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Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) has migrated from LibSys-10, to a new Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS), "Koha" from 01 April 2024 after having more than twenty-five years of working with LibSys.

Upon approval from the university authority, all services will be offered to the users of VBLN through the new ILMS platform "Koha". The formal inauguration of the new platform was on 17 April 2024 at 11.00 am at the Conference Hall, Central Library, Visva-Bharati.

Koha is a widely-used open-source Integrated Library System (ILS) that offers a range of modules to support libraries' diverse functions and workflows. The main added features of the new platform are **Mobile App (MOPAC)**, **ChatGPT**, **Single window search**, etc.

Koha is designed to help libraries efficiently manage their collections, automate critical processes, and provide enhanced services to their users. With its user-friendly interface and customizable features, Koha provides it's user with powerful tools to streamline tasks such as cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, and reporting. Overall, Koha and its modules provide a robust and flexible platform for efficient library management. By holding the power of technology, Koha enhances the user experience, promotes accessibility to library resources, and supports effective library operations. With these advance features, Koha software become internationally accepted one of the popular integrated library management system.

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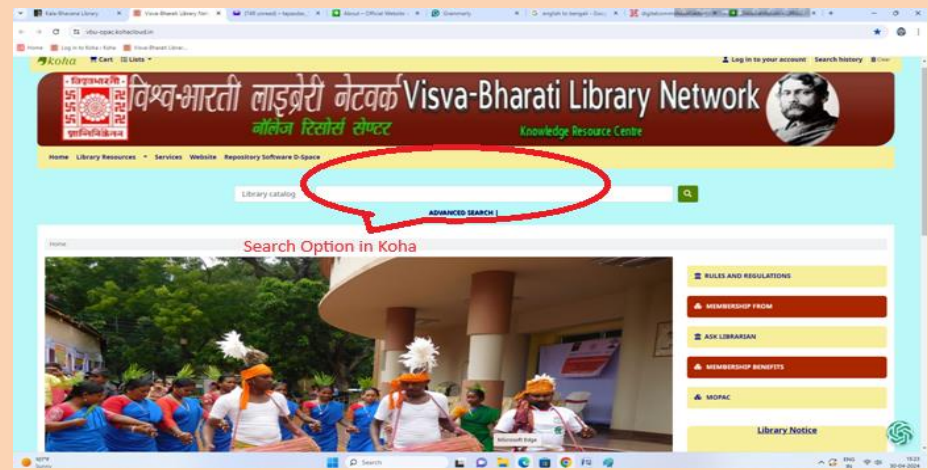
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<https://forms.gle/BPxZt9fgvdRPFcra8>



Key features of Koha include:

Comprehensive modules. Koha encompasses core modules such as cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, serials, administration, reports, tools and online public access catalogue (OPAC). These modules enable libraries to handle key functions, including creating and managing bibliographic records, automating circulation processes, managing acquisitions and orders, and providing user-friendly access to the library's collection.

Customization and flexibility. As an open-source system, Koha allows libraries to customize and adapt the software to fit their specific requirements. Libraries can configure workflows, tailor cataloguing rules, and personalize the user interface to align with their unique needs and preferences.

User-friendly interface. Koha provides an intuitive and user-friendly interface for library staff and users. Koha user can efficiently navigate the system, perform tasks, and access relevant information, while library patrons can easily search for materials, place holds and manage their accounts through the OPAC.

Automation and efficiency. Koha helps libraries optimize their operations and improve efficiency by automating various library processes. Tasks such as cataloguing, circulation, and acquisitions can be streamlined, reducing manual work and saving time for library professionals.

Interoperability and integration. Koha supports interoperability with other systems and standards, allowing seamless integration with third-party services and technologies. It can integrate with external databases, discovery systems, and other library software, enhancing its overall functionality and resource-sharing capabilities.

