

Integrated library Management System (ILMS) using KOHA open source software in India

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“Koha” Integrated library Management System (ILMS) is first open source software in the world, used by more than 80 countries. In India, Koha was first installed by St. Joseph’s College, Devagiri, Kerala in the year of 2000. It was considered as a remarkable achievement. Compared to other open source library management systems, Koha is relatively more popular in India due to its active users’ community. Now, there have been a number of Koha installations in India and the group of experts in India is growing. The annual conference of Koha developers and users called ‘Kohacon’ was also held in India recently. It has received much attention in the library management system of India. Purposes of this study are (i) to understand the popularity of Koha among library professionals in India, (ii) to know the level of satisfaction in using Koha open source ILMS software among LIS professionals of India. 150 Questionnaire were distributed and only 95 (64%) received. The study revealed that majority of the LIS professional who were responded 61% are satisfied with Koha and 18% professionals are highly satisfied. Circulation module is the most favorite module of Koha and 64% of professionals have expressed excellence about the performance of this module. However, most of the users 52% are not interested in using serial control. In line with findings, the study recommends to use all modules which are available in Koha open source software in order to simplify the library functions.

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