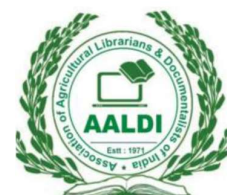


National Conference of Agricultural Librarians and User Community 2026



AgriConAI-2026

on



**Next-Gen Agricultural Libraries
Driving AI in Education, Research, and Extension**

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**ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS AND
DOCUMENTALISTS OF INDIA (AALDI)**

VENUE

**G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology
Pantnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand -263145**

ANNOUNCEMENT CUM INVITATION

AgriConAI-2026

Agricultural libraries stand as the intellectual bedrock and catalyst driving excellence across agricultural education, cutting edge research and extension. By curating vast repositories of domain knowledge, enabling seamless access to global scientific literature, and delivering specialized information services, these institutions address the complex information requirements of scientists, educators, scholars, and farming communities. In doing so, agricultural libraries contribute substantially to national food security, agricultural productivity, natural resource stewardship, and sustainable agro-ecosystems for future generations. In the wake of rapid technological advancements, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and smart technologies is redefining information discovery, knowledge organization, and research methodologies.

The Organizing Committee cordially invites Library & Information Science Professionals, IT Specialists, Agricultural Scientists, Academicians, Researchers, Faculty Members, Policy Planners, and Students to join us in AgriConAI-2026 at historic campus of GBPUAT, Pantnagar, to deliberate on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence and digital innovations in reshaping agricultural library ecosystems, scholarly communication, and research frameworks for a sustainable future.

THE UNIVERSITY

G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, is the first Agricultural University of the country, established in 1960 on Land-Grant educational pattern through landmark collaboration with Illinois, USA. Named in the honor of illustrious freedom fighter and the first Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, the university played a pivotal role in spearheading India's Green Revolution through systematic agricultural education, research, technological innovations, and extension. Situated on a sprawling campus in Pantnagar, the university fosters an interdisciplinary academic framework across its constituent colleges, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Technology and Engineering, Fisheries, Community Science, Basic Sciences and Humanities, and Agribusiness Management. Over six decades, University has contributed significantly to the national food security through development and release of high-yielding varieties, efficient crop management systems, and farm mechanization. In alignment with the contemporary focus of AgriConAI-2026, the university is actively incorporating digital agriculture, artificial intelligence, and machine learning into its research framework to advance precision farming, resource management, and climate resilience.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Established in 1960 as the academic heart of India's pioneer agricultural university, the University Library holds a historic legacy for supporting the research that heralded the country's Green Revolution. Housed in an iconic five-storied building with 500-seating capacity, the Library maintains a specialized collection of around 4.25 lakh documents across Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences, Technology, and Allied Sciences, including over 27000 theses. Today, the Library combines its rich physical archives with modern digital infrastructure offering 24/7 Web OPAC access, smart learning spaces, research carrels, and integration with national and global networks including AgriCat, OCLC WorldCat, Krishikosh, Shodhganga and local digital repository.

AALDI

Established in 1971, the Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (AALDI) is the premier national professional body dedicated to advancing agricultural librarianship. For over five decades, AALDI has served as a vital platform to exchange knowledge, innovation, and expertise across the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES). Through its flagship publication the *Indian Journal of Agricultural Library and Information Services* and organization of regular national and international conferences, AALDI continues to lead the digital transformation, open access, and the integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics into agricultural information systems ensuring seamless access to domain knowledge.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES & HIGHLIGHTS

The AgriConAI-2026 aims to serve as a collaborative platform to bring together LIS, IT & Agricultural Professionals, academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students. Conference seeks to address the emerging challenges and opportunities in the era of AI through knowledge exchange, discussion and deliberations on the theme and sub themes of the conference.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote Addresses and Plenary Talks of Eminent Experts
- Research Paper and Poster Presentations
- Panel Discussions with Domain Leaders
- Product Demonstrations & Industry Presentations
- Preconference Workshop
- Networking Opportunities & Cultural Enrichment

CONFERENCE THEME & SUB THEMES

Next-Gen Agricultural Libraries, Driving AI in Education, Research, and Extension

