



**A Report on  
Participation in  
National Workshop on “Future of Library Services & Technology Solutions”  
organized by SMS Medical College, Jaipur  
From 08-09 July 2017**

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The Workshop on “**Future of Library Services & Technology Solutions**” organized by the Dr. Robert Hilling Library, SMS Medical College, Jaipur from 08-09 July 2017 was a step in that direction. The main objective of the workshop was Library automation using KOHA, Institutional Repository and Service using DSPACE, Digital Library Services etc. in this workshop training provide how Automation and Digitalization can transform it into a more efficient, knowledge sharing organization facing new challenges and fulfilling aspirations of its users.

**Dr. U.S. Agrarwal , Principal SMS Medical College**, Jaipur while inaugurating the workshop lauded the efforts of the Librarian and his team for organizing such a workshop. He said, “We are in the era of knowledge economy and those who are able to achieve faster access to information and knowledge, will remain ahead of others.” Librarians can play a significant role in ensuring that their users get the latest information as quickly as possible. The workshops like this offer an opportunity not only to acquire new skills but also to share the experiences and knowledge, and develop future collaborations.

The Head of Library Dr. Robert Hilling Library, **Mr.P.R.Meena** Workshop Organizing Secretary welcomed the participants and introduced the upcoming sessions in the two days of the workshop. She briefed the participants that the purpose of the Workshop is to provide an overview of KOHA and DSpace and importance of practical training to build digital repository collections. The workshop witnessed the participation of 100+ candidates from India.

The Workshop facilitated an interaction between experts and the participants in order to bridge the knowledge gaps and initiate capacity building activities. The practical sessions were held in the lab by Mr. Amit Gupta Technical Head Informatics Publishing Ltd.

Invited talk was given by speakers on Digital Library: Challenges, Solutions and Research. In his talk he gave overview of Digital library and automation.

**The important topics covered during the workshop include:**

- 1. Overview of ICT applications in the libraries –**
- 2. Library automation using KOHA**
- 3. Institutional repository and Services Using DSPACE**
- 4. Digital Library Services etc.**

During these two days, participants had rigorous hands on practical sessions through blended teaching methodology were conducted by two experts in the fields of digital library information. The practical sessions covered practical skills.

A Valedictory session was held on July 9, 2017. Besides presentations by experts and few vendors, participants got an opportunity for hands-on training of Eprints and Dspace software for setting up open archives / institutional repositories. During the valedictory function Participated candidate in the workshop that were given certificate of participation by **Mr. P.R. Meena Librarian** and **Dr. Singh Director National Medical Library, New Delhi** .

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