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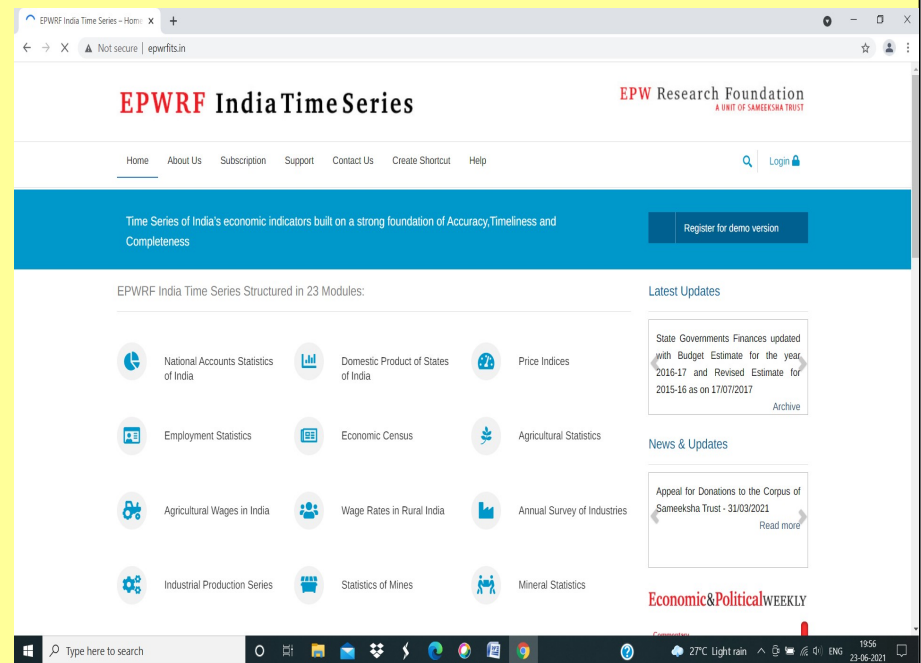
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EPWRFIndia Time Series

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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.

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.

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.

Salient Features

- ✚ **Time series data**
 - ✓ Comprising major sectors with various periodicities
 - ✓ Timely updation of data
- ✚ **User-friendly interactive online system**
 - ✓ Ease of identifying variables
 - ✓ Versatility of data variables/series selection
 - ✓ Easy to download and export to excel file
- ✚ **Enhancing Research**
 - ✓ Saves time spent on data compilation
 - ✓ Plotting of data variables/series
 - ✓ Availability of 'Meta Data' at a click

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 is 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.

