

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE EQUITY: LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTION TO A SUSTAINABLE NATION (VIKSIT BHARAT)

 October 29 - 31, 2026

 CULTURAL-CUM-CONVENTION CENTRE
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PUDUCHERRY, INDIA

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Pondicherry University

Pondicherry University, established in 1985, is a Central University located in Puducherry. Accredited with an "A+" grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the University reflects high standards in teaching, research, and academic excellence. It comprises 14 Schools and approximately 52 departments, spread across campuses in Puducherry, Karaikal, Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair), Lakshadweep and Mahe, serving over 9,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes. Spread over 780 acres, Pondicherry University has undertaken sustained efforts to develop a green campus, reflecting its commitment to sustainability and responsible environmental resource management. The University also maintains a strong outreach presence, hosting a Community College, Community Radio, and several other socially impactful initiatives.

The University emphasizes research-enriched education and innovation. As noted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Prakash Babu, the institution demonstrates a "tremendous commitment to innovation" and promotes "industry-focused teaching programmes and cutting-edge research." Faculty members actively engage in advanced research and development, collaborating with leading universities and institutions at national and international levels. High-impact publications and the ability to secure competitive research grants stand as testimony to the University's academic strength.

Ananda Rangapillai Library

Pondicherry University Library was established on 11th September 1986. The Central Library of Pondicherry University was named after Ananda Rangapillai, the Dubash of French Governor Dupleix. It has transformed into a Knowledge Resource Centre today, facilitating learning, teaching, and research. It has a collection of over 5.27 lakh volumes, including print books, e-books, e-journals, e-databases, research tools, and e-theses. The infrastructure, collection, and services have developed on par with any world-class university, all accessible through the library portal or with remote login. The library is housed in a modern, disabled-friendly building with an area of 80,000 square feet. It has a fully air-conditioned and Wi-Fi-enabled environment, with comfortable seating arrangements for students and researchers. Ananda Rangapillai Library also has two Off Campus Libraries, five School Libraries and two Community College Libraries under its umbrella. The Library supports the University's research and academic community through the "One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)" initiative, providing equitable access to scholarly resources and advancing the goals of "NEP 2020" in research, innovation, digital learning, and inclusive knowledge access.

Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS)

SALIS is a registered professional body established in the year 2002 and it has been actively involved in the development of all spheres of Library and Information Science by organizing various programs including Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Training programs on emerging topics in various parts of the country. These programs are being organized through its chapters located in many places. SALIS publishes national and international journals, proceedings and newsletter for exchange of information and knowledge among LIS Professionals. SALIS instituted many awards to encourage and motivate LIS professionals. One of the objectives of SALIS is to train the LIS professionals in the country to handle the latest IT tools and techniques more effectively and efficiently and to adopt the best practices in order to provide high quality library services. The current focus of SALIS is to 'Reach the Unreached' LIS Professionals in rural settings in order to minimize the digital divide.

About the Conference

Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, in collaboration with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) is organizing an International Conference on "Knowledge Access to Knowledge Equity: Libraries Contribution to a Sustainable Nation (Viksit Bharat)" as part of the celebration of the 40th year of academic excellence at Pondicherry University from 29 - 31 October 2026.

The conference aims to bring together academicians, librarians, researchers, and professionals to discuss the evolving role of libraries in promoting equitable access to knowledge and contributing to a sustainable nation.

About the Theme

- 🌀 Theme 1: Knowledge Access, Equity, and Social Inclusion
- 🌀 Theme 2: Libraries and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- 🌀 Theme 3: Libraries for Viksit Bharat 2047
- 🌀 Theme 4: Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies
- 🌀 Theme 5: Open Knowledge, Open Science, and Research Ecosystems
- 🌀 Theme 6: Academic Libraries and Research Excellence
- 🌀 Theme 7: Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Cultural Heritage

- 🌀 Theme 8: Digital Libraries and Knowledge Management
- 🌀 Theme 9: Community Engagement and Information Literacy
- 🌀 Theme 10: Public Libraries and Community Resilience
- 🌀 Theme 11: Library Leadership, Governance, and Policy
- 🌀 Theme 12: Future Skills and Capacity Building for LIS Professionals
- 🌀 Theme 13: Knowledge Equity through Technology and Innovation
- 🌀 Theme 14: Scholarly Communication and Publishing Futures
- 🌀 Special Track: Young Professionals & Emerging Researchers Forum

Publication of Accepted Papers: All accepted papers, subject to Editorial Committee approval and plagiarism/AI-text screening, will be published in the conference proceeding with ISBN. If you are unable to submit your manuscript using the Online System (<https://www.kake26.in/openconf/openconf.php>), you may submit it with complete details via email at (kake@pondiuni.ac.in).

