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### Note

Visva-Bharati Library e-Newsletter is published monthly and uploaded on the Library website:
http://172.16.2.2/index1.html
*(Intranet)*
http://14.139.211.2/index1.html
*(Internet)*

## Reference Services at Visva-Bharati Central Library

The Reference Section of Visva-Bharati Central Library provides services to the end users on a fast mode.

**Location:** Located at the entrance of the Central Library. The Section can accommodate more than 30 users at a time.

**Staff:** Three library personnel: One Assistant Librarian and two Semi-Professional Assistants serve in the Section. Besides meeting users' reference requirements, the professionals also involve in user education activities particularly for proper utilisation of the resources.

**Users Frequency:** On an average 40 users per day.

**Collection:** The Section holds more than 26,000 reference resources including very good number of encyclopedias, dictionaries, government publications, theses, census reports, yearbooks, guide books, Visva-Bharati publications, atlas, maps, etc. on various subject domains. Reference sources on philosophy and religion, social science, language of Indian and foreign origin, subject specific encyclopedias like economics, physical education, fine arts are frequently used.

**Special Demands:** Books on and by Rabindranath Tagore are of most demanding nature. Special collection on Birbhum district, English literature and Panjika (Bengali Almanac) are held in high demand.

**Users:** All the registered members of Visva-Bharati Library Network can avail the services provided by this section. The Library also permits visiting scholars / temporary users to use resources, generally for a day. However extension is provided for.

**Uses:** In the academic session 2013-14, the Section served 2,404 users (1316 student, 614 scholars, 36 teachers, 9 staffs and 267 others excluding temporary users).Temporary users are mostly faculty and research scholars from other academic institutions.

**Services:**

- ✓ **Reading Facility:** 30 users are accommodated at a time with individual seating arrangements. The service is not restricted to the collection at Reference Section alone. Books from stacks may also be allowed with due permission. Personal books may be allowed conditionally.

- ✓ **Temporary Membership**. Temporary members / users are allowed to use Reading Room, Reference Section and Periodical Section. Photocopying and access to online resources are extended o them. They can seek transfer of books from stack to Reference Section for study but borrowing / home lending is not allowed.

- ✓ **Photocopy:** Reference materials (some are restricted) are allowed for the photocopying as per library rules i.e. 20 pages per book per users per day. In the academic session 2013-14, 2723 pages of books were photocopied.

- ✓ **E-Content/ Digitization:** Scanning or digitization by own camera is conditionally allowed. Two scanners are provided for self-scanning.

- ✓ **Inter Library Loan (ILL):** Demands of books / journals which are not in the holdings of Visva-Bharati Library system can be procured through Inter Library Loan (ILL).

- ✓ **Referral Services:** If the required reference source is not available in its own collection, Referral Service is provided whereby the users to the location of the resources.

- ✓ **Document Delivery Services (DDS):** When required resources are not available in the library collection, efforts are made to obtain them from publishers / forums / university or institute libraries.

- ✓ **Request Modes:** Mode of receiving request / query by all means (e-mails, letters, phones, etc.) are entertained.

- ✓ **Questionnaire Service:** Questionnaires from various institutes, researchers, etc. are filled up by the Reference Section.

- ✓ **Feedback:** Collects and maintains feedback on the Section.

**Do you know …?**
*The Library offers various resources and services to the end-users. This feature will highlight one such in each of its issues. This issue focuses on the* Indiastat.com *of Visva-Bharati Library network.*

# Indiastat.com

Indiastat.com, an initiative of Datanet India Pvt. Ltd. was launched on 14 November, 2000. It is a gateway to comprehensive and authentic socio-economic information related to India. This web portal provides well compiled and ready to use India-specific socio-economic statistical information culled out from various authentic secondary sources. Indiastat.com is a cluster of 56 sites including 19 sector specific and 31 India/State/UTs specific sites, and 6 Regional sites.

Over half-a-million pages of statistical data have been qualitatively analyzed, condensed and presented in a user-friendly format on the portal. The socio-economic statistical data has been categorized in more than 35 classifications and further sub-divided into various sub-categories. This exhaustive compilation of data can easily be accessed in three or four clicks and can be searched for any fact or figure. The data can be downloaded in MS-Excel/HTML formats.

Researchers, students and faculty of Visva-Bharati can easily access the database covering all major parameters for research, study, review and reference purposes. Information available online can be used by them as per their need and discretion. With over 5,00,000 comprehensive pages on the net, the site covers wide ranging topics like agriculture, demographics, market forecast, health, media, economy, crime, social welfare etc.

