

Annexure I

AUTHOR GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Please follow the guidelines and instructions below when preparing your extended abstract for the conference:

- The short abstract must be written in **English**, while the extended abstract may be written in **Sinhala, English** or **Tamil**. Extended abstracts submitted in a local language must be accompanied by an English Abstract.
- Extended abstracts (including the short abstract and extended content) should be between three and five pages in length, inclusive of references. The word limit is 1,300–1,500 words.
- The submission must be original and not previously presented or published elsewhere. Abstracts that are identical or substantially similar to work already published or under review for another conference or publication will not be considered.
- Each author may submit one abstract as a single author and up to three abstracts as a co-author. No author may submit more than four abstracts in total.
- All accepted extended abstracts will be published in the **ICNATLIB 2026 Conference Proceedings**.
- Presenters based in Sri Lanka are required to present on-site, while overseas presenters will have the option of online presentations.
- Please submit your abstracts on or before the deadline, through the following link: (attached the google form link) or to the following email address : icnatlib2026@gmail.com
- If your abstract is accepted by the conference committee, at least one author must register for the conference and present the paper.
- Please note that abstracts not prepared according to the given guidelines or submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review.

- The Editorial Committee reserves the right to make modifications to the abstract to enhance its clarity and quality.
- **Tables & Figures:** Tables & figures must be created using the Microsoft Word or Word Perfect table functions and included as part of the text immediately after the first point of reference. **DO NOT** place them at the end of your extended abstract. For improved readability, keep your tables as simple as possible.
- All the tables, images and figures should be centered. Figures and images should be numbered and figure legends should be placed under the figure or image; as for the tables, they should also be numbered and the table header should be placed at the top. If the data were extracted from other sources please denote the source courtesy immediately below the table.

Table 1 : Preferences of students on different modes of obtaining reading materials

Decision	Agree	Disagree

Source : Ministry of Education 2025

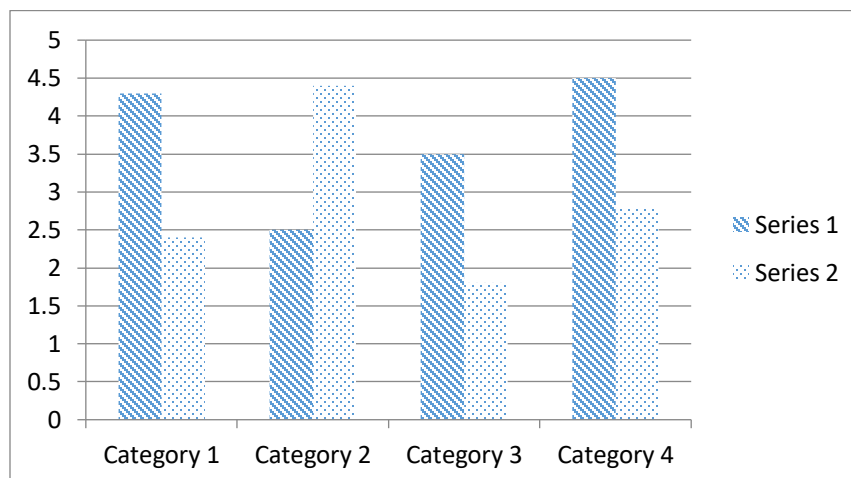


Figure 2 : Preferences of students on different modes of obtaining reading materials
Source: Ministry of Education,2025