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Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY OF INDIA

National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) Project developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT KGP), under the aegis of the MoE, Govt. of India. It is a single-window platform providing learning resources that make e-Learning and education accessible to all, bringing digital repositories to users of all demographics from India and the world. 19th June 2018 marked a milestone in the history of education in India with the formal launch of the National Digital Library of India by the Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Prakash Javadekar. NDLI is operating with a mission to create a 24X7-enabled integrated ubiquitous digital knowledge source for the Nation – catering to immersive e-Learning for all learners, at all levels, in all areas. This unique team forms a dynamic, passionate core for our engine, and works around the clock to bring alive a vision to democratize education which can help harvest the infinite potential of a young India.

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

As the president and organizer of the G20 summit, India recognizes the importance of leveraging digital technologies and knowledge resources to address global challenges and foster inclusive education. In this context, the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is proud to announce its international symposium titled "Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education". This symposium aims to bring together experts, educators, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world to discuss the role of digital libraries in promoting equitable and sustainable development in education. With this NDLI aims to contribute to the global dialogue on leveraging digital resources for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education).

OBJECTIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

1. **Promote the importance of digital libraries:** The workshop aims to highlight the crucial role that digital libraries play in advancing equity and sustainable development in education. It seeks to raise awareness among participants about the significance of digital libraries as effective tools for promoting inclusive and quality education.
2. **Share best practices and experiences:** The workshop intends to provide a platform for experts, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world to share their best practices and experiences in utilizing digital libraries to address educational inequalities and foster sustainable development. It aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas to enhance the effectiveness of digital library initiatives.
3. **Foster international collaboration:** The workshop aims to promote international collaboration in leveraging digital libraries for educational equity and sustainable development by bringing together stakeholders from various countries. It seeks to encourage partnerships and cooperation among participating nations to develop innovative strategies and solutions in this domain.
4. **Showcase India's G20 Vision:** The workshop is designed to showcase India's G20 Vision, emphasizing its commitment to promoting sustainable and equitable education through the use of digital libraries. It provides a platform to highlight India's efforts, initiatives, and achievements in this area, inspiring other countries to adopt similar approaches.
5. **Identify challenges and propose solutions:** The workshop aims to identify challenges and barriers in implementing digital library initiatives to advance equity and sustainable educational

development. It seeks to facilitate discussions and brainstorming sessions to develop practical solutions, strategies, and policies that can be adopted at the global level.

6. **Develop a roadmap for action:** Based on the discussions and outcomes of the workshop, the objective is to develop a roadmap for action that outlines key recommendations and steps to harness the potential of digital libraries in achieving equity and sustainable development in education. This roadmap can guide policymakers, educators, and organizations worldwide to implement effective digital library programs.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is pleased to invite researchers, scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to submit their papers for presentation at the international symposium titled "Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education," organized to commemorate India's presidency and organization of the G20 summit this year. This symposium aims to explore the role of digital libraries in promoting sustainable development in education and invites submissions on the following themes:

1. Theme: Digital Libraries for Accessible Education

- Inclusive and equitable access to digital libraries for diverse learners
- Strategies to overcome barriers to accessing educational resources
- Enhancing accessibility for marginalized communities and persons with disabilities

2. Theme: Digital Literacy and Skills Development

- Innovative approaches to promoting digital literacy through digital libraries
- Digital skills development for lifelong learning and employability
- Digital libraries as platforms for upskilling and reskilling initiatives

3. Theme: Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Access

- Creation, curation, and dissemination of OER through digital libraries
- Licensing, copyright, and intellectual property issues in open-access resources
- Collaborative models for sustainable development and sharing of OER

4. Theme: Technology and Innovation in Digital Libraries

- Applications of emerging technologies (AI, ML, NLP, AR & VR etc.) in digital libraries
- Metadata standards and digital preservation in the age of rapid technological advancements
- User experience design and user-centric innovations in digital library interfaces

5. Theme: Policy and Governance for Digital Libraries

- Policy frameworks for the sustainable development of digital libraries
- Copyright and fair use considerations in digital library ecosystems
- Ethical issues in data collection, privacy, and security in digital libraries

Authors are invited to submit original research papers, case studies, or conceptual papers addressing the above themes or related topics. Submissions should contribute to advancing knowledge, providing insights, and sharing best practices in leveraging digital libraries for sustainable development in education.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Papers must be written in English and should adhere to academic standards.
- Submissions should be in .doc or .docx format and follow a standard academic paper structure.
- The maximum paper length should be 6,000 words (excluding references), Page Size- A4, Single space, 12-point font size, Font- Times New Roman.
- Authors should include a clear theme of the paper (choose from the list of themes of the symposium), title, abstract (250 words maximum), six keywords, and author affiliations with contact information, References (APA Style).
- All submissions must be original work and should not have been previously published or be under review elsewhere.
- Tables and Figures may be incorporated into the text of the paper as close to where they are first referred.
- Papers must be written and presented in English. The Conference offers no provision for interpreters.
- Avoid using unexplained acronyms, sets of initials, and phrases not understandable to international audiences.
- DLSDE shall have the first publication rights to papers presented at the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Paper Submission Deadline: 18.09.23 (2 page extended abstract)**
- **Notification of Acceptance: 21.09.23**
- **Final Paper Submission Deadline: 20.10.23**
- **Symposium Dates: 20.11.23 to 22.11.23**

Selected papers will be presented at the symposium and published in the conference proceedings. Submission Process: Authors are requested to submit their papers by visiting the symposium's official website <http://iconf.ndl.gov.in/>. For any inquiries, please contact iconf@ndl.gov.in.

We look forward to receiving your valuable contributions and engaging in meaningful discussions on the sustainable development of digital libraries in education at the "Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education" symposium.