URL of this site is **indiastat.com**

Visva-Bharati can access indiastat.com by IP login which implies that you are on the university LAN while you log in.

NB: a) The access is restricted a user at a time. In case you fail to get access, kindly wait for your turn. b) Log –in is required for downloading only.

## How to start

Users can start navigating for data available on the site through any of the following three different ways:

➢ By clicking on IP Login on the  toolbar – at home page (**indiastat.com**) (Log –in is required only if you download)
➢ By navigating the site – through the section "Statistical Information" available on the left panel on its home page, and
➢ By searching the data on site – through the "Search" box given on its home page.

## Where to login

It is advisable to start navigating the site by loging-in as suggested below:
Click on the IP Login option (shown prominently on the tool bar) on home page, as shown below:

**Navigation for data**

- ➢ Whether logged in or not, click the requisite Data Category, under "Statistical Information" shown on the left panel.

- ➢ You get on screen the alphabetical list of its sub-categories. Clicking a sub-category will lead you to a further sub-category or to the list of data table headings pertaining to the sub-category clicked.

- ➢ The page showing data table heading shows you data at India level or State-wise or Region-wise consolidated data. Click on any State/ Union Territory/ Region name, would further take you to the data table listing page, for the clicked State/Union Territory. Region, under the said heading.

- ➢ Click the table heading to view the data table that will be shown in a separate window.

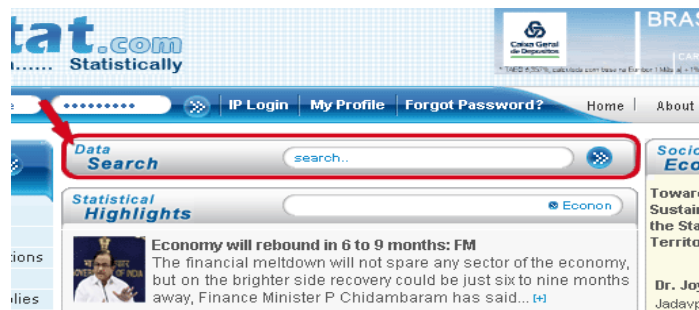- ➢ In case not logged in, the following window would appear asking you to log in – thru home page.

- ➢ Once the data table is displayed, you may download the data table in MS-Excel, MS-Word or HTML format and/or print the table, subject to the rights assigned with your access.

**Searching the data available on site**

You can also search the data available on site thru the "Search" box shown prominently below the top tool bar.

The data available, relating to the keyword or phrase submitted by you would appear as search result in the form of a list of data table headings.

You may click any table heading to view the data by following the instruction given in Para 'Navigating for Data' above.

**Time-out period**

Time-out period of browser is 20 minutes. Thereafter, re-log in would be required.

# New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

Books (click)
Journals (click)

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## Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1.  NISCAIR's Short Term Training Programme on *Research Methodology* during 16-20 June 2014 at NISCAIR, New Delhi. Website: http://www.niscair.res.in

2.  International Conference on *Library Space and Content Management for Networked Society* (IC.LISCON-2014) during 18-20 October 2014 at DVA Central Library, Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore-560029. Website: http://liscom.org/

3.  The Centre for Professional Development of Kerala Library Association (KLA-CPD) announces its third training programme, a Two - Day *Workshop on KOHA*, an Open Source Integrated Library Management Software, during 14 and 15 June 2014. The programme will be held at the KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), on the premises of KLA Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram. For more details: KLA Website: www.keralalibraryassociation.org

4.  The PLANNER- 2014 is being organised by Information and Library Network Centre, Gandhinagar in collaboration with Dibrugarh University, Assam during 25-17 September 2014 in Assam. Website : http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/planner2014/

5.  17th National Convention on *Knowledge, Library and Information Networking* - NACLIN 2014 will be organised by DELNET in collaboration with French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry from December 9-11, 2014 at Hotel Anandha Inn Convention Centre, Pondicherry.
    Website: http://naclin.org/

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## Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

1.  Vinaya-Bhavana Library dedicates two computers for OPAC searching as well as Internet WI-fi connectivity has also been provided.
2.  Power-Point Presentation Text (PPT) of Library Orientation Programme in Hindi is uploaded in Library web page.
3.  List of Journals 2014 (print + online) is updated on the website.
4.  Reading Room at the first floor, Central Library, is fully air - conditioned with effect from 21 May 2014.
5.  TERI Pre-training discussion programme for library staff has been held at Conference Hall, Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 24 May 2014.
6.  Access 5,50,000 e-books from EBSCO (trial access): http://ecm.ebscohost.com, user name: vbu, password: Ebsco2014!

