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**Contemporary Approaches to Libraries:
Emerging Technologies, Services and Skills**

January 29-30, 2027

Organized by

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&

Department of Library and Information Sciences

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The National Conference on Management of Modern Libraries (NACML), organized by SEARCH - The KMC Health Sciences Library and the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, is a national level professional forum dedicated to advancing dialogue, research, and best practices in Library and Information Science (LIS). Since its inception in 2014, NACML has consistently provided a platform for library professionals, academicians, researchers, and practitioners to deliberate on emerging trends, institutional challenges, and the evolving role of libraries within academic and research environments.

Over the years, NACML has addressed themes reflecting significant developments in librarianship, including modern library management, library transformation, user engagement, user-centric services, academic library development, and the changing roles of information professionals. Each edition has strengthened professional knowledge, encouraged research, and fostered collaboration within the LIS community.

With six successful editions under its belt, NACML has established itself as a respected and sustainable forum for professional exchange. The 7th edition, NACML 2027, builds upon this strong foundation by focusing on contemporary approaches that influence libraries today and support their continued relevance in rapidly evolving knowledge environments.

Academic libraries are undergoing continuous transformation driven by emerging technologies, changing scholarly communication practices, diverse user expectations, and increased institutional accountability. Libraries are no longer confined to information access alone; they are increasingly expected to play a vital role in supporting teaching, learning, research, innovation, and institutional outcomes. These developments demand effective organization and management of information resources, responsive and inclusive service models, and an ongoing enhancement of professional competencies.

In this context, libraries are required to reassess existing practices, policies, and service frameworks while strengthening their capacity to remain relevant, sustainable, and impactful. Addressing these challenges calls for informed discussion, shared experiences, and collaborative knowledge exchange among LIS professionals.

Against this backdrop, the 7th NACML 2027, themed “Contemporary Approaches to Libraries: Emerging Technologies, Services, and Skills” provides a national platform to explore these issues. Scheduled for January 29–30, 2027, the conference aims to bring together library professionals, administrators, researchers, educators, and library users to share research findings, professional practices, and innovative perspectives that shape contemporary library services and professional roles.

MAIN THEME

Contemporary Approaches to Libraries: Emerging Technologies, Services, and Skills

FOCUS AREAS

- Emerging technologies and digital transformation in libraries
- Digital resources and service responsiveness
- Scholarly publishing
- Professional skills and competencies

THEME RATIONALE

The theme “Contemporary Approaches to Libraries: Emerging Technologies, Services, and Skills” highlights libraries as dynamic knowledge institutions responding to changing user needs, professional roles, and institutional expectations. It emphasizes the integrated role of technologies, service models, and professional competencies in sustaining library relevance. By adopting a broad and inclusive focus, the theme encourages critical reflection, research, and dialogue across diverse domains of Library and Information Science, enabling meaningful participation from academic, health science, and special libraries while addressing both present challenges and future preparedness.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of 7th NACML 2027 are to:

- To facilitate national level sharing of contemporary research and professional practices in Library and Information Science
- To explore emerging technologies, digital resources and user-centric library services
- To discuss emerging trends in scholarly publishing and bibliometrics
- To examine evolving professional competencies, leadership, and skill development in libraries

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The 7th NACML 2027 aims to foster scholarly dialogue, strengthen professional collaboration, promote evidence based library practice, and contribute to the advancement of Library and Information Science. The conference seeks to reinforce libraries' evolving role as vital institutions supporting education, research, and societal development.

SCOPE

The conference will address theoretical, empirical, and practice based contributions relevant to academic, health science, special and public libraries. The scope of 7th NACML 2027 is structured around the following four core sub themes:

Sub Theme 1: Emerging Technologies in Libraries

Key Topics

- Digital Technologies, Smart Libraries, Discovery Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things
- Data Management, Blockchain Technology, Big Data Analytics
- Augmented/Virtual Reality, Robotics
- RFID, 3D Printing, and Makerspaces
- Library Websites
- Digital Transformation of Libraries
- Benefits, Impact, and Challenges in Implementation
- Knowledge Preservation using Digital Technology

Sub Theme 2: Digital Resources, Library Services and User Engagement

Key Topics

- Types of Digital Resources, Accessibility, and Management
- Open Educational Resources
- Virtual Reference Services
- Smart Information Services
- Remote Access
- Unified Library Services
- AI in Library Services
- Digital Literacy Programs
- Infrastructure, Space Planning, and Service Environments
- User Centric Library Services
- Information Seeking Behaviour
- User Studies
- Outreach, Advocacy, and Community Engagement
- User Expectations, Perception, Satisfaction, and Service Effectiveness

Sub Theme 3: Scholarly Publishing and Bibliometrics

Key Topics

- Research Data Management
- Institutional Repositories
- Open Access Initiatives
- Publication Ethics
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Publishing
- Plagiarism Prevention
- Bibliometric Tools, Bibliometric Analysis
- Research Support Tools and Services
- Citation Metrics, Altmetrics, and Collaboration Analysis

