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## Bridging the Digital Divide for Sustainable Development: A Multidisciplinary Approach

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PG DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

Affiliated to Bharathidasan University

Nationally Accredited (4th cycle) with A++ Grade (CGPA 3.75/4) by NAAC

College with Potential for Excellence

Tiruchirappalli - 620002, Tamilnadu, India

in Collaboration with

ACADEMIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Tamil Nadu



26 & 27 JUNE 2026



Starts at  
10 AM



VENUE:

Holy Cross College (Autonomous),  
Tiruchirappalli

Mode: Hybrid  
(Physical & Online  
Presentation)

## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, established in the year 1923, is a highly reputed Arts and Science College for women in the state of Tamil Nadu. It has a unique record of remarkable achievements for more than ten decades. The College, administered by the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Province of Tiruchirappalli, is affiliated to Bharathidasan University and is one among the oldest colleges for women in south India. In recognition of its outstanding service for the cause of women's education, it was granted autonomous status in 1987. The College was recognized by UGC as a "College with Potential for Excellence" in 2011 and the CPE status has been extended till 2022. The College was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 1999 with FIVE STARS, re-accredited in 2005 with A-Grade and has retained its A-Grade Status with 3.5 on a 4 point scale during the third cycle of accreditation by NAAC in the year 2012. In February 2020, the College received A++ Grade with a CGPA of 3.75 on a 4 point scale, in the fourth cycle of assessment by NAAC. It secured the 52<sup>nd</sup> Rank in NIRF 2025.

## **ABOUT THE PG DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

The Department of Library and Information Science was started in the academic year 2018-19 offering integrated M.Lib.I.Sc (Master of Library and Information Science) with the objectives to educate students with the capability of applying scholarly and critical methods to approach issues, in the domain of library and Information Science and related fields and to develop leadership capability, with commitment to social and economic responsibilities and to inculcate value based attitude to community service.

## **ABOUT LIBRARY**

The library of Holy Cross College is a well-developed knowledge hub housed in a spacious three-storied building, designed to provide a comprehensive and user-friendly learning environment. It holds a rich collection of over 142,168 books, catering to the academic and research needs of students and faculty across disciplines. The library is technologically advanced, offering Web OPAC facilities for easy access to its catalogue, and providing seamless connectivity to a wide range of e-resources. Through memberships and subscriptions to platforms such as DELNET and ProQuest, users gain access to extensive national and international scholarly content. All e-resources, along with open access materials, are integrated into the library's website, enabling efficient discovery and use. Additionally, the library provides remote access facilities, allowing users to access digital resources anytime and anywhere, thereby enhancing academic flexibility and supporting continuous learning.

## **ABOUT ALA**

Academic Library Association was established in the year 2015 (Reg No 109/2015). The Association was started for the Library professionals to help them enhance their knowledge and skills and also to sort out their problems as and when reported. ALA instituted awards for the library professionals and Teachers, Ph.D holders, NET/SET Qualified persons in Library and Information Science, and best paper presenters. ALA is publishing a Journal from the year 2015 in the areas of Library and Information Services including Best Practices. ALA also organized a good number of conferences, Seminars, Webinars, FDPs and workshops in collaboration with universities and colleges.

The ALA is functioning with the following objectives.

- To work for the overall development of the profession of Librarianship in the country.
- To formulate and promote high quality standards, norms and guidelines in establishing and maintaining excellent Academic Libraries in the country.
- To provide a common forum to all the Library and Information Science professionals by holding Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Training Programs, UGC, NET/SET coaching programs and other Continuing Professional Development (CPD) initiatives.
- To encourage and promote research in Academic Librarianship by carrying out / sponsoring research projects and to publish journals, Newsletters, etc..

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The International Conference aims to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, librarians, policymakers, industry experts, and students to discuss the challenges and opportunities of digital inclusion for sustainable development. The conference focuses on innovative strategies, emerging technologies and collaborative solutions to reduce inequalities in access to information, education, healthcare, governance, and economic opportunities, while promoting an inclusive digital society and sustainable growth.

## **Call for Papers**

We welcome multidisciplinary original contributions related to the conference theme and sub-themes, including applications, research, surveys, or practical work. The conference proceedings will be published with an ISBN. Selected papers will be published in peer-reviewed journals and in the Festschrift volume in honour of Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan. Co-authors must register in order to present and publish their papers.

## Themes and Sub-themes

- Digital Divide and Social Inclusion
- Contribution of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan to Modern Library Management
- Libraries and Digital Transformation
- ICT for Sustainable Development
- Open Knowledge and Access
- Emerging Technologies in Library and Information Science
- Digital Education and E-Learning
- Information Ethics and Policy
- Research, Innovation, and Collaboration
- Preservation and Digital Heritage
- Indigenous and Indian Knowledge Systems
- Challenges and Future Directions of libraries, Information Centres
- Bibliometrics and research analytics
- Advanced Computing Technologies for Digital Inclusion
- Transforming Education through Digital Innovation
- Socio-Economic Dimensions of the Digital Divide
- Digital Business and Management in the Modern Economy
- Digital Technologies for Environmental Sustainability
- Digital Media and Communication in the Information Age
- Digital Health and Technology-Enabled Healthcare
- Digital Humanities and Cultural Preservation
- Legal and Ethical Frameworks in the Digital Era
- Innovations in Engineering for Digital Connectivity
- Digital Agriculture and Rural Transformation
- Accreditation and Higher Education Policy
- Industry 5.0 and AI
- UN SDG goals and Higher Education

## **Important Dates:**

Dates of Conference: **26-27 June 2026**

Last date for submission of Abstract with Full Paper : **15<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Last Date for Registration: **20<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## **Conference Registration:**

**Library and Information Science Professionals/ Information Scientist/  
Library Technical Staff/ Faculty Members/ Research Scholars / Students /  
Academicians and Technocrats**

**Teachers/Professionals: Rs. 1500/-**

**Research Scholars (Full Time Only) : Rs. 1000/-**

**PG Students: Rs. 500/-**

Softcopy of full-length papers not exceeding 8 pages, with a word limit between 2000-4000 words in Times New Roman Font with a font size of 12 points and line spacing of 1.5 points should be sent to the [hcclibrary2026@gmail.com](mailto:hcclibrary2026@gmail.com). The acceptance notification will be intimated to the corresponding authors at their respective email addresses. Upon receiving the acceptance intimation, the authors must send the Camera-Ready Copy as per the directives of the organising committee members.

**All correspondence pertaining to the International Conference should be communicated to [hcclibrary2026@gmail.com](mailto:hcclibrary2026@gmail.com).**

## **Mode of Payment and Account details for Registration**

Name of the Account: :Principal, Holy Cross College

Name of the Bank: State Bank of India

Account Number: 31502244856

IFSC Code: SBIN0001312



Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/TLzFama824QkTzg6>

Note: Accommodation will be provided only to out-station participants based on the First Come-First-Served Basis with a nominal fee of Rs. 800/- perday on a twin-sharing basis (Mode of Payment for Accommodation Registration link will be provided after acceptance of paper).

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