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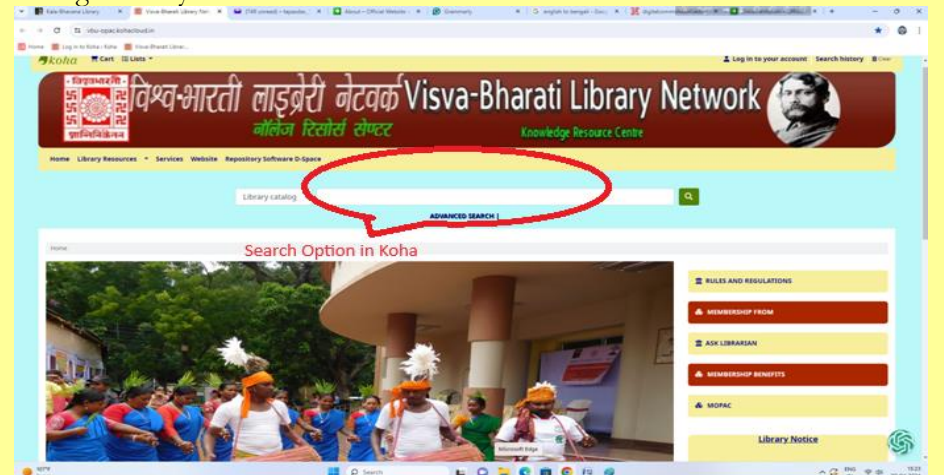


Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) has migrated from LibSys-10, to a new Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS), "Koha" from 01 April 2024 after having more than twenty-five years of working with LibSys.

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 its 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 becomes internationally accepted one of the popular integrated library management systems.



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.

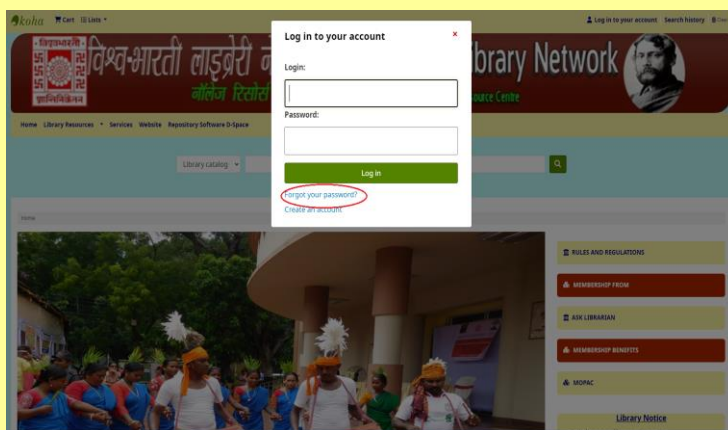
✦ **Web-based Interfaces.** Koha's OPAC, circ, management and self-checkout interfaces are all based on standards-compliant World Wide Web technologies—XHTML, CSS and Javascript—making Koha a truly platform-independent solution.

Koha OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue):

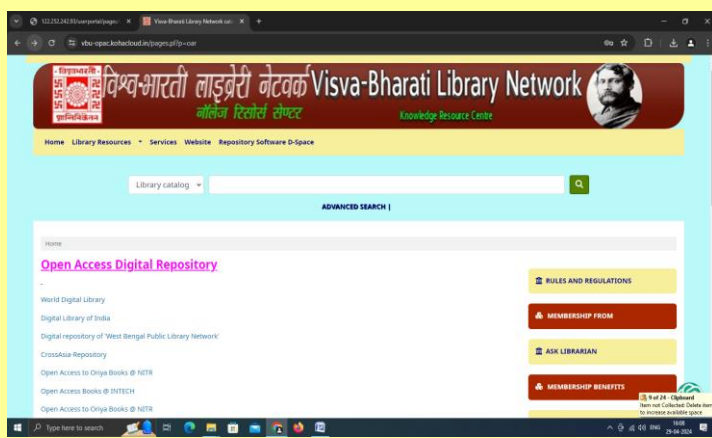
The Koha OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) module is a vital component of the open source Integrated Library System (ILS) that provides library users with access to the library's collections, services, and resources through a user-friendly online interface. The OPAC module serves as a gateway for 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.



