

Report on
“One Day Workshop on Koha & Library Automation”

Organized by

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The IIT Bombay under the aegis of “National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) through A-View at remote center (RC-1426) and Human Resources Development Centre, Integral University organized One day workshop for Library Professionals named “Koha & Library Automation” on Friday, 12th October, 2018.

Koha is state of the art open source integrated library management software. Koha supports all library housekeeping activities such as Acquisition, Cataloging, Circulation, Serial Control, Patron Management, and OPAC. Integral University Library System was upgraded to the fully automated library system through Koha software in 2015. The need was felt to provide its Professional staff members with hands-on training in all the modules of the software and this workshop provided excellent opportunity for the same.

Central Library nominated five library professionals who first registered themselves for the workshop by visiting at: <https://www.it.iitb.ac.in/lakshya/>. The main topics covered in the workshop were: Koha Installation, Creation of Library/Super Librarian account, MARC framework, Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, Serials control, OPAC and Global system preferences.

At the first session in the morning, there were live video interactions through A-VIEW at the beginning. After that, all participants who joined this workshop from a remote centre have learnt Koha, using the computers at their respective RC. At Integral University Central Computer Lab was the Remote Center.

In the evening during the second session, the participants connected through A-VIEW again, carried out discussions, and participated in Question-Answer round. There were about 4 hours available for Koha training and 2 hours for interactions. Participants at each Remote Centre were helped by a course coordinator who has already attended a Coordinators' workshop at IIT Bombay on 29 Sept. 2018. Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University was workshop coordinator.

The experts who conducted the workshop were: Prof. Kannan Moudgalya, Principal Investigator, NVLI and Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay, Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director Library Sciences, IGNOU and Dr. Manju Naika, Central Library, IIT Bombay.

The workshop was successful in disseminating the knowledge about working on different modules of Koha successfully. The participants had enriching and memorable experience and were looking forward to attend many more such workshops.

Sample of the Certificate:

