# Indkoha 2016

**TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KOHA**
Date:  23rd – 24th January, 2016
(Saturday – Sunday)
Venue: Bose Institute Auditorium, Raja Bazar,
Kolkata

**Organized by**
**Bengal Library Association**
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## INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam/Professional Colleagues/Friends/Students,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it gives us immense pleasure to inform you that 'Indkoha 2016: Two-Day National Conference on Koha' is being organized by Bengal Library Association in collaboration with Bose Institute, Kolkata on 23rd and 24th January, 2016 in Bose Institute Auditorium, Raja Bazar, Kolkata. The main theme and sub-themes of the Conference have been appended here.

You must be well aware that the open source library management software Koha has been widely used in different parts of the country at present. However the users of Koha are facing some problems. There are some local solutions, local modifications etc. adopted at the time of implementing Koha which should be documented for the future development of this software. Sometimes, a few indigenous issues are coming into the surface which create many confusions among Koha users in our country. New demands have been evolved. So there should be a common platform where Koha users and developers in the country can meet together to resolve their problems, share their demands, implement new decisions which will be extremely helpful for the future development of Koha. That is the main purpose of organizing 'Indkoha 2016'.

We would like to extend our cordial invitation to you to be a part of this great occasion. Looking forward to receive you in Kolkata on 23rd January, 2016.

With warm regards,

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Incharge, Library                         Joint Secretary
Bose Institute                    Bengal Library Association

## BACKGROUND

### BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Bengal Library Association, formerly known as, All Bengal Library Association was established on 20th December, 1925 in Kolkata under the presidentship of Poet Rabindranath Tagore and the first secretary of the Association was Mr. Sushilkumar Ghosh. The major activities of the Association are: Propagating the importance of library and information services for individuals and for the society and developing awareness for the library and information services; Suggesting measures for improvement and expansion of library services for all categories of libraries in the state; Organizing movement for improvement of the service conditions and proper pay and status of the library workers; Organizing conference and seminars for apprising people of various aspects of the library movement and library services; Organizing training courses, refresher courses, workshops etc. and publishing books, periodicals, reports etc. pertaining to library science and library services; etc.

Among different programmes of the Association, one of the important programmes is to modernize libraries in the state. For this purpose, on the request of Govt. of West

Bengal, the Association organized a training programme for the librarians working in different Town Libraries in West Bengal in 2011 and later installed open source library management software Koha to 170 Town Libraries in the state. Since then the Association regularly organizes training programmes on Koha, customizes the software for different types of libraries, encourages libraries in implementing Koha, etc. It is a new challenge to the Association to organize 'Indkoha 2016'.

## BOSE INSTITUTE

Bose Institute was founded by Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose, F.R.S., in Calcutta on 30th November, 1917, with the purpose of investigating fully "the many and ever opening problems of the nascent science which includes both life and non-life". The institute was one of the earliest, perhaps the first modern research institute in India. Acharya Bose is generally acknowledged as the father of modern scientific research in India. His early career included many marvelously inventive and pioneering experiments on electromagnetism which, in J. J. Thomson's words, marked "the dawn of the revival in India, of interest in researches in the Physical Sciences", and on the commonality of the response of plants and inorganic materials to electric and mechanical stimuli. Those early successes lay behind the stated purpose. Acharya Bose's successors remained true to that purpose.

It is, therefore, not surprising to find the research activities of this Institute today spanning a wide compass, a feature that makes it unique amongst all research institutes in India. The Institute's 600 staff and students mostly work out of two campuses in the city of Kolkata, which house its various academic departments and sections, together with a Library and other service units. The J.C. Bose Museum is a special attraction in the Main Campus. It houses a fine collection of the manuscripts, instruments etc. that record Acharya Bose's life and work; these are on permanent display. In addition, there are four special purpose Field Stations. In an independent assessment of research activities in India by the National Information System for Sciences & Technology (NISSAT) of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the research work from Bose Institute was rated High impact in Biology and Biomedical research areas.

The Centenary Celebration of this Institute will start from 30th November, 2015. Being a part of this programme, 'Indkoha 2016: Two-day National Conference on Koha' will be organized in its auditorium on 23rd and 24th January, 2016.

## REACHING KOLKATA, TRANSPORT AND WEATHER

Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta, was the capital of British India until 1911 and at present is the capital of West Bengal. This historical city is located on the east bank of the Hooghly River and it is one of the most important metropolises in the country. The Port of Kolkata is India's oldest operating port and its sole major riverine port. At present, the city has about 6 million residents and if it includes surrounding areas (known as greater Kolkata) the total population is about 15 million and it is one of the most populated cities in India. The city is recognized as the cultural capital of India.

The Conference Hall is located at 93/3A/1, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata – 700 009, near Raja Bazar Science College. It is within 1 km. (about 10 mins. distance) from Sealdah Railway Station, within 5 kms. (about 30 mins. distance) from Howrah Railway Station and within 14 kms.

(about 45 mins. distance) from Kolkata International Airport. So the Conference Hall is more or less centrally located in the city.

