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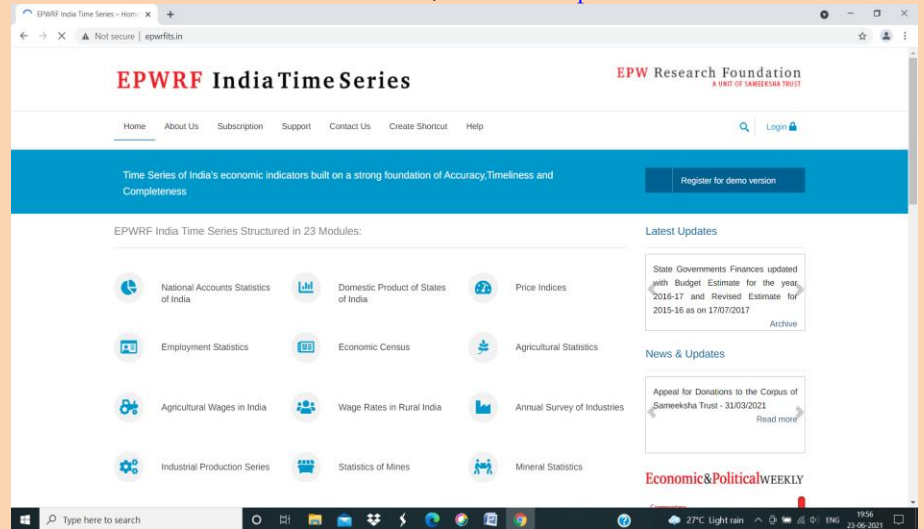
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Economic & Political Weekly Research Foundation (EPWRF): Established in 1993, EPWRF is a constituent unit of Sameeksha Trust, which also publishes the reputed social science journal, **Economic & Political Weekly (EPW)**.

The **EPWRF India Times Series (EPWRFITS)**, interactive online database launched in 2011, is developed and administered by the EPW Research Foundation (EPWRF) with an aim to provide time series data on the Indian economy for facilitating economic analysis.

The **EPWRF ITS** database provides a wide range of macro-economic, financial and social statistics in a time series format and has over 55,000 variables structured in 23 different subject modules, of which 16 modules have state-wise data series, and Banking Statistics module has data sets for 722 districts.

The data has been collated from diverse official publications such as Reserve Bank of India, National Statistical Office, Government departments, and so on. Depending upon availability, data series starts from as early as 1950s. The data tables of all modules are updated timely, as and when data are released depending upon the frequency.

List of Subject Modules

1.	National Accounts Statistics of India	13.	Monetary Statistics
2.	Domestic Product of States of India*	14.	Financial Markets
3.	Price Indices*	15.	Banking Statistics**
4.	Agricultural Statistics*	16.	Insurance Statistics*
5.	Agricultural Wages in India*	17.	Finances of the Government of India
6.	Wage Rates in Rural India*	18.	Finances of State Governments*
7.	Annual Survey of Industries*	19.	Combined Government Finances
8.	Industrial Production Series	20.	Health Statistics*
9.	Mineral Statistics*	21.	Educational Statistics*
10.	Statistics of Mines*	22.	Employment Statistics*
11.	Power Sector*	23.	Economic Census*
12.	External Sector Statistics	24.	Labour Statistics (To be released soon)

