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Symposium on Accessible and Inclusive Digital Library (AIDL)-2026

Assistive Technologies, Community Engagement and Designing Inclusive Library Space

Date: March 6-7, 2026 **Venue:** IIT Hyderabad, India

Organised by: Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) / Library
IIT Hyderabad, Kandi, Sangareddy, Telangana, India



Visual



Motor



Cognitive



Auditory



Dwarfism

Source: <https://ictaccessibility.in/index.php>

About the Symposium

AIDL-2026 will provide a platform to discuss on the above themes along with related issues and challenges and probable solutions to overcome risks associated with the future of different types of libraries to make it inclusive for all communities.

India has an estimated 70 million disabled persons who are unable to read printed materials due to some form of physical, sensory, cognitive or other disability. The disabled need accessible content, devices and interfaces facilitated via copyright law and accessibility policies. (Source: [CIS-India](#)).

Inline with the Bold vision of [Viksit Bharat@2047](#) and to support the 8 core pillars, this event will support the Digital Empowerment, Education and Skill Development, Sustainable Development along with inclusive future in the academic set-up.

This event is supported by invited talks, panel discussion and demonstration, case studies on the above themes. This forum will also provide a platform to discuss on the above themes along with related issues and challenges and probable solutions to overcome risks associated with the future of different types of libraries.

Objectives of AIDL-2026

- To create awareness about accessible and inclusive digital library practices.
- To highlight emerging assistive tools and technologies
- To encourage collaboration between libraries, academic institutions and other institutions.
- Network with accessibility experts, technology and domain experts
- To identify challenges and propose actionable recommendations for inclusive library services.
- Sharing of Best Practices, Case Studies implemented in this domain

About the IIT Hyderabad

The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is an Institute of National Importance established by an Act of Parliament under the aegis of the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.

About the IITH-KRC

IITH KRC - Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC- Library) - has been functioning since 2008. The library presently holds more than 40,000+ Books including gratis. E-resources collections include 5,000+ Full-text Resources, Bibliographic Databases, 1,83,000+ e-books, Academic Tools, and Online Newspapers & Magazines. The IITH library is fully automated with the integrated library software package using Koha and the RFID security automation system. IITH Library has been renamed as IITH Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) relocated to the new building and re-started its functioning on 27-March-2024.

The summary of the infrastructure, facilities, services and state-of-the-art technology available at KRC to support Teaching-Learning and Research (TLR) activities, initiatives implemented by the library can be seen at: <https://library.iith.ac.in/> | [Virtual Tour](#) | [Video](#)

About the Theme and Sub-Themes of the Symposium

Theme: [Accessible and Inclusive Digital Library \(AIDL\)](#)

The following are the Main Themes and Sub-Themes pertaining to Accessible and Inclusive Digital Library for all Persons with Disabilities (PwD) / Divyangjan Users, but are not limited to:

Main Theme	Sub-Themes
Assistive Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabling Digital Accessibility• Assistive Technologies: New Trends & Technologies• Remediation: Automated Document Accessibility Tools• Innovating Accessibility with Gen AI & Computer Vision• Indic Language Tools and Technologies• Best Practices and Case Studies
Community Engagement & Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empowering Community Engagement• Collaboration Spaces• Empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwD) / Divyangjan• Enhancing Collaboration• Role of sign language interpreters for effective communication Services• Best Practices and Case Studies
Designing Inclusive Library Space & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Inclusive Library Spaces for all Divyangjan Users• Embracing Inclusive Library Services• Next-Gen Libraries and Future of Libraries• Accessible Transport• Best Practices and Case Studies

Highlights of the event

- Interactive Sessions
- Networking
- Panel Discussion
- Domain Experts
- Best Practices and Case Studies
- Product Demonstrations
- Platform demonstrations
- Much more opportunities

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion with the domain experts

Product Talks & Showcases

Explore real-world inclusive products and solutions. Learn from Academic experts and industry leaders who have designed, built, and delivered accessible experiences for people with disabilities.

Speakers & Guests

The symposium will feature eminent speakers, experts, and dignitaries from the fields of special education, accessibility, and assistive technology. Profiles of notable contributors will be shared closer to the event date.