

Library automation workshop held



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Assam [Don Bosco](#) University, (Assam) together with Indian Statistical Institute, (Bangalore) jointly organized a three day [workshop](#) on "Open Source Software for Library Automation" at [ADBU](#) Azara campus, from 23rd to 25th of January 2017.

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Assam [Don Bosco](#) University, Guwahati Fr. Joseph Nellanatt graced the occasion alongside the [chief](#) guest [Prof.](#) Mahendra Nath [Bora](#), Retired Librarian of Tezpur University; Guest of honour Dr. W.S. Devnath, Librarian of Gauhati University; Chair person [Prof.](#) A.R.D. Prasad, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore and [Prof.](#) Basil Koikara, Registrar, Assam [Don Bosco](#) University.

A total of 23 Library & Information science professionals, including the organizers, from various parts of North-Eastern states, members of LIS [community](#) participated in the [workshop](#).

“The Workshop emphasized on the Open Source Software (OSS) that has taken the computing world by storm. Its contribution to every scientific field is enormous and [library](#) and information science field is no exception. In fact, in many a case Open Source Software (OSS) is superior to commercial equivalents,” said Chanlang Bareh a participant in the [workshop](#).

The purpose of the three-day [workshop](#) was to impart practical knowledge to participants on the use of open source tools in libraries.

The open source software ‘Koha’ that deals with [library](#) management was introduced and taught with hands-on practice. The [workshop](#) also included lectures/practical hands-on by experts like [Prof.](#) A.R.D. Prasad, (DRTC) ISI, Bangalore; [Prof.](#) Devika P. Madalli. (DRTC) ISI, Bangalore; Dr. Sunita Barve, NCI, Pune; Dr. F. Sumer, Deputy Librarian, NEHU, Shillong & Dr. Gautam Kr Sarma , IDOL, Guwahati. Their contribution

helped widen the knowledge in related topics of digital libraries and tools to build up and manage digital collections.

The [workshop](#) aimed at strengthening libraries in [North East India](#) through capacity building in cutting edge areas of [library](#) automation and digital collection management.

The valedictory ceremony took place on the third day, 25th January 2017 at 2:00pm with several representatives such as [Prof. Narendra Lahkar](#), Dept. of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University along with the guest of honour [Prof. Sanjay Kr. Singh](#), Head of Department for Library & Information Science, Gauhati University.

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