- ✚ **Full-featured ILS.** In use worldwide in libraries of all sizes, Koha is a true enterprise-class ILS with comprehensive functionality including basic and advanced options. Koha includes modules for acquisitions, circulation, cataloging, serials management, authorities, flexible reporting, label printing, multi-format notices, offline circulation for when Internet access is not available, and much more. Koha will work for consortia of all sizes, multi-branch, and single-branch libraries.
- ✚ **Multilingual and translatable.** Koha has a large number of available languages, with more languages every year.
- ✚ **Full text searching** Powerful searching, and an enhanced catalogue display that can use content from Amazon, Google, LibraryThing, Open Library, and Syndetics, among others.
- ✚ **Library Standards Compliant.** Koha is built using library standards and protocols such as MARC 21, UNIMARC, z39.50, SRU/SW, SIP2, SIP/NCIP, ensuring interoperability between Koha and other systems and technologies, while supporting existing workflows and tools.
- ✚ **Web-based Interfaces.** Koha's OPAC, circ, management and self-checkout interfaces are all based on standards-compliant World Wide Web technologies—XHTML, CSS and Javascript—making Koha a truly platform-independent solution.

Koha OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue):

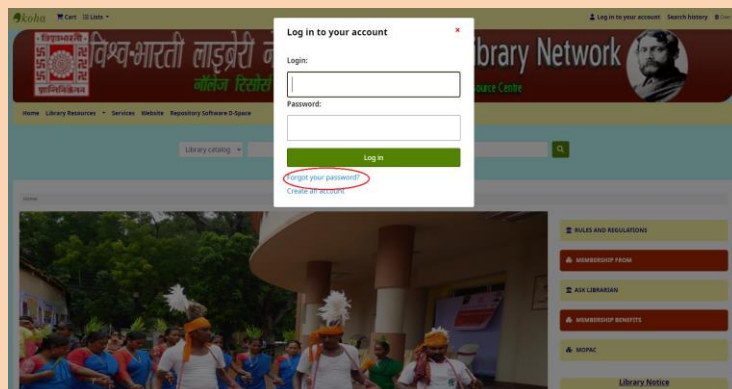
The Koha OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) module is a vital component of the open source Integrated Library System (ILS) that provides library users with access to the library's collections, services, and resources through a user-friendly online interface. The OPAC module serves as a gateway for patrons to search for materials, place holds, manage their accounts, and interact with the library. The Koha OPAC interface provides library users with a user-friendly interface to search, discover, and access library materials and services. By offering search capabilities, item availability information, hold placement, account management features, access to digital resources, personalization options, and seamless integration with other modules, the OPAC module enhances the user experience and facilitates convenient access to the library's collections and resources.

OPAC Interface: <https://vbu-opac.kohacloud.in/>

- ✚ **For new user (One time setting):** First go OPAC interface by clicking on the link given here (<https://vbu-opac.kohacloud.in/>)
- ✚ Step-1: Click on login option
- ✚ Step-2: Click on forgot password
- ✚ Step-3: Put the library card number as login ID
- ✚ Step-4: Give a valid email ID (mail ID used during library-membership registration) and **SUBMIT**
- ✚ **Finally, Login Koha again clicking on Login option (Step-1) with recovery PASSWORD & Library Card No. to access to VBLN resources & services.**



Step-1: Log in Page in Koha



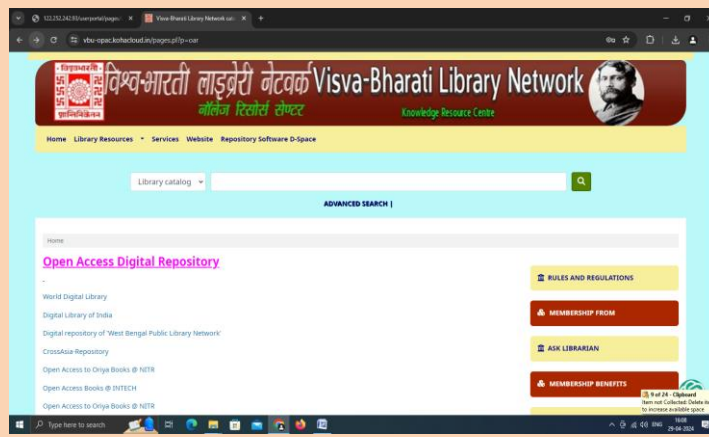
Step-2: First time account set up page in Koha

For Library Staff: Library staff has to click on Staff interface to work in the Library software for various Library related works.