Sub Theme 4: Professional Skills and Competencies in Librarianship

Key Topics

- Professional Skills Development and Digital Competencies
- Professional Education and Curriculum Development
- Training Initiatives
- Leadership, Decision Making, Innovation, and Strategic Thinking
- Ethics, Values, and Professional Identity
- Continuing Professional Development
- Emerging Professional Roles and Practices
- Change Management and Adaptability
- Marketing and Communication Skills
- Role of LIS Professionals in Research Ecosystems

PAPER SUBMISSION

Original research papers, case studies, and conceptual papers aligned with the conference sub themes are invited.

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions of papers should be based on research or practical experience
- Authors can submit their full papers through an email attachment to lisconference@manipal.edu
- The paper should not exceed 3000 words and contain an abstract of 150-200 words.
- The main title should be followed by the name, affiliation, and address of the author(s) with e-mail and mobile number.
- The paper should be in MS Word format, with a Times New Roman font size of 12, a line spacing of 1.5, A4, a keyword of 3-5 words, and a paper length of 3-8 pages.
- All references should be presented according to the APA Style
- The paper should be sent with the declaration letter stating that the work is original and not presented/published anywhere else.

PAPER PRESENTATION FORMATS

To ensure effective dissemination of knowledge and meaningful interaction, all selected papers will be presented orally.

Oral Presentation

- Papers of scholarly merit, relevance and originality will be selected for oral presentation.
- Each paper will be allotted a specific time slot for presentation and discussion.

Note: The final decision on paper selection for oral presentation will be based on their quality, relevance, and overall contribution to the conference theme.

BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS

The 7th NACML-2027 Organizing Committee is delighted to announce awards to recognize excellence in research presentation and academic librarianship. To encourage quality scholarly communication and effective dissemination of research, the conference will confer the following awards:

Best Paper Presentation Awards (Oral)

Four Awards will be presented under the following categories:

- Student Category – I
- Student Category – II
- Professional Category – I
- Professional Category – II

These awards recognize outstanding oral presentations delivered during the conference. All authors presenting their papers will be eligible for consideration under the respective categories.

Each award recipient will receive:

- A Certificate of Recognition from the 7th NACML-2027 Organizing Committee
- A Cash Prize for their outstanding achievement

The adjudication process will be carried out by a panel of experts in academic librarianship and related disciplines. Evaluation will be based on research quality, clarity of presentation, and overall contribution to the field.

PROCEEDINGS

After the 7th NACML-2027, the Organizing Committee proposes to bring out proceedings in e-book format with an ISBN, which will include only the selected papers presented in the conference after a plagiarism check using Turnitin similarity index software.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Professionals from Academic, Health Science, Special and Public Libraries
- Academicians, Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and Students in the field of Library and Information Science
- Library Administrators and Policy Makers
- Information Technology Professionals
- Publishers, e-Content Providers and Service Providers

REGISTRATION FEE

- Delegates (Non-MAHE): Rs. 1,250.00
 - Students, Retired Professionals and Alumni (Non-MAHE): Rs. 750.00
 - MAHE LIS Professionals: Rs. 750.00
- Registration fee includes 18% GST, conference kit, working lunch/dinner, and refreshments.

- **Online Registration and Payment Link - <https://tinyurl.com/r7na2rc8>**

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for submission of full papers: 28.12.2026
- Last date for Registration: 24.1.2027
- On-the-spot registration is also available at the Conference Venue

ACCOMMODATION

Subject to availability, accommodation will be provided upon request at the MAHE Hostels upon payment.

Plenty of good hotels are available in Manipal and the nearby town of Udipi (5 km from Manipal). Visit <https://www.yatra.com/hotels/hotels-near-manipal-university-in-udupi> for more information. Participants are requested to make reservations and pay for the same directly.

HOW TO REACH MANIPAL?

Manipal is well connected by road, rail, and air. There are two main cities near Manipal that serve as entry points: Udipi and Mangalore. Udipi is 5 km from Manipal, and Mangalore is 65 km away. Nearest Railway Station: Udipi railway station is just about 4 kilometres from Manipal city and is well connected with all major cities of India.

Nearest Airport: Mangalore Airport is about 60 kilometres by road from Manipal and is an international airport well connected to Mumbai and Bengaluru. Nearest Bus station: Manipal TC / Udipi KSRTC Bus stand

PLACES FOR VISIT

Udipi Sri Krishna Mutt; Malpe, Kaup and Maravanthe Beach; St. Mary's Island; Anegudde Siddi Vinayaka Temple; Kolluru Mookambike Temple; Dharmasthala; Sringeri; Horanadu; Kudremukh; Agumbe; Murdeshwara, etc.

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