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/>



Accessibility of Grammarly:

Grammarly Max Lytvyn, Alex Shevchenko, and Dmytro Lider founded Grammarly in 2009 with the goal of helping people communicate more effectively. Focusing first on supporting students' grammar and spelling through a subscription-based product, they soon saw the potential of how Grammarly could help in all circumstances — from professional writing to everyday correspondence. Over the next ten years, Grammarly grew the capabilities of an AI-powered writing assistant to go way beyond grammar and spelling into complex aspects of language and communication. Today Grammarly offers an intuitive, real-time interface that's there for people wherever they type, through browser extensions, a web-based editor, a Microsoft Office add-in, a desktop interface, and mobile keyboards.

One-time Self-Registration Process as given below to access Grammarly;

A. Having VB domain mail ID (xxx.yyy@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 1: Go to www.grammarly.com/edu (mandatory to sign up for this URL)

Step 2: Click on Join Your Organization button, fill up the self-service form. Ensure that users are registering from their respective official email id (@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 3: After clicking signup, an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID.

Please Note: Your @edu credential verification has been activated and an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID once he/she registers. Users may at times get this in Spam/Junk/Promotion/Update Folder due to mail setting - users are advised to check the spam folder in case the link is not received in the INBOX.

Step 4: Kindly Verify the activation mail from Grammarly. Once registered, users will land on the 'Grammarly Editor', which is easy to use and can be explored by the user. The MS Word Plugin can be downloaded from the support page after registration from the link. <https://www.grammarly.com/office-addin/windows>, the same user ID and Password credentials will grant access to use the Plugin for users.

Step 5: Kindly use access code: 'riyCsWRtFoazgotP' for registration.

B. Having No VB domain mail ID or for other than VB domain mail ID

The faculty members / officers/ scholar of Visva-Bharati those who have not VisvBharati domain mail ID, it is preferred to have VB mail ID as soon as possible from the VB Computer Center.

- At Present, to have grammarly access they are requested to send one mail to ncsaha.72@gmail.com or librarian@visva-bharati.ac.in with their Name, Designation including Department & Bhavana, Mail ID, VB Library Card No. etc.
- On request through mail as at above, one will receive an invitation email for the Grammarly access.
- Imp Note: then check email inbox/spam/junk/promotions and other folders for Grammarly access invitation.
- Click on "Join Now" and it will redirect to Grammarly Page.
- Do not click on Continue with Google.
- Enter the new Password and Click on create account and join.
- Click on Join the Team
- Email-ID will be treated as 'User ID'

How to Use Grammarly: Any one may consult the tutorial available through the link: <https://support.grammarly.com/hc/en-us/articles/36000347473>

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Library Orientation Program (LOP):** An orientation Program on Library resources, services and facilities have been arranged for the students of Department Of English, Bhasha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati on 18 September 2025. Total seventy-four students have attended the session. Prof. Tapu Biswas, escorted the students and they were enjoyed the session much and interacted whole heartedly.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Library Orientation Program (LOP) of Siksha-Bhavana Library:** On August 21, 2025, at 11.30 a.m., the Siksha-Bhavana Library organized a Library Orientation Programme (LOP) for its PG (Semester I) students. There were 75 students present, mostly from the departments of Botany, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, and EVS of Siksha-Bhavana. According to the participants' feedback, the program was amazing. Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian & In-charge, Siksha-Bhavana Library, gave a brief overview of the Visva-Bharati Library and the twelve section libraries at the start of the program, demonstrated the resources and services available at Siksha Bhavana Library along with a brief background of Siksha Bhavana Library. Shri Somen Chakraborty gave a hand-on demonstration on how to search books using the web OPAC. Opening and closing Rabindra Sangit were sung by Miss Sudipta Mandal (Library Card No.24s/34), Chemistry (UG). Finally, the LOP program was ended with word of thanks by Shri Saradindu Sarkar.
- **Visit by the Registrar, Visva-Bharati:** Newly appointed Registrar, Visva-Bharati, Dr Bikash Mukhopadhyay, has visited Central Library on 15 September 2025 at 3.00 pm and met with the professionals and staff of the Central Library. His positive attitude and constructive approach for the development of the VBLN and its Human Resource was highly satisfactory to the library professionals. His solidarity to the library and valuable advises will help a lot towards development of the library for the interest of its clientele.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 13 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Visitors:** a) Dr. Ujwala Chakradeo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 08 September 2025 and expressed her entire satisfaction and appreciation after visiting the library.
b) Prof. K. V. Arya, professor, Department of Computer science, has visited Central Library on 21 September 2025. He was kind enough to appreciate the efforts of the library.
c) Sri Miraj Ahmad, Lecturer, G B S School, New Delhi has visited Central Library on 21 September 2025 and expressed his deep satisfaction after visiting the library.
- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 551 units or 111 (total 4870 units from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2025) Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary technical assistance.
- Conference Hall of the Central Library has been used as venue for special lecture on "IKS and media Studies" by Prof. K. G. Suresh, Director, India habitat Center, New Delhi. The session has been jointly organized by CJMC, Vidya Bhavana, Viksit Bharat Cell and University Steering Committee for IKS on 19 September 2025. Total 104 (including 18 online attendee) participants witnessed the session which was informative and meaningful to the audience. Further, Conference Hall, Central Library has been used for five different administrative meetings of the during September 2025.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized three special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
a) 138th birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan's on 5 September 2025
b) 133rd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech on 11 September 2025
- **Total number of purchased books added during the month:**

