

14th National Conference
on
Recent Advances in Information Technology
(READIT)



Theme : Envisaging the Libraries in the Coming Decades

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Venue: Sarabhai Auditorium,
Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam

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About READIT Conference Series

Scientific Information Networking Division (SIND) of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam and Madras Library Association – Kalpakkam Chapter (MALA-KC) have been conducting a series of biennial national conferences on Recent Advances in Information Technology (READIT) since 1995. The earlier 13 READIT conferences conducted were well received by professionals engaged in IT and Library Science from R&D and Academic Institutions from various parts of the country. It is now proposed to conduct a two day 14th READIT national conference series with a theme of *“Envisaging the Libraries in the Coming Decades”*.

About us

IGCAR was established in the year 1971, under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. The centre is engaged in broad based multidisciplinary programme of scientific research and advanced engineering directed towards the development of Fast Breeder Reactor technology. The Library at the Centre was born in 1972, when the Centre was very young. It started with three thousand books and subscription to a dozen of journal titles. The Library at IGCAR has grown into its present stature of “Scientific and Information Networking Division” from being “Library and Documentation Services” and later on “Scientific Information Resources Division”. In line with the metamorphosis, the services offered have also multiplexed in quality and quantity over the past three and a half decades. What started in the conventional way assumed the mantle of information service, which moved on to computer based automated services and today it has matured into a digital world and a knowledge resource hub with relevant information available at the click of the mouse.

Today, SIND is one of the most modern information resource centers in India. This is achieved by constantly enhancing and modernizing the digital library infrastructure and services. Excellent infrastructural facilities like advanced digital library servers, storage solutions, content creation facilities, enhanced e-resources, RFID based library management, are available in addition to conventional library services.

Objective:

READIT targets professionals in the field of Information Technology, Library and Knowledge Management. It provides a forum for discussion and information access and Knowledge transfer in libraries. The objective of 14th READIT will be focused on the topic on “Envisaging the Libraries in the Coming Decades”.

The sub themes include:

- *Digital Infrastructure and Accessibility of Information*
- *Libraries as cultural hubs and preservation of heritage*
- *AI and the Role of Advanced technologies*
- *Libraries as learning spaces.*
- *Personalized User Services through Adaptive Technologies*
- *Government policies and global collaboration to enhance access to information resources*

Venue:

The Conference will be held at IGCAR, Kalpakkam, which is located 75 km south of Chennai, the Capital of Tamil Nadu. It is also 10 km south of Mamallapuram, a fabulous South Indian tourist spot which is famous for architecture and sculpture skills of *Pallava Dynasty*. Kalpakkam is well connected by road and situated in the middle of Chennai to Puducherry ECR scenic beauty highway and surrounded by temple cities like Kancheepuram & Thirukazhukundram and Vedanthankal bird sanctuary

How to reach?

It takes about 2 hours to reach Kalpakkam from Chennai by State Transport Bus and about 1:30 hours by Taxi. All north bound trains are terminated at Chennai Central Railway Station and south bound trains at Egmore Railway Station.

Who should participate?

The conference is expected to attract participation from information scientists and professionals from a wide range of disciplines, including those involved in Digital Library research and practice, from all over the country. The following categories of professionals are expected to benefit from the conference.

- Professionals from public, academic, and special libraries
- Information technology professionals
- Knowledge workers
- Content and knowledge managers
- Information providers and vendors
- Electronic publishing and virtual electronic communities
- Stakeholders in the digitization and knowledge business
- Research Scholars & Students

Call for Papers

The Conference track of READIT invites submission of papers to deliberate in the following areas:

- *Digital Infrastructure and Accessibility of Information*
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Contributed papers on any of the above mentioned sub-topics are invited. A separate poster session is planned during the conference for the contributed papers.

Student / Young Research Scholar Presentation

A separate technical session consisting of oral presentation is being organized for Students and Research Scholars who are in this field.

Accommodation

Accommodation for out station participants can be arranged on nominal payment to a limited number in the DAE Guest House/Hostels at Kalpakkam. For others accommodation are available in the hotels at Mamallapuram which is a popular tourist centre, about 10 km north of Kalpakkam on payment basis.

Submission of Papers:

Papers should be confined to the theme or sub themes of READIT. The abstracts should be communicated on or before August 15,2025. After acceptance by our editorial committee, the full papers should be sent on or before September 10, 2025. The author guidelines for full paper formatting will be communicated to individual authors upon the acceptance of their full papers.

Registration

Interested persons are requested to fill-in the registration form and mail it to the convener latest by 25th August ,2025. ***No presentation will be allowed without registration.***

Registration Fee

- National Delegates : Rs.1500
- MALA Members : Rs.1000
- Bonafide Students : Rs.500

The registration fee may be sent by DD in favour of **READIT** payable at State Bank of India, Kalpakkam Branch (Code No.2219) or through RTGS to : READIT, A/c No: 00000030953643581, IFSC Code: SBIN0002219, State Bank of India, Kalpakkam

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