SUB THEMES

Smart Libraries and AI-Driven Transformation

AI Applications in LIS • Semantic Search, NLP & Conversational Discovery • Intelligent ILMS & AI-Enabled Discovery Tools • Virtual Assistants, Chatbots & Reference Automation • Automated Metadata Generation, Cataloguing and Knowledge Organization • User Behavior, Predictive Analytics and Intelligent Collection Management • AI Recommendation Systems & Personalized Information Services • Autonomous Mobile Robots & Automated Storage/Retrieval Systems (ASRS) • Multilingual Search, Machine Translation & Summarization

AI for Data-Driven Agricultural Research and Smart Farming

Data-Driven and AI-Assisted Agricultural Research and Knowledge Discovery • Research Data Management (RDM) and FAIR Data Principles • Precision Agriculture, Smart Farming & Decision Support Systems • Sensors, IoT, Edge Intelligence and Smart Networks • Remote Sensing, Drones, Satellites & Geospatial AI • GPS-Guided and Autonomous Agricultural Machinery • Digital Imaging, Remote Sensing, Drones and Satellites • Computer Vision for Crop, Soil & Pest Monitoring • AI for Climate-Smart, Sustainable & Resilient Agriculture

Scholarly Communication, Open Science and Open Access

Scholarly Communication & Publishing in the GenAI Era • Institutional Repositories, Digital Preservation and Archiving • Open Science Mandates, Open Peer Review & Preprint Servers • National Digital Learning Platforms (SWAYAM, NPTEL, NDLI, eGyanKosh) • National & Global Library Consortia Initiatives • One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) & Knowledge Equity • National Digital Learning Platforms (SWAYAM, NDLI, e-PG Pathshala, eGyanKosh) • Open Educational Resources (OER) & MOOC Integration • Open Access Publishing, APC Inequities & Sustainable Models

Bibliometrics, Scientometrics and Research Evaluation

Citation Analysis, Authorship & Collaboration Networks • Content Analysis, Text Mining & AI Research Evaluation • Science Mapping, Knowledge Visualization & Research Frontiers • Quantitative Performance Indicators (Journal-, Author-, Institution-Level) • Altmetrics & Alternative Research Impact Indicators • Patent Analytics, Technometrics & Technology Transfer • Responsible Research Metrics & Algorithmic Bias Mitigation • Agricultural Research System (NARS) Impact Assessment & Intelligence

AI Capacity Building and Future-Ready Professionals

AI Infrastructure, Connectivity & Computational Readiness • AI Capacity Building and Computational Readiness in Institutions • Curriculum Integration: AI Fluency & Computational Thinking • Continuous Professional Development and Upskilling • AI Literacy, Digital Literacy and the AI-Ready Professionals • Prompt Engineering and Effective Human-AI Interaction • Institutional AI Policies, Data Governance and Frameworks • Libraries as AI Capacity-Building & Innovation Hubs • Algorithmic Stewardship, Digital Equity and Inclusive AI

Emerging Technologies and Knowledge Ecosystems

Generative AI, Large Language Models (LLMs) and Agentic AI • Knowledge Graphs, Ontologies and Semantic Web Technologies • Digital Twins and AI-Enabled Decision Support Frameworks • Edge Computing and Intelligent Sensor Networks • Robotics and Autonomous Systems in Agriculture and Libraries • Digital Humanities and Digital Agriculture • Immersive Technologies (AR, VR, MR) in Education and Research • Blockchain, Interoperability and Machine-Readable Knowledge • Computer Vision & Image-Based Knowledge Discovery

Responsible AI, Research Integrity and Governance

Academic Integrity, Predatory Publishing & Publication Ethics • Research Integrity & Misconduct in High-GenAI Environments • Institutional AI Policies, Ethical Frameworks & Standards • Authorship Ethics, Citation Manipulation and Research Networks • Citation Integrity, AI Hallucinations & Misinformation • Copyright, Fair Use, Intellectual Property and Public Domain in the AI Era • AI Detection Tools, Governance and Acceptable Use Policies • Data Privacy, Cyber Security & Responsible Data Governance • Vendor Surveillance and Algorithmic Accountability • Open-Source vs. Proprietary AI Models: Access, Control & Sustainability

