

A report on the Workshop on "Koha ILS: functional approach"

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Kolkata, 30th March. The day-long Workshop on "Koha ILS: Functional Approach" held on 21.03.2024 at the Rabindra Bharati University Computer Centre, Kolkata, India, was a resounding success. The event was primarily aimed at delving into the practical aspects of using Koha Integrated Library System (ILS) in libraries, with a view to acquaint students and scholars with its functional aspects and practical applications.

The workshop was convened by Dr Snigdha Naskar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library & Information Science, under the stewardship of Dr Ziaur Rahman, who is the current Head of this Department and also the Director of the Workshop and Dr Sudip Ranjan Hatua, who is the former Head of this Department and the advisor of the event. The event featured a series of insightful sessions, followed by some engaging and productive interactions, which helped participants work out a comprehensive understanding of Koha ILS.

The workshop attracted a varied range of audience, starting from librarians to information professionals to students and scholars of Library & Information Science discipline, all of whom were eager to learn more about the various aspects Koha ILS. The sessions covered a range of topics, including installation and configuration, cataloguing, circulation, and administration of Koha ILS. The highlight of the event was the practical sessions conducted by Mr. Indranil Das Gupta, the renowned expert from L2C2 Technologies, who was invited by the Department to work as the sole Resource Person of the workshop. Mr. Das Gupta's insightful presentations and hands-on demonstrations helped participants grasp the intricacies of Koha ILS and its practical implementation in library settings. The main topics and areas covered by the workshop are- Introduction to Koha ILS and Its Features; Installation and Configuration of Koha; Collection Management and Cataloguing in Koha; Circulation and Patron Management; & Reporting and Data Analysis. The interactive nature of the sessions allowed participants to ask questions, share their experience, and also learn from one another. The

workshop provided a platform for networking and collaboration among professionals in the field of library and information science. Participants had the opportunity to engage with expert in the field, to share their thoughts, and to gain practical insights into implementing Koha ILS in their respective institutions. Since the workshop featured hands-on sessions, it allowed participants to explore the various functionalities of Koha ILS firsthand.

In fine, the workshop on "Koha ILS: Functional Approach" was a valuable learning experience for all the participants. It not only enhanced their understanding of Koha ILS but also equipped them with the skills and knowledge needed to implement and manage a modern library system effectively. Special thanks were given to Mr. Indranil Das Gupta for his efforts in making this workshop a success. The success of the workshop bears testimony to the growing importance of Koha ILS in the field of library and information science.

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