Kolkata has a Tropical wet-and-dry climate. The annual mean temperature is 24.8°C; monthly mean temperature ranges from 15°C to 30°C. The month of January is within the Winter Season and maximum and minimum temperature ranges between 25°C to 13°C. Over the course of January, the length of the day is more or less constant and the length of daylight varies between 10:47 hours to 11:07 hours. The relative humidity typically ranges from 42% to 95% throughout this month. More or less, there is a pleasant weather in the month of January in Kolkata.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

### OBJECTIVES

➢ To create an awareness on the benefits of using Open Source Software
➢ To popularize Koha as an Integrated Library Management System
➢ To exchange information, knowledge and experience in using Koha for Library management
➢ To bring together Koha Developers in India to share their expertise

### BRIEF PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1: 23.01.2016 (SATURDAY)

*Inaugural Session*
Inaugurator: Prof. Sibaji Raha, Hon'ble Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata
Hon'ble Guests: Dr. Shyamal Roy Choudhury, President, Bengal Library Association; Dr. Barun Kumar Mukhopadhyay, President, IASLIC; Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, DG, RRRLF & National Library; Mr. K.K. Banerjee, Director, Eastern Region, Prasar Bharati; Mr. Goutam Goswami, General Secretary, Bengal Library Association; Mr. Sibaprasad Chakraborty, General Secretary, WBPLEA; Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, Library Director, American Library, Kolkata and Mr. Arup Raychaudhury, Dy-Librarian, ISI, Kolkata & Conference Director

*Keynote Address: From Proprietary to Open Source Software*
Speaker: Dr. Bablu Sutradhar, Librarian, IIT, Kharagpur

*Panel Discussion: Open Source Software: New Challenge Among Library Professionals*
Speakers: Dr. Swati Bhattacharyya, Librarian, IIM Kolkata; Prof. Parthasarathi Mukherjee, Associate Professor, DLIS, Kalyani University; Mr. Anirban Biswas, System Manager, RRRLF; Mr. Abhijit Kumar Bhowmik, Librarian, State Central Library, Kolkata; Prof. P.K. Panigrahi, Professor, DLIS, University of Calcutta; Mr. Vimal Kumar Vazhappally, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. Coordinator – Dr. Banhisikha Chaudhuri, Incharge, Library, Bose Institute

*Topic for Discussion: Latest Development of Koha, Koha System Architecture*
Speaker: Mr. Indranil Das Gupta, Koha Release Team Member and Developer

*Presentation of Koha Software*

**Topic for Discussion: Acquisition Through Koha**
Speaker: Mr. Amit Gupta, Informatics

**Presentation of Koha Software**

**Topic for Discussion: Koha With DSpace, Joomla, etc.**
Speaker: Prof. Parthasarathi Mukherjee, Associate Professor, DLIS, Kalyani University

**Paper Presentation**

### DAY 2: 24.01.2016 (SUNDAY)
**Paper Presentation**

**Topic for Discussion: MARC 21 and Koha**
*Speaker: Prof. Tarun Kumar Mondal, Assistant Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University*

**Topic for Discussion: Koha: Total Solution for Modern Libraries**
Speaker: Mr. Vimal Kumar Vazhappally, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

**Presentation: RFID Solution through Koha**

**Topic for Discussion: Cataloguing & Report Generation Through Koha**
Speaker: Joydeep Chanda, Joint Secretary, Bengal Library Association & Librarian, Gurudas College, Kolkata

**Topic for Discussion: Serials Control Through Koha**
Speaker: Mr. Amit Gupta, Informatics

**Topic for Discussion: SMS Service Through Koha, Web Hosting and Cloud Technology**
Speaker: Mr. Indranil Das Gupta, Koha Release Team Member and Developer

**Topic for Discussion: Switchover from other Software to Koha**
Speakers: Smt. Indrani Bhattacharyya, Sr. Manager, L&I Services, British Council, Kolkata; Mr. Arup Raychaudhury, Dy-Librarian, ISI, Kolkata; Prof. Parthasarathi Mukherjee, Associate Professor, DLIS, Kalyani University. Coordinator – Dr. Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Librarian, IICB, Kolkata

**A Brief Report of 'Indkoha 2016'**
Speaker: Mr. Arup Raychaudhury, Dy-Librarian, ISI, Kolkata & Conference Director

**Concluding Ceremony**
Hon'ble Guests: Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata; Dr. Shyamal Roy Choudhury, President, Bengal Library Association; Dr. Barun Kumar Mukhopadhyay, President, IASLIC; Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, DG, RRRLF & National Library; Mr. K.K. Banerjee, Director, Eastern Region, Prasar Bharati; Mr. Goutam Goswami, General Secretary, Bengal Library Association; Mr. Sibaprasad Chakraborty, General Secretary, WBPLEA; Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, Library Director, American Library, Kolkata and Mr. Arup Raychaudhury, Dy-Librarian, ISI, Kolkata & Conference Director

## REGISTRATION/DELEGATION FEE (Without Accommodation)

**The number of participants is limited and admission is strictly on a first-cum-first served basis.**

| Category | Fee in Rs. |
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| 1. LIS Student (Without paper) | 600.00 |
| 2. LIS Student (With paper) | 1000.00 |
| 3. Retired Professional / BLA Koha Trainee / Passed-out Student (Without paper) | 800.00 |
| 4. Retired Professional / BLA Koha Trainee / Passed-out Student (With paper) | 1000.00 |
| 5. Working Professional, Software Developer, and others (Without paper) | 1000.00 |
| 6. Working Professional, Software Developer, and others (With paper) | 1200.00 |
| 7. Deputed Professional (With/Without paper) | 2000.00 |
| 8. Foreign Delegate (With/Without paper) | 2500.00/$50 |

All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. The conference registration covers conference proceedings, conference kit, and admission to all technical sessions, lunch, tea and tiffin during the Conference. The registration doesn't cover accommodation, transportation etc.

