



North-East Region Program

National Workshop-cum-Training Program

on

“Koha”

(An Integrated Open Source Library Management Software)

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Jointly organized by

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Mizoram University

Mizoram University was established by the Mizoram University Act, 2000 which was published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) on 25th April, 2000 as a Central University. The jurisdiction of the Mizoram University extends to the whole of Mizoram, the erstwhile jurisdiction of Mizoram Campus of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, which functioned till 01.07.2001. Initially, the University had 07 academic departments inherited from NEHU, but now has a total of 28 academic departments. The permanent campus of Mizoram University rests on a plot of land measuring about 978 acres with its lush greenery and scenic hills, leased by the Government of Mizoram at Tanhril, Aizawl.

Deptt. of Library & Information Science

The Department of Library & Information Science was established during the academic session 2002-2003 and it was formally inaugurated by Prof. A. K. Sharma, the then Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University on 20.08.2002. Presently the total intake for M.L.I.S. course is 20. The Department is also offering M. Phil. course with an intake capacity of 05 and Ph. D. program. The Department has its own computer laboratory equipped with 16 Computer Systems, LCD Projector, Laptop, and Internet facility. The Department has its library with practical tools namely DDC, LCSH & SLISH; and Conference Proceedings. The Department is regularly organizing workshops, seminars, training programs and other academic and professional

programs at State, Regional & National level to meet the demands of the Library & Information Science professionals of the North-East Region and the country as well.

Central Reference Library (Ministry of Culture)

Government of India, Kolkata

The Central Reference Library (CRL) is a subordinate office of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It is the national agency to compile the Indian National Bibliography (INB) after the promulgation of the Delivery of Books Act, 1954. Since August 1955, the Indian National Bibliography unit functions in the premise of the National Library, Kolkata. On the direction and encouragement of the Ministry of Culture, the CRL, Kolkata is actively participating in the development of the North-East Region (NER). As part of this activity, CRL regularly organize continuing education programs for Library & Information Science professionals of the North-East Region (NER).

About Workshop-cum-Training Program

Modern libraries have the collection of both print as well as electronic resources. The primary aim of modern libraries is to disseminate the information resources to its users who are in the need of such information. Due to huge explosion of information resources, it became necessary for libraries to automate their operations to meet the growing demand of users. Before the origin of open source solutions, library automation was dominated by commercial

library automation packages. There is abundant availability of such library solutions. Library authority has to choose one of them which serve their service needs, financial needs and users' needs in an effective and efficient manner. In this critical situation, open source library solutions fulfills the financial need of libraries because libraries are facing the problems of severe budget cuts, increased demand for various library services and lack of adequate technical staff. Nowadays libraries are adopting open source solutions for the automation. Open source solutions are providing benefit to libraries by reducing initial and ongoing costs and eliminating vendor lock-in. Koha is the most widely known open source integrated library automation package which is available in English, French, Chinese, Arabic & other several languages.

Objectives

The objective of workshop-cum-training program is intended to:

- ☞ Give an in-depth understanding of Koha software for the use of library automation.
- ☞ Conduct hands on experience for the installation and customization of Linux.
- ☞ Undertake practical experience for the installation and customization of Koha on Linux environment.
- ☞ Provide hands on experience of functioning of various modules of Koha.
- ☞ Acquaint with live experience of updating and maintenance of Koha.

Target Group

Library and Information Science professionals (especially for faculties, librarians and other library professionals) working in any type of organisation or library in the North-East Region (NER) can participate in this workshop-cum-training program. Participant should be conversant with computer operations and also will get preference over others. Preference will be given to those who have their own personal laptop (with minimum 1 Gb RAM & 40 Gb Hard Disk). The number of participants shall be restricted to 30 only and selected participants shall be called for the workshop-cum-training program after submitting their registration form through proper channel. The preference will be given to North-East Region (NER) Library & Information Science professionals.

Registration & Accommodation

Participants from NER and rest part of the country shall be provided free registration & accommodation. Travel Allowance will be provided only to NER participants (2nd class Train/Sumo/Bus fare only). Registration forms should submit electronically at kohamzu@gmail.com on or before 23rd May, 2011. NER participants can submit registration form till 15th June, 2011. Selected participants shall be intimated separately via email or over phone.

Resource Persons

The resource persons of the workshop-cum-training program shall be:

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, DELNET, New Delhi

Dr. Aditya Tripathi, BHU, Varanasi

Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay,
University of Burdwan, Bardhaman

Venue

Deptt. of Library & Information Science,
Mizoram University, Tanhril, Aizawl.

How to Reach

Aizawl is well connected to Kolkata (01 hour), Imphal (30 minutes) and Guwahati (01 hour) by air with regular flights. Indian Airlines, Jet Konnect and Kingfisher airlines operate flights to/from Aizawl on daily basis. Its nearest railhead is Silchar, (Assam) about 184 km. away from Aizawl. It is well connected by NH-54 with rest parts of the country via Silchar. Buses, Sumos & Taxis are available from Guwahati to Aizawl (24-30 hours), Shillong to Aizawl (18-20 hours) & Silchar to Aizawl (06-08 hours).

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Registration Form

Name :

Designation :

Affiliation/Organisation :

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Correspondence Address :

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Contact Phone/Mobile number with email address :

Accommodation Required :

Do you have any previous knowledge about Koha? :

Do you have hands on experience with Linux? :

Do you have personal Laptop with minimum 1 Gb :

RAM?

Signature & Date

Please send your registration form to:

To,
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