Best Paper Awards

The KAKE Conference will have the following awards for each technical session, which will be announced and bestowed at the KAKE Conference closing ceremony.

- ❖ Best Student Paper
- ❖ Best Research Scholar Paper
- ❖ Best Library Professional Paper
- ❖ Best Faculty Paper

Award Preference Criteria:

The Award Selection Committee will select the Best Paper Award based on the paper quality and presentation at the KAKE Conference.

Registration

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	REGISTRATION WITH ACCOMMODATION (3 DAYS – TWIN SHARING)		REGISTRATION WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION	
	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 29 September 2026)	REGULAR (30 September 2026 onwards)	EARLY BIRD (On or Before 29 September 2026)	REGULAR (30 September 2026 onwards)
Indian Self-financed Professionals	₹ 5,500	₹ 6,500	₹ 2,500	₹ 3,000
Indian Institute Sponsored Professionals	₹ 6,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 3,500
Indian Nationals Working in Other Countries	₹ 7,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 4,000	₹ 5,000
SAARC Nationals	₹ 8,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 6,000
Foreign Nationals (Other than SAARC)	\$300	\$400	\$150	\$200
Full-time Students / Full-time Research Scholars / Retired Professionals / Non-working Professionals	₹ 5,000	₹ 5,500	₹ 2,000	₹ 2,500
Accompanying Persons	₹ 5,000	₹ 5,500	₹ 2,000	₹ 2,500
Sponsors	—		₹ 13,000	₹ 15,000
Exhibition Stall	—		₹ 50,000	₹ 75,000

DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE @ Rs.1500 FOR THREE DAYS

* The registration fee is non-refundable. However, it can be transferred to another participant of the Conference

** The registration fee does not include the conference kit **Registration Link:** forms.gle/p8K3j3tYTWFxB3HP8

Dates of the Conference : 29 - 31 October 2026 (Thu, Fri & Sat)

Important Dates

Last date for submission of abstracts : 15th September, 2026
 Notification on acceptance of abstracts : 18th September, 2026
 Last date for submission of full-text articles : 25th September, 2026
 Notification on acceptance of full-text articles : 30th September, 2026

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How to Reach Puducherry

By Air:

Domestic Airport: Pondicherry (PNY) has its own Domestic Airport – 12 KM

Near by International Airport: Chennai International Airport, Chennai (MAA) -135 KM

By Train:

Pondicherry (PDY) Railway Station is well connected by Trains from major Indian cities.

Nearby Railway Junction is Villupuram Railway Junction (VM) - 40 KM from Pondicherry, (one hour by Taxi/Bus from Villupuram to Pondicherry University)

By Road:

The distance from Chennai to Pondicherry is approximately 135 KM via East Coast Road (ECR). The approximate travel time from Chennai to Pondicherry is 2½ hours by Taxi and 3 hours by Government/Private Buses. For every 10 to 15 minutes, buses are available for Pondicherry from Chennai.

Weather

Pondicherry is on the coast of the Bay of Bengal. The weather in Puducherry is pleasant, with a minimum of 25-30°C in October. Since the KAKE Conference venue is close to the beach, you can expect the usual humidity.

Places to Visit

Puducherry: Auroville, Rock Beach, Bharathi Park, Serenity Beach, French Colony, Botanical Garden, Puducherry Museum, Chunnambar Boat House, etc.

Nearby: Mahabalipuram, Rameswaram, Kanyakumari, Tiruvannamalai, Chidambaram, Pichavaram Mangrove forest, Thanjavur, Madurai, Chennai, Kanchipuram and others



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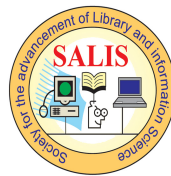
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