**Payment should be made:**
1) through Demand Draft from any Nationalised Bank in favor of <u>Bengal Library Association</u>, payable at Kolkata, or,
2) through Multi-city cheque in favour of <u>Bengal Library Association</u>, or,
3) through RTGS Mode in favor of <u>Bengal Library Association</u>, payable at The West Bengal State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Entally Branch, Entally, Kolkata-700014, IFSC Code: WBSC0000007, Account No. 129305029249, or,
4) through Cash deposited at BLA Office between 3-7 p.m. (except Sundays and holidays).

N.B. 1. Participants who want to avail Accommodation facility will have to inform in advance and he/she should have to bear the charges for accommodation depending on the kind of room(s), bed (s), etc. available at the time of the Conference.

2. In case of candidates submitting papers, Registration Fee must be deposited at the time of submission of paper which will be adjusted later as Delegate Fee.

3. An author submitting more than one paper, each paper has to be registered at the time of submission of the paper and a paper written by more than one author, all authors must register individually in the same way.

4. Total no. of Delegates has been restricted. Only 50 Students and 200 other candidates can register on first-cum-first-served basis to participate the Conference.

5. For Registration under Student Category, photocopy of Student ID or official letter from Head of the Department or any proof of current studentship must be submitted along with Registration form/fee. For Registration under BLA Koha Trainee Category, photocopy of Koha Training Certificate must be submitted along with Registration form/fee.

6. Certificates will be issued to all participants at the end of the Conference.

## REGISTRATION FORM
Kindly Fill-up the following form for Registration in Indkoha 2016:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BMLANkvLVc9068fZxY_jdRG05eryp4MW7ztv0lkTKBE/viewform?usp=send_form

Conference Date: 23-24 January, 2016
Last Date for Paper Submission: 15th November, 2015

## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Original papers on the theme and sub-themes given below or any other issue(s) related to the theme of the Conference, based on practice/theory/research in the field, may be submitted for presentation. User studies and case studies will also be accepted.*

**Theme:** Open Source Integrated Library Management Software Koha
**Sub-Themes:**
1. Open Source Integrated Library Automation Software
2. Open Source vs. Proprietary Library Automation Software
3. Prospects and problems of implementation of open sources integrated library management software in India
4. Koha Community
5. Overview and Implementation of Koha (Features, Advantages, Limitations, Problems, Alternatives, Upgrading and Management Problems, Back-up and Restoration of Koha)
6. Implementation of Different Modules of Koha
7. MARC 21, RDA & Koha
8. Indic languages for OPAC and INTRANET staff client
9. Customization of Koha (OPAC, Intranet, Content Management System)
10. Use of Indic script in Koha
11. Transliteration in Koha
12. SMS and Email Services through Koha
13. Retro-conversion from other Software to Koha
14. Retro-conversion from Koha Windows Version to Linux Version as well as Upgradation from older version to the latest version of Koha
15. Koha with DSpace, Joomla, etc.
16. Introduction to SQL, CSS, JQUERY for Novice
17. Koha as a citation manager
18. Integration of Koha with Open Source Software (DSpace, CUFTS, Vufind, LIBKI, Content Management Software, RFID etc.)
19. Koha Web hosting and Cloud Computing in Indian Context
20. Prospect and problems of indigenous funding towards the development of Koha
21. Indigenous support services for Koha

The font to be used in writing a paper must be Calibri. The full paper should include the title (16 pt. bold), sub-title (if any, 14 pt. bold), name of the author(s) (14 pt. bold) with designation(s)/affiliation(s) etc. (11 pt.), informative abstract (not more than 200 words in 11 pt. italics) and the text (12 pt.). The length of the paper should be within 6 pages (of A4 size, margin: Left: 1.25'' & Top, Bottom, Right: 1'' each) including abstract, tables & figures, annexure and references. The reference should follow APA Style (http://apastyle.org/). Papers will be reviewed by the subject experts and the selected papers will be allowed for presentation in the Conference. Only soft copy of paper will be accepted and the paper must be sent to: indkoha2016@gmail.com with a heading 'Paper For Indkoha 2016'

## RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. Arup Raychaudhury

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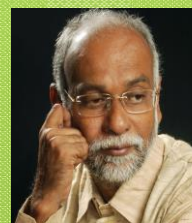Dr. Swati Bhattacharyya

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Mr. Amit Gupta

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