Staff interface: <https://vbu-staff.kohacloud.in/>



Step-3 & 4: Password recovery in Koha through mail



Searching documents through Koha (after Login)

Recent activities:

➤ Conducted classes for common course "Research Publication Ethics"

: As per Notification of Visva-Bharati, a six-day common course work on the paper "Research Publication Ethics" for Ph.D. scholars of Visva-Bharati was conducted during 01-17 April 2024 (2.30pm – 5.30pm) through blended mode under the Coordinatorship of the University Librarian(Acting), Visva-Bharati. Two hundred six (206) research scholars from different disciplines attended the course during the academic session 2023-24. Two faculty members, namely Dr. Ipsita Sarkar, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Vidya Bhavana, and Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Maity,

Department of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana, along with eight library officers of Visva-Bharati Library Network, namely Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Dr. Koushik Ghosh, Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, and Sri Pradip Hembram took the classes for the said course.

In the teaching-learning process, student feedback plays an important role in measuring teaching quality as it helps to improve services depending on stakeholders' satisfaction levels. In view of the above, online feedback responses through 'Google Form' [Link: <https://forms.gle/RwDutgy7vpgqGc5M6>] were collected from the above-said course participants. Consequently, a five-point scale feedback form on the teaching-learning process was circulated and received feedback from 206 scholars'. All the responses on different aspects will be displayed in the next issue.

➤ **Observation of 'World Book and Copyright Day':** On the occasion of 'World Book Day and Copyright Day' on 23 April 2024 a quiz competition on "Books, Publishers, Authors" has been organized by the VBLN on 23 April 2024, at the Conference Hall, central Library at 5.00pm. The main objective of the programme was to promote reading habits among the students in particular. The entire program was planned and staged by the Library Friends with their whole hearted effort and participation. The program was started with song by a group of students from Sangit Bhavana and other Bhavanas). Other agenda of the program was Speech on – 'Read your way' [theme of the world book day-2024]; 'Present Education Society and Library in the AI era' Audio Drama, Recitation (including self-written poetry); short story reading, open quiz competition of around fifty questions (including audio and visual) conducted by Purba Banerjee and Rajkumar Bhandari (Research Scholar, Department of Computer System and Science) so nicely, efficiently, song and dance by Ripon Kumar Sarkar and Koyel Mukherjee respectively, Research Scholar, Sangit Bhavana, words from the Library Officers and finally program comes to an end at 7.50pm with the words of thanks from the Librarian followed by Ashram Sangit. More than hundred-twenty participants were attended the event and everyone was enjoyed a lot the program especially the quiz competition and express their gratefulness to library authority for offering a nice scope to witnessed and arranged such a beautiful program by the scholars/students. The entire program was jointly anchored by Shri Subir Roy, Research Scholar, Department of History and Ms. Paulomi Research Scholar of History of Art, nicely and timely. The role of the research scholars (Course Work) was really notable right from planning to staging. Finally, all the participants were expressed their willingness to offer themselves as library friends in future.

Course title: **Research and Publication ethics (RPE)**

Course Code – CPE-RPE

For the session – 2023-24

➤ Proposed Routine (may be changed in reality to comply with the situation)

Date	Name of the Teachers with time	
01/04/2024 (Monday)	Attendance and Introduction of the course (2.30pm – 3.00pm)	
	Introductory Speech by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati (3.00pm – 3.30pm)	
	IS (3.30pm - 4.30pm)	KG (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
02/04/2024 (Tuesday)	NCS (2.30pm-4.00pm)	KG (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
03/04/2024 (Wednesday)	IS (2.30pm - 4.00pm)	NCS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
04/04/2024 (Thursday)	SSM (2.30pm- 4.00pm)	AS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
05/04/2024 (Friday)	SSM (2.30pm - 4.00pm)	PH (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
08/04/2024 (Monday)	SN (2.30pm-4.00pm)	PPR (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
09/04/2024 (Tuesday)	SB (2.30pm- 4.00pm)	TKD (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
12/04/2024 (Friday)	SB (2.30pm – 4.00pm)	NCS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
15/04/2024 (Monday)	SN (2.30pm-4.00pm)	NCS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
16/04/2024 (Tuesday)	AS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)	NCS (2.30pm- 4.00pm)
17/04/2024 (Wednesday) (scheduled as requested by the scholars)	PPR (2.30pm- 3.30pm)	NCS (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

