



# ICALUC 2022



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS & USERS COMMUNITY (ICALUC-2022)

ON

## INNOVATION, GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES (24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022)

Jointly organized by  
REV.B.M.PUGH LIBRARY  
ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY  
JORHAT – 785 013, ASSAM  
&  
ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS  
AND DOCUMENTALISTS OF INDIA (AALDI)



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Jorhat –785 013, Assam, INDIA



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### **BACKGROUND:**

Library is considered to be the heart of an educational institution. Libraries play a very important role in teaching, learning and research, and their main objective is to support these activities of the institution. Traditionally, Libraries and Information Centres have been providing all kinds of information services manually for the benefit of their user community. Recent developments in ICT have enabled the users to access the library and its resources from anywhere using new and innovative technologies. At the same time, libraries are also expanding their reach by extending their services in a networked digital environment so that the users get the required information within a very short span time.

Agricultural libraries have a major role and responsibility in improving the agricultural education and research for sustainable development in food production in India. They are also entrusted with the duty of providing various information products & services to farmers, livestock producers, agricultural business organizations, research workers, subject specialists, and extension workers. Right information at the right time helps in overcoming the challenges of food and hunger, which will help in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Internet has drastically transformed libraries and library services, which need to be accepted if they want to continue to remain active and useful. The agricultural libraries have to develop and adopt various innovative and emerging technologies to meet the end users with latest information. In the present digital information world, there is a need for identifying and implementing new and innovative technologies for information service delivery.

### **ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES AND DOCUMENTALISTS OF INDIA (AALDI)**

The Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (AALDI) was founded in 1971 with an aim to bring Agricultural Librarians of the country on a platform to join hands to address matters of professional interests in improving library system and services towards the agricultural user-community. The first General Body meeting of AALDI was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalapur in June, 1973 where decision for annual publication of the "AALDI Bulletin" was adopted with the aim to give vent to the intellectual thoughts and activities of the Agricultural Library Professionals. The efforts of the Association bore fruits in 1974 when the first volume of the periodical saw the light of the day. To keep pace with the changing scenario and concept of agricultural librarianship, the title of the periodical was re-christened as "Indian Journal of Agricultural Library and Information Services" in 2008. It is important to note that the journal has been approved by the UGC vide UGC Journal Identification No. 64538. Due to reasons unknown, the Association went to a long hiatus since 1993 but gradually revived during a workshop on "Krishiprabha: Indian Agricultural Dissertation Repository" held at CCS HAU, Hissar in 2008. AALDI hosted its Golden Jubilee Celebration in 2021 and launched the AALDI Life Time Achievements Award, Fellowship of AALDI and Best Librarian Awards during its International Conference held at UAS, Bengaluru, India in 2021.



## **ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, JORHAT**

Assam Agricultural University (AAU) is the first institution of its kind in the entire North-Eastern Region of India. The main goal of this institution is to produce global competitive human resources in farm sector and to carry out research in both conventional and frontier areas for production optimization as well as to disseminate the generated technologies as public good for benefitting the food growers/produces and traders involved in the sector while emphasizing on sustainability, equity and overall food security at household level.

The Assam Agricultural University was established on April 1, 1969 under The Assam Agricultural University Act, 1968' with the mandate of imparting farm education, conduct research in agriculture and allied sciences and to effectively disseminate technologies so generated. Before establishment of the University, there were altogether 17 research schemes/projects in the state under the Department of Agriculture. By July 1973, all the research projects and 10 experimental farms were transferred by the Government of Assam to the AAU which already inherited the College of Agriculture and its farm at Barbheta, Jorhat and College of Veterinary Sciences at Khanapara, Guwahati. Subsequently, College of Community Science at Jorhat (1969), College of Fisheries at Raha (1988), Biswanath College of Agriculture at Biswanath Chariali (1988), Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Chapar (2014) and Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science at Joyhing, North Lakhimpur (1988) were established. Presently, the University has two other colleges under its jurisdiction, viz. College of Horticulture, Nalbari & College of Sericulture, Titabar. Similarly, few more regional research stations at Shillongani, Diphu, Gossaigaon, Lakhimpur and commodity research stations at Kahikuchi, Buralikson, Tinsukia, Kharua, Burnihat and Mandira were added to generate location and crop specific agricultural production packages.

