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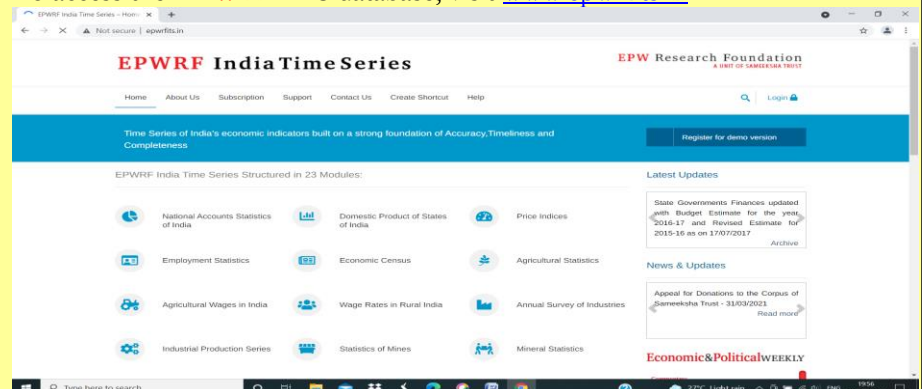## EPWRFIndia Time Series

An Online Database on Indian Economy and Society built on the Core Values of *Accuracy, Timeliness and Completeness*

The **EPWRFIndia Times Series** (**EPWRFITS** www.epwrfits.in), is an interactive renewal basis online database purchased during couple of years. This may also be accessible through remote access i.e. LSDiscovery (https://vbu.lsdiscovery.in/).
To access the **EPWRF ITS** database, visit www.epwrfits.in

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 **EPWRFIndia 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.

EPWRF India Time Series is a unique online database with its comprehensive coverage of Indian economy for a fairly long time period and it comprises over a lakh variables capsuled in 27 modules. The database tries to provide in continuous time series from 1950 depending on the availability.

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 availablein 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 *Banking Statistics* 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.
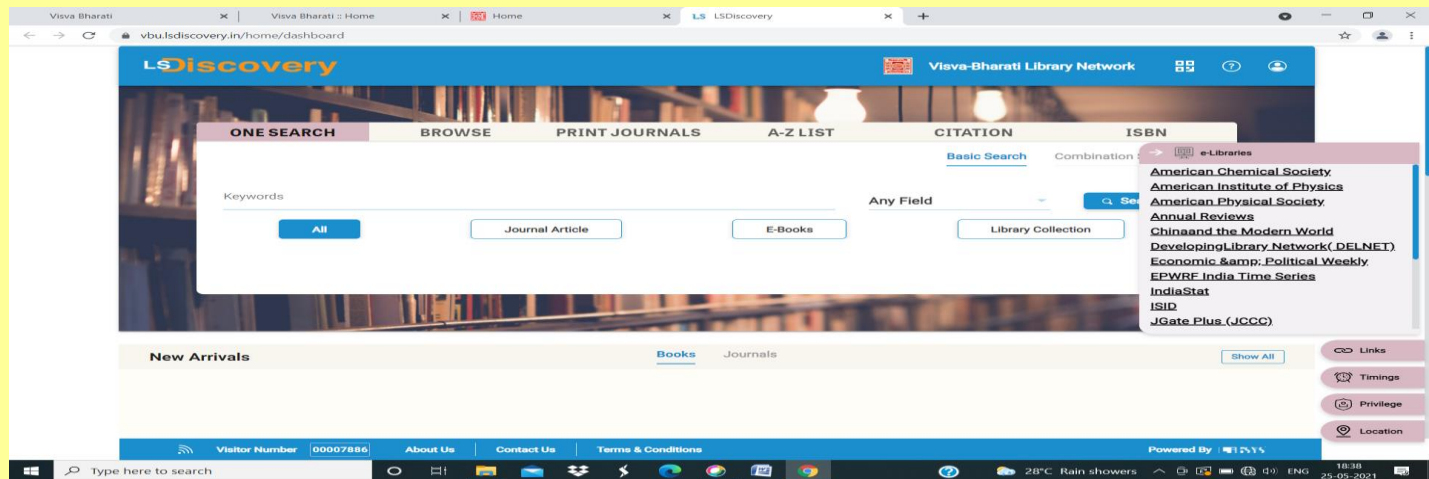
b)   Access through Remote Access: The **EPWRF** **India Times Series** also accessible through remote access (**LsDiscovery**), only requirement is to login of remote access by using **Library Card No. as ID & vbu123 as password.**