- **Formal Inauguration of new KOHA-based platform:** After prolong (i.e. more than 25 years of using) LibSys as ILMS based library platform, on and from 01 April VBLN has migrated KOHA based new library platform with mobile OPAC and ChatGPT. Prof. Monoranjan Pradhan, Principal, Bhasha Bhavana, Head, Department of Odia and Former Professor-in-Charge of VBLN as nominated by Hon'ble Vice Chncellor (Offg.) has inaugurated the platform formally on 17 April 2024 in presence of faculty members and scholars at the Conference Hall, Central Library, VB. After the inauguration, Information Scientist has demonstrated the platform with its features concerning to the users accessibility. Librarian has stated the risk and challenges on the way of migration and expressed gratefulness to the university authority, E-resource Selection Committee and all the officers and professionals of VBLN for extending their respective cooperation in this adventurous journey.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 14 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** On request from the academics 09 articles/ files have been checked through DrillBit software and report has been forwarded through mail.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** The Central Library organized special exhibitions in the Reference Section, of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs as special exhibition on;
 - a) 133rd birth anniversary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar on 14 April 2024 (Book Exhibition was arranged during 15-18 April).
 - b) World Book and Copyright Day on 23 April 2024.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month:** Central Library: Number of Books received as Purchased - NIL and Gift- 02 (Accession No. G11222-G11223)
- **Special initiative during Heat-wave:** As a mark of relief as well as cordial care towards its clientele during the heat wave Central Library has served Glucose-water. The initiative was highly accepted by the readers and expressed their satisfaction on the Library and its staff.
- **Visitor:**
 - a) Prof. Roli Misra, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, UP, has visited Central Library on 19 April 2024 and expressed her deep satisfaction after visiting and interaction.
 - b) A team (containing Prof. Sunil Karforma, Dean, FC Science, Prof. Pradip Chattopadhyay, Dean, FC Arts, Commerce, Law, etc., Dr. Anindya Jyoti Pal, Controller of Examinations, Mr. Krishnendu Mazumder, Assistant Controller of Examinations and Dr. Ajay Auddy, Programmer, Computer Centre) from the administration of the University of Burdwan has visited Central Library on 25 March 2024 for the discussion of admission process through SAMARTH Portal. After the meeting is over, the team was kind enough to visit the Central Library and expressed their deep sense of appreciation to the Librarian and library team for organizing such a nice way of the library.

➤ **Obituary:** Sri Sarada Ranjan Banerjee Former Professional Assistant, Central Library and Sri Sourindranath Bandyopadhyay, Former Deputy Librarian and In-charge, Cheena Bhavana Library have been passed away on 03 March 2024, and 30 April 2024 respectively. Condolence meeting has been arranged at the Central Library on different dates and the staff of the Central Library has prayed before the almighty for peaceful staying of their departed soul and conveys deep condolences.



Current Awareness Services:

- ✚ [New Arrivals Books \(click\)](#)
- ✚ [New Arrivals Periodicals/Journals \(click\)](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- ✓ <http://www.nroer.in> : National Repository of Open Educational Resources is initiated by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Central Institute of Educational Technology, National Council of Educational Research and Training, the Repository belongs to all of us. Anyone can participate in, contribute, curate and organize resources and activities, growing it to reach every teacher and every student in all languages.
- ✓ <http://phet.colorado.edu/> : PhET provides fun, free, interactive, research-based science and mathematics simulations. We extensively test and evaluate each simulation to ensure educational effectiveness. These tests include student interviews and observation of simulation use in classrooms. The simulations are written in Java, Flash or HTML5, and can be run online or downloaded to your computer. All simulations are open source (see our source code). Multiple sponsors support the PhET project, enabling these resources to be free to all students and teachers.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- ✓ International conference on Reimagining Smart Libraries: Emerging Technologies, Innovation and Knowledge Creation (ICRSL-2024) on May, 10 & 11, 2024 at IILM University Library, IILM University, Gurugram (Haryana) India – 122003. More details: <https://iilm.edu.in/icrsl-2024/>
- ✓ Five Days Training Program on Open Source Library Management Software (Koha & DSpace) on 3rd – 7th June 2024 at Central Library, IIT Bhubaneswar, Argul, Jatni, Odisha- 752050. More details : <https://new.iitbbs.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Library-workshop-Brochure-Final.pdf>



Inauguration of KOHA-based new library platform



Celebration of World Books and Copyright Day-2024



Glimpses of Classes on Research & Publication Ethics



Distribution of Glucose-Water among the patrons



Visitors from the University of Burdwan



House-full: Reading Room, Reference/Journal Section