## Promotions and Reallocation of Library Staff

### Promotions

i.  Seven (including 3 retired) library officers were promoted under CAS on 4 March 2014.
ii. Twenty-one (21) library staff have been promoted to higher positions on 24 May 2014. Five have been promoted to position of Assistant Librarian/Information Scientist (from Professional Assistant); five to Professional Assistant (from Semi - Professional Assistant); eleven to Semi - Professional Assistant (from Library Assistant/Attendant).

### Reallocation

Given next page is the current positing of library staff in different libraries of Visva-Bharati Library Network.

| Name of the Library | Assistant Librarian (Substantive Post) | Professional Assistant | Semi-Professional Assistant | Library Attendant |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kala Bhavana | Sri Tapas Kumar Das | Smt. Purabi Mitra | | Sri Subir Bhattacharya |
| Sangit Bhavana | Smt. Kanika Debnath | Smt. Maya Bhattacharya | Smt. Manashi Santra | |
| Siksha Bhavana | Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya* | Sri Anshuman Banerjee* | Sri Saradindu Sarkar* | |
| Vinaya Bhavana | Sri Keshab Chandra Sinha** | Smt. Manju Sinha Sarkar | Sri Sukanta Dawn | |
| PSB | Dr. Partha Pratim Roy** | Smt. Krishna Das (Sadhukhan) Sri Sukumar Das | Sri Rajib Chakraborty* | |
| PSV | Sri Nabendu Mitra** | Sri Atanu Sinha * | Sri Nityananda Das* | |
| Hindi Bhavana | Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma (Additional Charge) | Sri Biswanath Kisku | Sri Rabindranath Ghosh* | |
| Cheena Bhavana | Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma | Sri Sougata Samanta* | Sri Soumitra Chakraborty | |
| Darshan Sadana | Sri Debabrata Hazari *(Addl.Charge) | Sri Biswajit Kalsi | | Sri Chandra Sekhar Roy |
| Rabindra Bhavana | Sri Ashis Hazra * | Sri Pradip Hembram | Sri Rabishankar Pal* | |
| Patha Bhavana | | Smt. Susmita Palit (Saha) | Sri Jatindranath Saha * Sri Bama Charan Pal* | |
| Siksha Satra | | Sri Ashis Thakur | Smt. Arpita Chatterjee (Ganguly) Sri Abhijit Pramanik * | |
| IGCNI | | | Sri Rupam Sinha Roy | |
| Central Library | Sri Debabrata Hazari * Smt. Suchismita Sarkar** Sri Sujit Kujur Sri Koushik Ghosh* Sri Ramprasad Mazumdar * (Information Scientist) | Sri Niladri Pakrashi Sri Animesh Roy Sri Jishnu Mondal Sri Amiya Hazra Sri Nabita Das Bhandari Sri Smritimoy Ghosh Sri Prashun Kanti Ghosal Sri Asgar Ali Sri Mridula Bhattacharya* Sri Sarada Ranjan Banerjee * | Sri Suman Sarkar Sri Biswajit Pramanik Sri Tushar Kanti Pal* Smt. Tanushree Bhowmik (Hazra)* Sri Biswajit Majumdar Sri Goutam Laha* | Sri Subhajit Roy Sri Rabi Das |

**General Staff:**

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| Sri Santiranjan Das – *Office Assistant* | Smt. Nibedita Das – *Sr. Office Assistant* |
| Smt. Lekha Chattaraj – *Jr. Office Assistant cum Typist* | Sri Susobhan Banerjee – *Office Assistant* |
| Sri Nikhil Saha – *Sr. Binder* | Sri Debasish Roy – *Jr. Office Assistant-cum-Typist* |
| Sri Sukumar Majhi – *Peon* | Sri Tapan Ghosh – *Jr. Binder* |
| Sri Rathindra Nath Pal – *Peon* | Sri Biswajit Biswas – *Peon* |
| Sri Somraj Hazra – *Sweeper* | Sri Md. Saidul Rahman – *Peon* |
| | Sri Dhananjay Chatterjee – *Mopad- cum-Cleaner (Temporary)* |

N.B. – On lien: a) Ms. Sabahat Nausheen – Assistant Librarian; b) Pitambar Naskar – Professional Assistant     * Promotion by DPC     **Promotion by CAS