There are two ways to reach the above database

i)   Click the link **https://vbu.lsdiscovery.in/home/dashboard** then click **e-Libraries,** and finally click **EPWRFITS; or**

ii) **Click the link https://visva-bharati-library.in** then click **LSDiscovery with OPAC,** then click **e-Libraries,** and finally click **EPWRFITS; or**

iii) **Click the link www.visvabharati.ac.in/index.html** then click **Library** then click **LSDiscovery with OPAC,** then click **e-Libraries,** and finally click **EPWRFITS.**

Accessibility of Grammarly:

Grammarly Max Lytvyn, Alex Shevchenko, and Dmytro Lider founded Grammarly in 2009 with the goal of helping people communicate more effectively. Focusing first on supporting students' grammar and spelling through a subscription-based product, they soon saw the potential of how Grammarly could help in all circumstances — from professional writing to everyday correspondence. Over the next ten years, Grammarly grew the capabilities of an AI-powered writing assistant to go way beyond grammar and spelling into complex aspects of language and communication. Today Grammarly offers an intuitive, real-time interface that's there for people wherever they type, through browser extensions, a web-based editor, a Microsoft Office add-in, a desktop interface, and mobile keyboards.

One-time Self-Registration Process as given below to access Grammarly;

A. Having VB domain mail ID (xxx.yyy@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 1: Go to www.grammarly.com/edu (mandatory to sign up for this URL)

Step 2: Click on Join Your Organization button, fill up the self-service form. Ensure that users are registering from their respective official email id (@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 3: After clicking signup, an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID.

Please Note: *Your @edu credential verification has been activated and an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID once he/she registers. Users may at times get this in Spam/Junk/Promotion/Update Folder due to mail setting - users are advised to check the spam folder in case the link is not received in the INBOX.*

Step 4: Kindly Verify the activation mail from Grammarly. Once registered, users will land on the 'Grammarly Editor', which is easy to use and can be explored by the user. The MS Word Plugin can be downloaded from the support page after registration from the link. https://www.grammarly.com/office-addin/windows, the same user ID and Password credentials will grant access to use the Plugin for users.

Step 5: Kindly use access code: 'riyCsWRtFoazgotP' for registration.

B. Having No VB domain mail ID or **for other than VB domain mail ID** (*will be mentioned in the next issues*)**.**
How to Use Grammarly: Any one may consult the tutorial available through the link: https://support.grammarly.com/hc/en-us/articles/36000347473

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

➢ **Tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has organized five-day **National Level "Research/Academic Skill Development Programme On the occasion of 132nd Birth Anniversary of Padmashree Dr S. R. Ranganatha Iyer** in blended mode during 21-25 August 2023 in order to empower the researchers with modern tools and techniques of literature search, reference management, Research and Publication Ethics, Digital Rights Management, etc. **Day-**I (21.08.2023) lecture delivered by Dr Sandip Pathak, Deputy Librarian IISER, Bhopal, MP on 'Open Science Communication and Role of the Libraries'. No of participants were 71 (64 online and 07 physical). **Day-**II (22.08.2023) lecture delivered by Prof. Subir Roy, Registrar (Additional Charge) and Professor, Department of Law, Bankura University Bankura, WB on 'A Legal discourse on Copyright infringement, Plagiarism and Paraphrasing'. No of participants were 60 (48 online and 12 physical). **Day-III** (23.08.2023) delivered the lecture by Dr Neeza Singh, Librarian, T. S. Central State Library, Chandigarh, Punjab on 'Library Services aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals'. No of participants were 47 (42 online and 05 physical). **Day-IV** (24.08.2023) delivered the lecture by Prof. N Laxman Rao, Retired UGC Emeritus Professor, DLISc, Osmania University, Hyderabad and President, TSLA, Telangana on 'Status of Indian LIS Education'. No of participants were 35 (26 online and 09 physical) and **Day-V** (25.08.2023) delivered the lecture by Dr Sushanta Banerjee, Librarian, West Bengal State University, Barasat, WB on 'Blended Learning and Present Indian Scenario'. No of participants were 35 (26 online and 09 physical). Hon'ble Vice Chancellor along with the Principals, Directors, Faculty Members, has came to offer the floral tribute to Dr Ranganathan on 23 August 2023 and appreciate the initiative taken by the library.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

