

3rd ONE WEEK NATIONAL WORKSHOP on Open Source Software KOHA AND DSPACE



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About the Workshop

In today's digital era, libraries must continuously evolve to meet user expectations for efficiency, transparency and seamless access to information. However, dependency on proprietary software often creates financial and operational limitations. Open-Source Software (OSS) offers a robust, cost-effective and customizable alternative, empowering libraries to innovate while ensuring sustainability.

To achieve these goals, Maulana Azad Library is organizing the **3rd One Week National Workshop on Koha and DSpace** from 09-14 February 2026. This intensive six-day training will equip participants with practical expertise in implementing Koha for library automation and DSpace for digital repository development.

The workshop aims to enhance professional capacity in Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS), enabling libraries to modernize operations, expand digital services and ensure equitable access to knowledge.

Key highlights of the Workshop

- Comprehensive Hands-on-Training:** Step by step guidance for both KOHA (Library Management System) & DSpace (Institutional Repository Software) modules.
- Live Demonstrations and discussions:** Real time workflow execution and system customization.
- Expert Resource Persons:** Highly Trained Resource Persons from renowned institutions with extensive implementation experience.
- Advanced Training on Koha and DSpace:** Focused on advanced Koha and DSpace modules to build in-depth practical skills and professional expertise.
- Practical Exercises:** Task-based sessions to ensure learning-by-doing.
- Learning materials with Custom-built Installation file:** A specially prepared file will be shared to each participant that contains all required installation files, configurations, dependencies and setup instructions required to install and run DSpace and KOHA efficiently.
- Networking Opportunities:** Engage with LIS professionals, scholars, and technologists.
- Implementation Support Insights:** Guidance on deploying KOHA and DSpace in libraries.
- Accommodation Facilities:** Very reasonable rates for good quality accommodation and food.
- Site Excursion** (Taj Mahal & Agra Fort Visit on demand and payment basis.)

Objectives of the Workshop

- To encourage the adoption of Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) for cost-effective library operations and services.
- To provide hands-on training in the practical implementation of Koha and DSpace for library automation and digital repository creation.
- To familiarize participants with international standards and protocols like MARC21 and Z39.50 for seamless data management and interoperability.
- To promote best practices in cataloging, metadata management and digital content preservation using open-source tools.
- To explore strategies for integrating library automation with emerging technologies for enhanced user experiences.
- To support networking and collaboration among library and information professionals for sharing knowledge and experiences in FOSS implementation.
- To demonstrate the scalability and flexibility of Koha and DSpace for libraries of varying sizes and requirements.

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Koha

Koha is a fully web-based, feature-rich Open-Source Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) built on international standards such as MARC21, UNIMARC, and Z39.50. With modules covering Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, Serials, OPAC, Patron Management and more, Koha is widely used by libraries globally for its flexibility, scalability, and strong community-driven development.

About Aligarh Muslim University

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), established in 1920, traces its origins to the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College founded in 1877 by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, a visionary who revolutionized modern education in India. AMU is one of India's premier Central Universities, known for its intellectual legacy, cultural diversity, and commitment to academic excellence.

Spread across 467.6 hectares, AMU offers more than 300 academic programs across a wide spectrum of disciplines including sciences, humanities, engineering, medicine, social sciences, law, theology and vocational studies. The University enrolls students from all states of India and over 40+ countries, particularly from West Asia, Africa, and Southeast Asia. It is recognized for its strong emphasis on inclusivity, research, and global engagement.

AMU hosts several nationally and internationally acclaimed research centres, state-of-the-art laboratories, a vibrant residential system, and an academic environment that fosters innovation and cross-disciplinary learning. Its commitment to preserving heritage while embracing technological modernization makes AMU one of the most dynamic higher education institutions in India.

DSpace

DSpace is an open-source digital library platform designed to build institutional repositories, digital archives, and scholarly communication systems. It supports a wide range of file formats documents, multimedia, datasets and ensures long-term preservation, indexing and global visibility through metadata standards and harvesting protocols like OAI-PMH.

About Maulana Azad Library

Maulana Azad Library (ISO 9000:2015) is the Central Library of the Aligarh Muslim University which is famous for its invaluable collections of manuscripts, rare books and artifacts. The library currently holds approximately 14 lakh volumes of books and subscribes to a wide range of leading research journals and databases. The library meets the needs of its faculty members, research scholars' students and other academician with a wide range of library services provided by more than 110 departmental libraries including five major college libraries. One of the most features of the library is its Manuscript Division, which houses about 16,117 rare and invaluable manuscripts especially oriental languages and related disciplines.

It is noteworthy that Maulana Azad Library has successfully migrated approximately six lakh bibliographic records from proprietary software to the open-source Integrated Library Management System i.e, KOHA. In addition, the library has developed and manages three fully functional Institutional Repositories using the DSpace platform. It is a world-famous repository of manuscripts and rare books. These repositories significantly enhance the global accessibility, visibility, and long-term preservation of AMU's intellectual output and unique heritage collections.

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Who should attend?

- Library and Information Science professionals.
- Librarians, knowledge managers, and system administrators.
- Researchers, scholars, and LIS students.
- Professionals planning to adopt or upgrade automation and repository systems.
- Staff from institutions with limited resources looking for sustainable software solutions.

Registration & fees

• For professional participants the fee is **INR 2000/-** and for students/research scholars the fee is **INR 1500/-**. Sponsored professional fee is **INR 5000/-**. Registration fee includes Workshop Kit, High Tea, Lunch and ICT facilities. Please note that the registration fee once paid is neither refundable nor adjustable under any circumstances. However, the registered participant may depute any other participant to attend the workshop with authorization letter. Last date for registration is 20thJanuary, 2026.

For registration [CLICK HERE](#)

- The payment for registration and accommodation should be made through bank account transfer as per the bank details provided below.

- **Account Number: 110284785326**
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- **Bank Name: Canara Bank**
- **Branch Name: AMU Aligarh**
- **IFSC Code: CNRB0005247**



- Multicity Cheque/DD in favour of "**AMUKOHA**"
- Participants are requested to complete the payment within the time and share the transaction reference number / proof of payment for confirmation.

Resource Person

The resource persons for the workshop are renowned personalities who has theoretical and practical experience with KOHA and UBUNTU/LINUX, D-Space.

Accommodation

Accommodation facility will be provided on "first-cum-first -served" basis due to limited room availability in the University Guest Houses. However, on request, accommodation may be arranged in the local hotels on a self-payment basis. Participants may also directly book their accommodation in the private hotels.

For more Information [CLICK HERE](#)

How to reach Aligarh



Rail: Aligarh is well connected by train routes with all parts of the country. It is nearby Delhi the train route is Delhi-Patna-Kolkata- have direct trains fro. and to from the major cities of the country.



Road: Aligarh is connected to various towns of the state-by-state Highway no 19 and National Highway no. 34. Is passing through Aligarh.



How to reach AMU: Auto/E-Rickshaw is available from the Aligarh station/Bus stand to AMU Campus which is approx. 3 KM away from the AMU Campus.

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