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Introduction

Libraries hold a significant position in enhancing national unity and promoting ethical values among citizens. They serve as inclusive spaces where individuals from various backgrounds can come together to access knowledge and grow as a community. By offering equal access to educational materials and resources, libraries help bridge social, economic, and regional divides. They also organize cultural activities, literacy programs, and public discussions that encourage understanding and collaboration across diverse groups, thereby strengthening a shared national spirit. In promoting integrity, libraries champion the principles of honesty, accuracy, and open access to knowledge. They provide trustworthy information, helping people think critically and make well-informed decisions, which is crucial in combating misinformation. Additionally, libraries support democratic engagement by ensuring that information is freely available to all.

Overall, libraries are more than just information centers—they are key to building social cohesion. Through education, cultural exchange, and open access to knowledge, they play a crucial role in uniting the nation and reinforcing its moral foundation.

Significance of the Seminar

The national seminar on “Libraries: Pillars of Unity, Harmony, and National Integrity” can serve as an essential forum to emphasize the influential role libraries play in strengthening national bonds and promoting ethical values. It can bring together a wide range of participants—including librarians, scholars, educators, and policymakers—to explore how libraries can contribute to national unity, inclusive learning, and cultural understanding.

Themes & Sub-Themes (Topics of Presentations)

- Libraries as Foundations of National Integration
- Fostering Peace and Social Cohesion through Libraries
- Libraries in Shaping Morally Responsible Citizens
- Safeguarding Heritage and Encouraging Cultural Unity
- Bridging the Digital Divide with Modern Library Services
- Empowering Education through Library Support
- Libraries as Drivers of Community Progress
- Enhancing Library Systems through Policy and Support
- Libraries as Catalysts for Social Justice and Equality
- Libraries and the Promotion of Human Rights
- Libraries in Strengthening Civic Engagement
- Sustainability and Libraries: Advancing the Green Agenda
- Role of Libraries in Crisis Management and Disaster Response
- Libraries as Digital Literacy Hubs
- Libraries and Youth Empowerment
- Role of Libraries in National Health Awareness
- Innovative Library Models for Rural and Remote Communities
- Libraries and the Promotion of Global Citizenship

Who can participate?

- Librarians and Information Experts
- Educators and Academics
- Government Representatives and Policymakers
- Students and Youth Leaders
- Community Leaders and Social Service Workers
- Technology Experts and Digital Literacy Advocates
- Cultural Advocates and Heritage Experts
- Library Science Students
- Media and Communication Professionals

Important: The seminar proceedings, as a Special Issue, will be published in our Departmental Bi-Annual Journal, Trends in Information Management (TRIM) (ISSN: 0973-4163), with due acknowledgment to the ICSSR.

Important Dates

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| Abstract Submission | : | January 16 to February 15, 2026 |
| Abstract Acceptance Notification | : | February 16, 2026 |
| Final Paper Submission | : | up to March 15, 2026 |
| Registration | : | January 16 to March 15, 2026 |

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts can be submitted to

sumeersuheel@gmail.com or hakimrosy@gmail.com

for final acceptance by the peer reviewers.

The abstract should contain the following details.

- Abstract
- Names of presenter(s)
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- Contact No
- E-mail address
- Short biographical statement of the author

Paper Submission Instructions

- Full papers for accepted abstracts should be submitted in MS Word Format. Papers submitted in other formats will not be entertained.
- For citation and references, APA Style (7th Edition) should be rigorously followed.
- Paper compliant with the above instructions should be forwarded to the Conference Director, Prof. Sumeer Gul at sumeersuheel@gmail.com or to the Conference Coordinator, Dr. Rosy Jan, at hakimrosy@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact Prof. Sumeer Gul at: 8803050076 or Dr Rosy Jan at: 7006152032
- At least one of the authors must be present to deliver a summary of the paper.
- A maximum of 10 minutes will be allowed for the presentation of each paper. It is strongly recommended that the presentation be supported by a PowerPoint.

Registration & Accommodation

Please register and upload the registration form through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/oSkuZnzxYXqLpWHJA>

The registration will cover the conference kit, working tea, and lunch. Additional charges for boarding and lodging will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Interested persons may contact in advance to arrange accommodations. Reservation of rooms in the University Guest Houses may be available to participants after registration, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact For Accommodation

Dr. Nadim Akhtar Khan at: 7006109282/9796715909.

Registration Fee

For Faculty : ₹1000

For Scholars/Students : ₹500

Note: The participants shall pay their registration fee to:

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