NEP 2020, Digital Transformation and Knowledge Inclusion

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Evolving Role of Libraries • Democratizing Higher Education through Digital Infrastructure • Bridging the Digital Divide, Digital Inequities • Regional and Indigenous Language Accessibility • Curation, Preservation and Translation of Indigenous Agricultural Knowledge • Transforming Institutional Repositories into Knowledge Hubs • Interdisciplinary Learning, Liberal Education and Digital Knowledge Ecosystems • Sustainable Digital Ecosystems & Future Directions for Smart Libraries

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Library and Information Science Professionals
- Agricultural Scientists, Agronomists, and Extension Specialists
- Faculty Members, Academicians, and Researchers from NARES, ICAR Institutes, CAUs, and SAUs
- IT, Data Science, and Computer Science Professionals
- Policy Planners, Research Administrators, and Institutional Leaders
- Students, Research Scholars, and Emerging LIS / Agri-Tech Professionals
- Publishers, Database Vendors, and EdTech / Library Automation Solution Providers

CALL FOR PAPERS

AgiConAI-2026 invites full length original research papers, theme papers, short working papers, case studies etc. from the professionals, academicians, faculty, research scholars, students and those who would like to participate in the conference and share their valuable knowledge, expertise and experience. The participants who wish to present paper in the conference may submit Abstract on the theme and subthemes of the conference. All the papers presented including abstracts will be published in the conference volume. Selected five articles will be published in a peer reviewed journal of Library & Information Science.

Submission Types & Categories

1. **Full Research Papers (Max. up to 5,000 words):** Original empirical research, system implementations, or technical evaluations.
2. **Short Working Papers (2,000–3,500 words):** Conceptual frameworks, ongoing projects, and preliminary findings.
3. **Case Studies/Reports (1,500–3,000 words):** Real-world library project implementations, KVK extension initiatives, or educational programs.
4. **Poster Presentations:** Extended abstracts (800–1,200 words) for visual poster display during dedicated conference networking sessions. Poster dimensions must be **4'L × 3'W**.

PAPER SUBMISSION

All manuscripts/abstract along with the full paper (in MS-Word format) must be submitted along with the signed Copyright Transfer Agreement (in PDF format) and Plagiarism Check/Similarity Report to the email agrimonai2026@gmail.com. Authors must strictly adhere to the paper submission guidelines. Author may please contact Editorial Committee for any clarification regarding paper submission.

Manuscript Formatting & Submission Guidelines

File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format; **Language:** English; **Page Layout:** Standard A4 size, single-space, 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides.

Typography:Font: Times New Roman; **Title:** 16 pt, Bold, Center-aligned; **Author(s) Info:** 11 pt, Regular, Center-aligned (Name, Designation, Affiliation, Email ID of corresponding author).; **Headings:** 12 pt, Bold, Left-aligned; **Body Text:** 12 pt, Regular, Justified

Word Limit: Max. 5000 Words (including references); **Abstract & Keywords:** An abstract of **150–250 words** summarizing objective, methodology, findings, and implications, followed by 3 to 6 keywords; **Reference Style:** APA 7th Edition

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Acceptance of the Abstract and full-length paper will be given only after the registration of at least one author within the circulated deadline.
- The accepted Abstract/Full-length papers will be published as a Pre-Conference Volume with ISBN. Conference Proceeding will be given to the registered participants/authors.
- **Originality & Plagiarism:** Submissions must be original, unpublished and submitted along with Plagiarism check Report. The similarity indices maximum up-to 10% (excluding references) is acceptable using Drillbit/Turnitin/iThenticate, etc.
- **Copyright & License Agreement:** Corresponding author is required to sign the Copyright Transfer Agreement in favor of AALDI.
- Abstract along with the full paper in MS-Word Format must be submitted along with the signed Copyright Transfer Agreement (in PDF format) and Plagiarism Check/ Similarity Report to the email agrimonai2026@gmail.com captioned as “Abstract/Full-length Paper for Conference” within the stated deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for Papers / Announcement Date	August 17, 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	September 15, 2026
Full-length Paper Submission Deadline	October 15, 2026
Acceptance Confirmation	October 25, 2026
Last Date of Registration	November 10, 2026
Conference Dates	November 26-27, 2026

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

The following awards will be presented in this conference to recognize academic excellence and contributions of the participants. The decision of the Editorial/Award Committee will be final.