### **THE REV. B.M. PUGH LIBRARY**

The Rev. B M Pugh library (RBMPL), the central knowledge resource centre for agriculture and allied fields was established in 1969 and located at the Head Quarters of the AAU in Jorhat. It caters to the various information needs of both the academic and non-academic communities of the university. Its constituent college libraries are located at the

1. College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara;
2. College of Fisheries Science, Raha;
3. Biswanath College of Agriculture, BiswanathChariali;
4. Sarat Chandra Singha College of Agriculture, Dhubri
5. Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science, Lakhimpur

The RBMPL unilaterally extends its information service to the four existing colleges within the AAU viz. Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Community Science, Faculty of Horticulture, Faculty of Sericulture. Rev.B.M.Pugh Library and its branch libraries within existing limitations have undoubtedly extended untiring service in the pre-COVID, amidst COVID and post- COVID era without fail. Equipped with almost all user oriented resources and services since ages, the Rev.B.M.Pugh Library has been witnessing significant events of the university and have always succeeded in occupying a special place in the university's important role in the society.



## ABOUT JORHAT

**Weather:** During February the weather is mostly expected to be pleasant. The temperature may range from 16°C (Min) to 24°C (Max).

**Clothing:** Regular clothing with light woollens or other warm clothing for the evenings, especially outdoors, is recommended.

**Connectivity :** Jorhat is well connected to every part of the country by Road, Rail and Air.

## Places of visit in and around Jorhat

● **Within 50-100 K.M:** Sivsagar previously known as Sibsagar ("The ocean of Lord Shiva") in Upper Assam was the capital of the Ahom Kingdom from 1699 to 1788, is well known for its Ahom palaces and monuments as well as an important centre for tea and oil industries. It attracts tourists especially for The Raj Kareng or royal palace, Rang Ghar and Talatal Ghar standing magnificently near Joysagar tank bearing the unfurled historical extravaganza unanimously. The Shiva Dol (meaning the temple of the Lord Shiva) is a group of structures comprising three temples viz, Vishnudol (meaning temple of the Lord Vishnu) and Devidol (means temple of the Goddess Devi Durga in the local Assamese language) shrines, and a museum. These are located on the banks of the Sivasagar tank, also known as the Borpukhuri in the heart of Sivasagar.

● **Within Jorhat:**

The Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, formerly known as the Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary or Hollongapar Reserve Forest of the only apes found in India, the hoolock gibbons (genus Hoolock), the golden langur. It is the only sanctuary in India named after a gibbon due to its distinction for containing the densest gibbon populations in Assam.

Sukapha Samanmay Kshetra, Kaziranga Golf Resort, Toklai Tea Centre and others

● **Within 100-150 K.M:** Kaziranga National Park is a protected wildlife sanctuary located in the district of Golaghat and internationally acclaimed for its one- horned Rhinoceros, its forest of wetland and grassland of tall elephant grasses and is a hub of tigers, elephants, wide variety of deer, migrating birds and many flora and fauna.

## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

It is envisaged that renaissance in library and information science lies in the application of resurgent digital tools and technologies. Considering the significance of sensitization of the Agricultural Library Professionals on the latest developments and to ensure effective and efficient information services to the stakeholders, AALDI regularly conducts its annual convention where the professional fraternity meets to discuss the professional issues and prepare a roadmap for the future. So far, AALDI had organized seven National Conferences since 2009 and first International Conference of AALDI was organized during 25-26 February 2021 at UAS, Bengaluru, Karnataka State, India. In its annual general body meeting held on 25-26 February, 2021, the Assam Agricultural University proposed to organize the second International Conference at its head quarters in Jorhat. Hence, the "2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS AND USERS' COMMUNITY 2022 (ICALUC 2022)" is scheduled to be organized at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat on the following theme:



