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 - Title of the manuscript: Times New Roman, size 12, bold, title case, centered
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Key Dates to Remember

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- ✓ 15th August 2025 - Deadline to submit Abstract (300- 350 words) and extended Abstract (1000- 1500 words).
- ✓ 30th August 2025 - Confirmation of Acceptance to authors.
- ✓ 15th September 2025- Submission of the revised abstracts.
- ✓ 30th September - Submission of the camera-ready version of abstracts
- ✓ 15th October- submission of the video by online presenters. (The abstracts that do not have a corresponding video will not be presented at the symposium or published in the proceedings.)

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Template to Submit the Abstract

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I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Title of the abstract (should be concise and reflect the research)	
Keywords (please give up to five most relevant keywords and avoid using general terms)	
First author name (Initials, Surname)	
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II. ABSTRACT OF 300-350 WORDS

(please adhere to the given number of words as much as possible)

Introduction should cover the background of the study/ literature review, research problem, the objectives and research questions briefly	(60 words)
Significance of the study Why this study is important for the LIS domain?	(40 words)
Methodology/methods/research design This section should include the research strategies/ population and the sample, sampling techniques, analytical techniques and tools.	(70 words)
Results and discussion It should include the study's findings, an in-depth analysis and interpretation of the results, and a discussion of the findings' significance and implications in accordance with previous research.	(100 words)
Conclusions and recommendations It should include the study's key findings and offer practical recommendations based on its outcome, suggesting avenues for further exploration.	(80 words)
Keywords Maximum 5 (should select the most appropriate ones, which help in indexing and information retrieval)	

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