Note: Please refer to the symposium's official website and guidelines for any updates or changes regarding the submission process and important dates.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The international symposium on "Digital Libraries: Sustainable Development in Education" welcomes participation from a diverse range of individuals and organizations interested in the intersection of digital libraries and education. The following groups are encouraged to participate:

1. Researchers: Scholars, academics, and researchers from various disciplines such as library and information science, education, computer science, and related fields can contribute their research findings, theoretical perspectives, and empirical studies to the symposium.
2. Educators: Teachers, professors, instructional designers, and educators involved in both formal and informal education settings can share their experiences, innovative practices, and case studies on utilizing digital libraries for sustainable development in education.
3. Practitioners: Professionals working in libraries, digital repositories, information centres, and related institutions can provide insights into the practical aspects of managing and leveraging digital libraries to support educational goals and initiatives.
4. Policymakers: Government officials, policymakers, and administrators responsible for shaping policies, regulations, and strategies in the education and information sectors are encouraged to participate, contributing their perspectives on creating an enabling environment for digital libraries in education.
5. Industry Experts: Professionals from the technology and digital content industry can share their expertise and insights into the latest advancements, trends, and innovations relevant to digital libraries and their role in education.
6. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society: Organizations and individuals working in the field of education, digital inclusion, and sustainable development can contribute their perspectives, initiatives, and case studies on leveraging digital libraries for social impact.
7. Students and Learners: Students at various levels of education, as well as lifelong learners, can participate and present their research, experiences, and perspectives on using digital libraries for educational purposes.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration

The symposium encourages an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach, bringing together stakeholders from academia, industry, government, and civil society to foster knowledge exchange, dialogue, and networking.

Category	Description	Registration Fee
Participants from India		
Sponsored	Working professionals deputed by universities/ institutes/Projects	₹ 7000
Individual	Working professionals, not sponsored by their organizations	₹ 4,000
Research Scholars	Pursuing Ph.D. and Post Doc.	₹ 3,000
Students*	Pursuing UG and PG degree courses	₹ 2,000
Participants from India outside of India		\$250

Accommodation

The accommodation for the participants may be arranged in our institute's guesthouses on a payment basis. There are limited rooms available in the institute guesthouse. Booking may be confirmed only after successful registration. Participants need to pay the accommodation charges on arrival through Debit/Credit cards.

Name of Guest House	Room Type	Charges per day
Ashutosh Guest House(AGH)*	D/B AC Room	₹600/- double occupancy
Technology Guest House (TGH)	D/B AC Room	₹1000/- single occupancy ₹1500/- double occupancy
Others	D/B AC Room	As per availability

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Established in 1951, IIT Kharagpur stands as a premier autonomous technical and research university in West Bengal, India. Known for its pioneering spirit, the institute offers a comprehensive range of academic programs spanning engineering, technology, sciences, architecture, and management. Its sprawling campus accommodates state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories, and libraries, creating an ideal ecosystem for holistic learning and innovation.

IIT Kharagpur's impactful research spans multiple domains, contributing to advancements in various sectors and addressing real-world challenges. The institute's alumni network shines globally, with notable achievers excelling in academia, entrepreneurship, governance, and industry. Collaborations with renowned international institutions further amplify its global influence.

Role in Development of NDLI

IIT Kharagpur's instrumental role in the development of the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) underscores its commitment to educational inclusivity. By spearheading NDLI's creation, the institute ensures equitable access to educational resources. This digital repository, comprising e-books, multimedia content, and academic papers, caters to diverse learning needs. NDLI's multilingual support and user-friendly interface reflect IIT Kharagpur's dedication to leveraging technology for nationwide education enhancement and empowerment.

WEATHER

During the second half of November, Kharagpur, located in the West Bengal state of India, experiences a transition from the post-monsoon period to the onset of winter. The weather during this time can be characterized as pleasant and relatively mild.

Temperature: The average temperatures in Kharagpur during the second half of November typically range from around 15 to 28 degrees Celsius (59 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit). Days are generally warm and comfortable, while evenings and early mornings can be cooler.

Humidity: Humidity levels begin to decrease compared to the monsoon months, contributing to a more pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere. The air becomes drier, making outdoor activities more comfortable.



Rainfall: Kharagpur usually experiences minimal rainfall during this period. While occasional short spells of rain or drizzle might occur, they are not as frequent or intense as during the monsoon season.

Sunshine: Expect a good amount of sunshine during the day, allowing for pleasant outdoor activities and sightseeing.

Clothing: Light and breathable articles of clothing for the daytime, along with a light jacket or shawl for the cooler evenings, would be suitable attire during this time of the year.

Overall, the second half of November in Kharagpur offers a favourable climate for visitors. The weather is generally mild, making it a suitable time to explore the area and engage in various outdoor pursuits. As always, it is advisable to check local weather forecasts closer to your travel dates for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

TRANSPORTATION

Kharagpur is situated about 120 km West of Kolkata. Participants can reach to Kharagpur in about 2 hours by train from Howrah Railway Station or 3 hours by car from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata. Kharagpur is also connected by direct train services to most major cities of the country. The Institute is about 10 minutes drive (5 km) from the Kharagpur Railway Station. Private taxis are available from Kharagpur station to reach the institute.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of all countries, except Nepal and Bhutan, require a valid visa granted by Indian Missions Abroad for entering India. Those wishing to visit a neighbouring country like Sri Lanka or Nepal and then return to India should obtain a double/multiple entry visa. Upon confirmation of registration, the Organizing Committee shall issue the necessary documents as required for obtaining Visa from the Indian consulate of the country of the applicant.

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