➢ **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 16-18 August 2023. Twenty-six (26) reputed National and International level publishers have demonstrated their e-resources on respective platforms. Total 41, 30 and 25 number of participants have witnessed the each of the three-day respectively. 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.

➢ **Broadcasting of "Chandrayaan-3 landing on the Moon":** 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 "Chandrayaan-3 landing on the Moon" on 23 August 2023. Total more than 160 members of Visva-Bharati fraternity have witnessed the mega event.

➢ **Observation of Raksha Bandhan on 31 August 2023**: Rakhaa 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 Rakhsha 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, wayfarers in front-road of the library, have participated in program whole heartedly and appreciate the effort of 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 21-25 August.
   b) 77th Independence Day on 15 August 2023
   c) Exhibition of Books: Hindi Bhavana Library has organized a Book Exhibition on 'Tulsidas Sahitya' on its premises on the occasion of Tulsi Jayanti on 28 August 2023. All the teachers and students had the opportunity to browse all types of Tulsi Sahitya books in the exhibition.

➢ **Visitors: a)** Prof. Jagdesh Kumar M, Hon'ble Chairman, UGC has visited central library on 08 August and satisfied with the library arrangements especially cleanliness of the library. He has delivered one lecture under VB lecture Series on the same day from 11.00am which was arramged in blended mode and attended by more than 400 participants in both physical and virtual.

   b) Prof. Ram Prakash Sharma, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director (Acting), NIT, Arunachal Pradesh, has visited Central Library on 24 August 2023 and highly appreciated the endevours taken by the VB Library.

➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 15 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

➢ **Similarity Checking Through OURIGINAL (supported by Turnitin) Software:** total 210 files/ Theses/ articles/ have been checked through OURIGINAL 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 Nos (442648 – 442655) and
   Gift- 02 Nos (G10978- G10979)

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/WORKSHOP/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
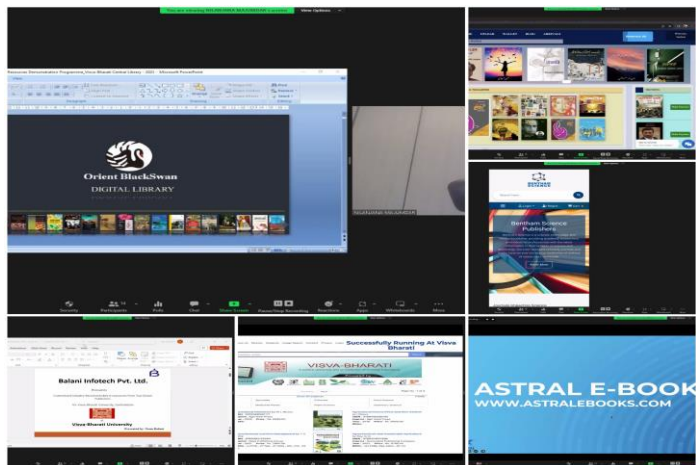
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Hon'ble, Chairman, UGC is at the Central Library

Book Exhibition at the Hindi Bhavana Library

Three-day e-resource Demonstration program

Moments of Raksha Bandhan