*Includes state-wise data

**Includes vital banking indicators for 722 districts

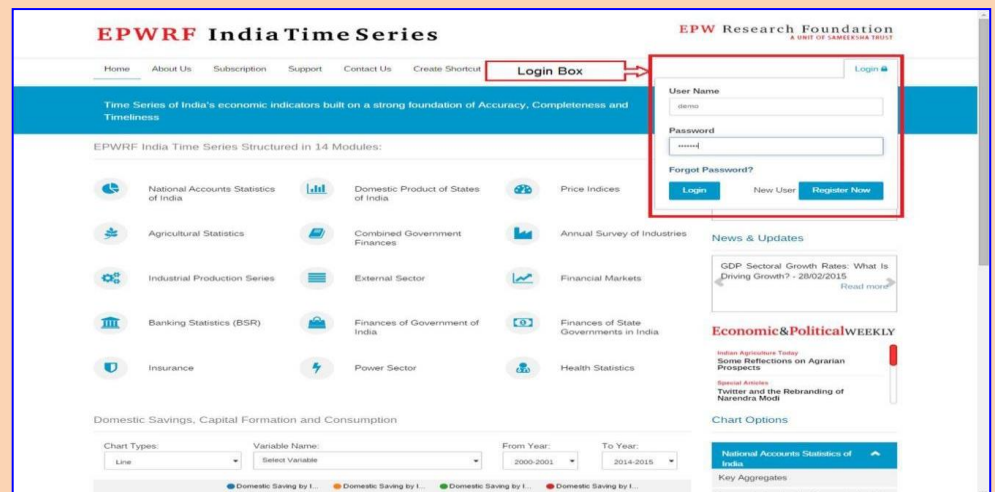
Key Features of EPWRF ITS database

Key Features	Description
Time Series Data	Data are made available in time-series format
Data updated timely	As and when data are released, they are updated depending upon the frequency of their release – weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly and yearly
Export data to MS-Excel	In-built facilities to export the retrieved data set to an Excel spreadsheet
Module description	Description has been provided in every module that helps the users to get an idea about the entire module and also a particular section. Definitions of major concepts and terms used in the respective sections and sub-section. Description of the conceptual and methodological issues are provided, when required.
Ease of variable selection	Data series are arranged in a thematic format and presented under various sections. Users can select variables of their choice from same or different sub-sections and accordingly generate tables making it more user-friendly. For instance, in <i>Banking Statistics</i> module the data sets are classified under 'All India', 'State-wise' and 'District-wise' category. Users have the choice of selecting states, districts and variables of their choice and cull out data accordingly, which saves time for compilation.
Plotting Charts	Instant plotting chart

This database may be accessed through both a) IP address as institutional member and b) Remote Access.

a) Access through IP address as institutional member: First step is to login to your account using home page login section. For institution type, users are not required to add username and password.

b) Access through Remote Access: The **EPWRF India Times Series** also accessible through remote access, through Koha LMS.



Recent activities:

- **Tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan:** On the occasion of the 132nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Central Library, Visva-Bharati, celebrated calmly and pleasantly with a series of activities like, a) Book Exhibition, b) Ceremonial Lecture, c) Quiz Competition, and d) cultural programme on 09 August 2024. The guests who were present at the conference hall were warmly welcomed with the introductory speech by Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian and In-charge Siksha Bhavana Library. The Vice Chancellor (Acting) Prof. Arabinda Mondal was kind enough to inaugurate the Book Exhibition with Lighting the lamp and then he nicely portrayed the relevance and importance of Librarians' Day. The ceremonial speech was delivered by Sri Soumitra Chakrabarty, Retired Professional Assistant of Visva-Bharati Library Network. The quiz competition was arranged in a befitting manner by the research scholars (Ms Purba Banerjee and Sri Rajkumar Bhandari) from the Department of Computer System and Sciences, Siksha Bhavana. The recitation, song, audio drama performed by the research scholars, library professionals. All staff of Central Library has paid homage and tribute to the illustrious Guru Dr. S. R. Ranganathan on this auspicious day. Dr Nimai Chandra Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati has expressed the background of organizing this event and extend deep appreciation to the scholars and staff of VBLN to stage the program. The quiz competition was really enjoyed by the participants while audio drama added the extra flavor to observe the day. Total sixty-four candidates were present to witness the event. The programme ended at 7.55 pm with the word of thanks to the stakeholders by Dr Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian, Central Library.
- **Three-Day Demonstration Program on E-Resources:** Central Library, Visva-Bharati, has organized a Three-day demo program on e-resources by different publishers in virtual mode during 21-23 August 2024. Twenty-eight (28) reputed National and International level publishers have demonstrated their e-resources on their respective platform. Concerned notification have been circulated through university website (https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/593190824_E-Demo_Programme_Schedule-2024-25_12to23_August_2024.pdf), library website (https://vblibrarynetwork.in/images/pdf/E-Demo_Programme_Schedule-2024-25_12to23_August_2024.pdf), E-mail, and WhatsApp group to keep aware of the academics for participations. Around fifteen (15) participants have witnessed each of the three-day. The sessions were arranged to comply with the standard Operating Procedure for procurement of e-resources by VBLN and to give the academics an ambiance regarding the collection and development of the e-resources of different world-class publishers.
- **Observation of Acharya birthday of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy:** Siksha-Bhavana Library (SBL) has observed birth day of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy on 02 August 2024 at 2:30 pm. For the said historic occasion SBL has arranged on debate competition on the topic of "Should euthanasia / mercy killing be legalized?" where ten students from different departments at Siksha-Bhavana took part. There were 25 participants in total—faculty, scholars, and students. Professor Prasanta Chatterjee, a Professor, Department of Mathematics and Librarian, Visva-Bharati, judged the argument. Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya opened the discussion by giving a brief introduction of Acharya Prafulla Chandra, our scientist and industrialist. Our librarian briefly discussed this program. The event comes to a conclusion at 4:30 p.m. with a word of gratitude from Saradindu Sarkar, Semi-professional Assistant of the Siksha Bhavana Library.
- **Observation of "National Space Day":** As communicated by the MoE, GoI and as instructed by the university authority Central Library was marked as central venue of the university to view the live broadcasting of "First National Space Day" to mark the landing of Chandryan-III on the Moon" on 23 August 2023. Total more than 140 members of Visva-Bharati fraternity have witnessed the mega event. Further, to observe the first National Space Day, Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati has organized one special lecture session on the topic "Hubble to James Webb: 100 years of Space Exploration", delivered by Prof. Supratik Pal, ISI, Kolkata on 23 August 2024 at 3.00 pm. Prof. Arabinda Mondal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Offg.) has inaugurated the session with the lighting the lamp and chair the session. The talk was enjoyed by the audience and the interaction was really interesting. Total 83 participants have attended the session.
- **Fire Drilling Program:** To strengthen the awareness of actions to be taken during fire-emergency call, a fire drilling program has been arranged on 08 August 2024 at 11.30 am with the assistance of the existing AMC service provider of the Fire Extinguishers. The concerned notification has been published through university website (https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/836300724_Notice_Fire_Drilling_Program_08082024.pdf), library website (https://vblibrarynetwork.in/images/pdf/Fire_Drilling_Program_08082024.pdf), e-mail and WhatsApp too. There was total fifty-seven staff including staff from Watch & Ward. The tips given by the Security Officer, Visva-Bharati was pertinent and important to the participants as new inputs on fire emergency. The participants were allowed to handle the fire extinguishers with the mock fire and security officer advised to arrange one drilling program in association with the Fire Brigade, Bolpur Fire Station.
- **Observation of Raksha Bandhan on 19 August 2024:** Raksha Bandhan is a holy and popular festival celebrated in India and other parts of the world as a symbol of love and unity. Gurudev Tagore used the perception of Raksha Bandhan to create hope and spread harmony in the minds of people in society. In tune with the significance of the great festival Central Library, Visva-Bharati observed the day to spread love, unity, and integrity among all. The students, faculty members, staff, security staff, have participated in program whole heartedly and appreciate the effort of the library.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 13 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