Best Research Paper (overall - one)

Best Poster Presentation (overall - one)

Best Presentation (overall - one)

Best Theme Paper (theme wise)

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee includes Conference Kit, Conference Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Tea. The registration fee does not include Conference Kit for Accompanying Persons.

Details	Registration Charges
Professionals/Academicians/Faculty /Scientists	Rs. 4,000/-
Retired Professionals/Research Scholars/Students	Rs. 2,500/-
Accompanying Persons	Rs. 2,000/-
International Delegates	USD \$ 100/-

PAYMENT DETAILS

The registration fee is payable through Net Banking/Online transfer in the following Bank Account or Demand Draft in the favor of “**Main Account (43589792960)**” payable at SBI Pantnagar, District US Nagar, Uttarakhand.

Name of the Account	Main Account
Account Number	43589792960
Bank Name	State Bank of India
Branch	Pantnagar, Uttarakhand (001133)
IFSC	SBIN0001133
MICR Code	263002901

ACCOMMODATION

The limited accommodation (AC/Non-AC) in the University Guest Houses is available to the delegates on first-come first-served basis on payment of charges as mentioned below.

International Guest House: Rs. 850/- (AC), Rs. 400/- (Non-AC); **Lambert Square:** Rs. 990/- (AC)

Rudraksh Bhawan: Rs.990/- (AC); **Farmers Hostel:** Rs. 300/- (Non-AC); **Dormitory:** Rs. 100/-

The delegates who cannot be accommodated in the University Guest Houses will be facilitated for accommodation in the nearby Hotels on their prevailing rates subject to confirmed registration and prior information.

HOW TO REACH

By Air: Pantnagar Airport (PGH): It is located close to Pantnagar University Gate. It handles scheduled domestic flights primarily connecting through New Delhi.

By Train: **Lalkuan Junction (LKU):** About ~8 km from Pantnagar, is well connected with major routes across Northern India via the Indian Railways network. **Pantnagar Railway Station (PBW)** located within the Campus Area, handles local passenger trains and selected regional trains.

By Road: Pantnagar is on **NH 109 (old NH 87)** with excellent highway connectivity.

WEATHER

Late November in Pantnagar features pleasant autumn weather, clear skies, and a gentle breeze with negligible risk of rain providing an ideal climate to visit Pantnagar.

Temperature: Daytime Temperature will be mild and comfortably warm, ranging between **24-27°C** (75°F – 81°F) while Night time/Early Morning Temperature will be brisk and cool, dropping to **10-14°C** (50°F – 57°F).

Clothing: A light jacket, blazer, shawl, or sweater is recommended for early morning arrivals and outdoor evening gatherings.

CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS

Nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas, Pantnagar serves as the gateway to the picturesque Kumaon region of Uttarakhand. Conference delegates may explore scenic hill stations, serene lakes, wildlife sanctuaries near Pantnagar.

- **Nainital – The Lake City (~65 km | 2 hrs)**
located around the iconic, crescent-shaped Naini Lake, this colonial-era hill station is one of northern India's most celebrated hill stations.
- **Bhimtal, Sattal & Naukuchiatal (~55–60 km | 2 hrs)**
A quieter alternative to Nainital, this cluster of freshwater lakes is renowned for kayaking, dense oak forests, and rich birdlife, ideal for a peaceful retreat away from the crowds.
- **Jim Corbett National Park (~85 km | 2 hrs)**
India's oldest national park and tiger reserve spans the Shivalik foothills. Delegates can book morning or evening jeep safaris across diverse jungle terrain known for Royal Bengal Tigers, wild elephants, and over 600 bird species.
- **Mukteshwar (~95 km | 3 hrs)**
Perched at an elevation of 2,171 meters, Mukteshwar offers 180-degree unobstructed panoramas of the snow-capped Himalayan range, including Nanda Devi, alongside fruit orchards and the dramatic cliffs of *Chauli Ki Jali*.

NOTE: Local taxi hire and private car services may be arranged directly from Pantnagar. Early morning departures are recommended for day trips to maximize sightseeing time.



NAINITAL



BHIMTAL



JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK



MUKTESHWAR

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Return Details, Date & Time:

Date:

Signature of Participant

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