## **THEME:**

### **INNOVATION, GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES**

#### **Sub Themes:**

1. **Digital Initiatives in the context of Library and Information Science:** Digitization, Consortia, Digital Scholarship, Institutional Repositories; Archiving, Digital Preservation; State of the art of digitization in Libraries in India with emphasis on Agricultural Libraries
2. **Emerging Technologies in the field of Library and Information Science:** Web Portals, Mobile Technology, Cloud computing, Citation / Reference Management Tools, Social Media, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Block Chain Technology, Open Source Software, Library security, ICT Models and Protocols, etc.
3. **Library Consortia Initiatives: International and National :** Library consortia in India; Consortia developments in Agricultural libraries; Problems and prospects in managing consortia
4. **Open Access Initiatives and Movement:** Open Access Digital Repositories, Open Access e-Resources including OA books, OA Journals, OA databases, etc., Open Science and Open Scholarship Initiatives; OA initiatives in with emphasis on Agricultural Libraries
5. **Information Literacy and Capacity Building Skills:** Information literacy programmes in Libraries, MOOCs: Skills and Competencies of LIS Professionals, Continuing education programmes.
6. **User studies:** Information seeking behavior, Library Use and User studies
7. **Emerging trends in Scholarly Communication:** Digital scholarship, Research tools, e-Publishing, Publication Ethics, Plagiarism, Research data management, Peer review, Economics of Scholarly Publishing, Library publishing programmes
8. **Knowledge Management (KM) and Knowledge Sharing (KS):** Electronic Resource Management (ERM); KM models; KS Opportunities, means and methods; KS barriers.
9. **Data Science:** Data science techniques, languages, frameworks, virtual tools, platforms, etc.; Big Data in Agriculture, Data/Text mining, Data migration, Data harvesting, Machine Learning and other trends and developments
10. **Metrics:** Bibliometrics, Scientometrics, Informetrics, Cybermetrics, Webometrics, Journal metrics, Author Metrics, Article Metrics, Altmetrics

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide a platform for exchange of knowledge, ideas and experience of Librarians, Information Specialists, Scientists, Information Providers and LIS faculty in general and Agricultural Librarians in particular.
- To identify emerging technologies and innovations in the field of Library and Information Science and to sensitize the LIS professionals to cater to the increasing information requirements of the stakeholders of NARES

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Library Professionals, Information Specialists, Academicians, IT professionals, Scientists, Students, LIS Faculty and Stakeholders of Agricultural Librarianship.

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** The programme committee of the AALDI International Conference 2021 seeks conference papers addressing proactive steps that professionals take to support the library patrons in the evolving world of the academy. Suggested proposals should be in line with the theme and sub-themes. The full-paper in MS-Word shall be sent to [aaldi.icaluc2022@gmail.com](mailto:aaldi.icaluc2022@gmail.com)



## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Font : Times New Roman
- The first page should contain title, author's name, contact details, an abstract of 100 words and keywords.
- Title: The title should be with Font size 16 pt.
- Font Size: Heading 14 pt. (Bold), Sub Heading 12 pt. (Bold) and Text 12 pt.
- Reference: APA style of referencing
- Authors have to give an undertaking regarding surrendering copyright in favour of AALDI.
- All accepted papers will be invited for presentation.
- Correspondence will be made only with the principal author
- Papers will be published in the conference volume only after the receipt of registration fee.

The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final regarding acceptance or rejection of paper.

Note: All the papers submitted for conference will go through the process of review by editorial committee and reviewers. Based on the recommendations from reviewers, the authors will be appropriately communicated about the paper.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for paper submission : 31st December 2021

Last date of Registration : 10th January 2022

REGISTRATION FEE (includes Registration Kit, Working Lunch, Conference dinner, Welcome, Valedictory & Session Tea)

	Indian Delegates	Foreign Delegates
Working Professionals	Rs. 3000/-	\$ 250.00
Retired Professionals / Students	Rs. 1500/-	\$ 100.00

Registration fee may be paid online to the following account or sent by Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Organizing Secretary, ICALUC 2022"

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