Recent activities:

- **Joint Meeting with Universal Briefing, Kolkata:** A joint meeting with the executives of the Universal Briefing (A non-profitable Platform of Information Exchange), Kolkata with a view to organize one three-day International seminar during 21-23 February 2025 jointly by the Universal Briefing and VBLN at Visva-Bharati as venue. The discussion and deliberations were much positive and both sides hopeful to arrange the event successfully with active effort and support from both sides.
- **Two-day RPE Workshop for the research scholars of Post Graduate Government Institute of Physical Education (PGGIPE) Banipur, North 24 Pargana:** A two-day workshop on Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) has been arranged during 22-23 August 2024 for a team of fifteen research scholars from the PGGIPE, Banipur. The scholars were escorted by two faculty members Prof. Saumen Ghosh and Dr Manabendra Majhi. VBLN has tried to represent a landscape on the RPE during four different sessions of during the days. Dr Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian Visva-Bharati and Dr Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian, Central Library, Visva-Bharati have delivered the lecture on the sessions. The programme was started with a welcome note by Dr Kallol Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education and Sports Science (DPES), Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati and ended with grateful notes from Prof. Ghosh of PGGIPE, Banipur. All the scholars were expressed with unique voice that they are highly benefitted from the sessions and request to arrange same kind of sessions in future to encourage them in the field of Research Methodology as they require practically.
- **Visitors: a)** Dr Sanjib Kumar Saha, former Principal, Rishi Bankim Chandra College, Naihati, North 24 Pargana, has visited Central Library on 25 August 2024 and he has expressed his deep satisfaction after visiting the library.
b) A team of thirty-eight (38) delegates (combination of Essayist, Poet, Litterateur, etc. etc.) from different parts of India and abroad have visited the Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 11 August 2024 as part of their meet on the occasion of 'Santiketan Literature Festival'. They have donated around twenty different book(s) written by them to the Central Library, Visva-Bharati. All of them individually expressed their high satisfaction after visiting the library and its ambiance.
c) Prof. Abu Taher Kamruddin, Chairperson, Madrasa Siksha Parshad, WB and former Vice Chancellor, Aliah University, WB along with four guests have visited Central Library on 06 August 2024. Prof. Kamruddin has expressed his pleasure after visiting the Central Library and appreciate the efforts taken by the library.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized three special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
a) 132nd birth anniversary of Dr S. R. Ranganathan who happens to be the Father of Library Science in India during 09-12 August 2024.
b) 78th Independence Day on 15 August 2024
- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** total 1645 units or 289 (total 2292 from October 2023 to 31 August 2024) files/ Theses/ articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month:** Central Library: Number of Books received as
 - ✚ Purchased – 08 (Accession No. 443396 - 443403) and
 - ✚ Gift – 45 (Accession No. G11269 -G11313)

