians, LIS Professionals, Information Scientists, LIS Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and LIS Students across the Globe are invited to register for participation in the Summit. The following types of participation are available:

REGISTRATION FEES

Participation Type	Regular Registration
LIS Professionals (SAARC Countries)	$ 50 / 5000 INR
Students / Research Scholars / Retired Professionals (SAARC Countries)	$ 40 / 4000 INR
LIS Professionals (Foreign Nationals)	$ 250
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LIS Professionals (Indian Nationals)	Rs. 5000
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