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **AIU eLibrary (<https://aiu.refread.com/#/home>):** The AIU Information Resource Centre, established in 1964 and renamed in 2019, serves as a reference library and knowledge base for higher education, offering over 21,000 documents and 150 periodicals. It holds a wide range of resources, including reports, policy documents, and Supreme Court judgments. Key services include reference, circulation, press clipping, and indexing. The Centre also publishes doctoral dissertation bibliographies and monthly theses updates in University News.
- **OpenAlex (<https://openalex.org/>):** OpenAlex is a bibliographic catalogue of scientific papers, authors and institutions accessible in open access mode, named after the Library of Alexandria. It started operating in January 2022 by Our Research.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- The 14th International Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions (CALIBER), themed "Library 2047: Democratizing Knowledge towards Viksit Bharat," is organized by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in collaboration with Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, from 17th to 19th November 2025. For more details: https://caliber.inflibnet.ac.in/assets/documents/CALIBER_Poster.pdf
- International Conference on Libraries and Emerging Technologies for Smart Knowledge Ecosystems (ICLET 2025), scheduled to be held on November 14–15, 2025. For more details: <https://iclet2025.poornima.org>.



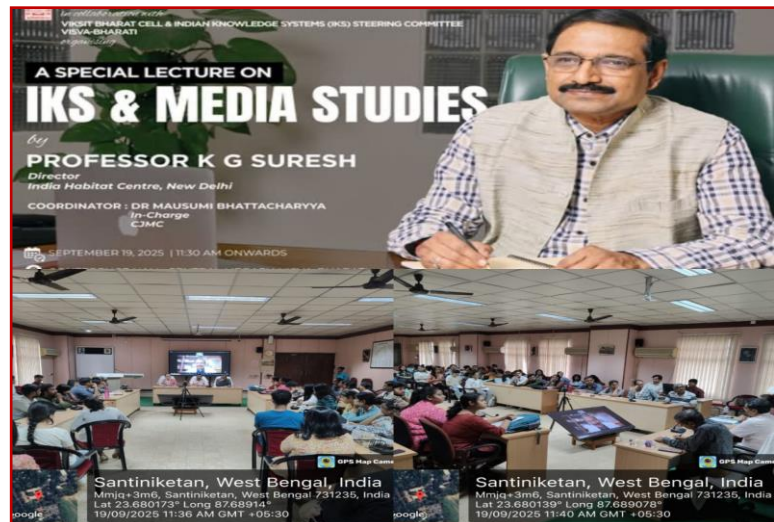
Moments of visit by the newly appointed Registrar, Visva-Bharati



Glimpses of LOP at the Siksha Bhavana Library



Glimpses of LOP at the Central Library



Glimpses of Special lecture by Prof. K G Suresh Suresh