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

- ✚ **Books (click)**
- ✚ **Journals (click)**

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **Publications Division:** (<https://www.publicationsdivision.nic.in/index.php?route=common/home>): Publications Division is a repository of books and journals highlighting subjects of national importance and India's rich cultural heritage. Established in 1941, Publications Division has emerged as a premier publishing house of the Government of India, enriching national knowledge repository in distinctive streams.
- **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)** (<http://www.rrrlf.nic.in/Default.aspx>): RRRLF is a central autonomous organization established and fully financed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. RRRLF is registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. It is the nodal agency of the Government of India to support public library services and systems and promote public library movement in the country commensurate with the objectives as embodied in its Memorandum of Association.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- SALIS 2023 National Conference on Revitalizing Libraries in Google Generation during October 13, 2023 to October 14, 2023. For more details: <https://necsalis2023.blogspot.com/p/transport.html>
- 19th training course on emerging trends and technologies in health science libraries during October 16, 2023 at 9am to October 20, 2023. For more details: <http://www.nihfw.org>



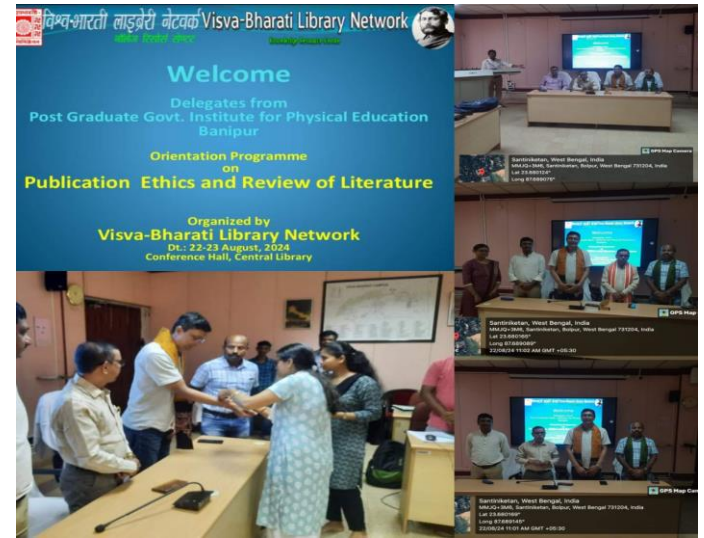
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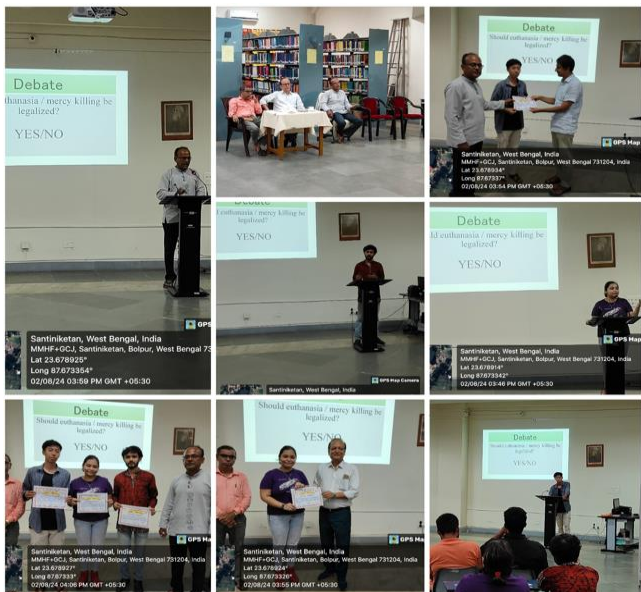
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