The screenshot displays the EPWRF India Time Series website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, About Us, Subscription, Support, Contact Us, and Create Shortcut. A red box highlights the 'Login Box' link, which points to a login form. The form contains fields for 'User Name' (with 'demo' entered) and 'Password' (with masked characters), a 'Forgot Password?' link, and buttons for 'Login', 'New User', and 'Register Now'. Below the login form, the website features a grid of 14 data modules, each with an icon and title: National Accounts Statistics of India, Domestic Product of States of India, Price Indices, Agricultural Statistics, Combined Government Finances, Annual Survey of Industries, Industrial Production Series, External Sector, Financial Markets, Banking Statistics (BSR), Finances of Government of India, Finances of State Governments in India, Insurance, Power Sector, and Health Statistics. A 'News & Updates' section highlights an article titled 'GDP Sectoral Growth Rates: What Is Driving Growth?' dated 28/02/2015. Below this is a section for 'Economic & Political WEEKLY' with sub-sections for 'Indian Agriculture Today' and 'Special Articles'. At the bottom, there is a 'Chart Options' section with a dropdown for 'Chart Types' (set to 'Line'), a 'Variable Name' dropdown (set to 'Select Variable'), and 'From Year' and 'To Year' dropdowns (set to '2000-2001' and '2014-2015' respectively). A legend at the bottom shows four colored circles representing different data series.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Orientation to the Candidates of Internship Program from AKD Center:** Twelve candidates under internship program sent by the A. K. Dasgputa Center for Planning and Development (AKDCPD) have been sent by the Director to Central Library to orient them about the “Recent trends of Visva-Bharati Library Services its Resources and Facilities. Accordingly, a two-day sessions has been organized during 16-17 July 2025 with the Lecture, Demonstration, Physical Visit of different sections of the Library and practical exposure in terms of day-to-day workings, Quiz Competition have been arranged for the candidates. All the candidates have enjoyed the sessions a lot and four candidates have offered themselves a “Library Friends” to acquaint more with the library and library staff. It is also to be noted on both the days Prof. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay, Director; AKDCPD was present physically at the library for some times and explain the role of Visva-Bharati library in the research and development in and out of the Visva-Bharati. All the Officers, Professionals and Staff of the central library has offered their best efforts to make the program not only to success, but also to make the program /visit a meaningful to the candidates.
- **Meeting with Scholar’s Club:** a meeting has been organized on 15 July 2025 with the members of Scholars’ Club to encourage the scholars to taken initiatives and participate on the different events organized by the VBLN. Based on the suggestions from the scholars, four scholars have been identified as scholars’ coordinators.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days** at Reference Section, Central Library: Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
 - a) Birth/Death day of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy on 1 July 2025
 - b) Death Anniversary of Mahasweta Devi on 20 July 2025
 - c) Birthday of Prof. A.P.J Abdul Kalam on 30 July 2025.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 583 units or 194 (total 4022 from 01 October 2023 to 31 July 2025) Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 12 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Visitors: Visitors:**
 - a) Dr. Dharminder Singh Ubha, Principal Khalsa College Patiala, and former president of PCMA (Punjab Commerce and Management Association) for two years 2011-13, along with his wife has visited Central Library and Gifted one book to the Library on 31 July 2025. Both of them were highly satisfied after visiting the library and appreciate the initiatives taken by the library.
 - b) A team of 15 students, and 02 faculty members from Mount Zion School, Kolkata, has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 25 July 2025 as part of their educational tour. The team has visited all the sections of the library and has an interaction session with the team. Both the teachers and students of the team have expressed their satisfaction and enjoy their visit. Their interest and inquisitiveness was noteworthy.
 - c) A team of 20 students, and University Librarian from the Department of Library and Information science, Seacom Skill University, Kendra Danga, Bolpur, Birbhum, has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 29 July 2025 as part of their educational tour. The team has visited all the sections of the library and has a short lecture on “Future Library and Librarianship” has been delivered the Librarian, Visva-Bharati and the students were highly enjoyed with the lecture and the interaction was amazing. Both the Librarian and students of the team have expressed their satisfaction and enjoy their visit.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month:**
 - No of Purchased books Accessioned 13 Accn. No. 444233 - 444245
 - No of books received as a gift 19nos. G 11352 - G 11370
- **63rd Lecture of Visva-Bharati Lecture Series (VBLS)** has been organized at the Conference Hall, Central Library on 31 July 2025. Prof. Swapan Kumar Dutta, Former Acting Vice-Chancellor Visva-Bharati was invited to deliver the lecture.
- Conference Hall of the Central Library has been used for twelve different administrative meetings of the University including Academic Council Meeting on 01 August 2025. One Symposium on “Sustainable Development and Rural Development” with a special Lecture by Prof. P. K. Joshi, Former Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia has been arranged jointly by the A. K. Dasgupta Center for Planning & Development (AKDCPD). Agro-Economic Research Center (AERC) and Department of Economics & Politics, Vidya Bhavana

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **BASE(Bielefeld Academic Search Engine <https://www.base-search.net/>):** BASE is one of the world's most voluminous search engines especially for academic web resources. BASE provides more than 300 million documents from more than 10,000 content providers. You can access the full texts of about 60% of the indexed documents for free (Open Access). BASE is operated by Bielefeld University Library.
- **Story Place(<https://www.storyplace.org/>):** For years children and their families have enjoyed attending storytimes, checking out materials and participating in a variety of other programs at the various Charlotte Mecklenburg Library locations. StoryPlace came about to provide children with the virtual experience of going to the Library and participating in the same types of activities the Library offers at its physical locations. First launched in 2000, StoryPlace has been newly redesigned to present favorite stories and activities in a format compatible with desktop and mobile devices. The site also now includes early literacy information for parents and caregivers.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

1. COLLNET 2025: 19th International Conference on Advancing Research in Webometrics, Informetrics & Scientometrics (WIS) and the 24th COLLNET Meeting, scheduled for September 19-21, 2025, at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, New Delhi. For more details: <https://www.slp.org.in/Collnet2025>.
2. Gyanotsav-2025: National Conference on Re-imagining Libraries as Engines of Viksit Bharat. For more details: <https://gyanotsav2025.weebly.com/call-for-paperregistration.html>



Glimpses of Orientation of the Candidates of Internship Program



Glimpses of visit of the team from Mount Zion School, Kolkata



Moments of the visit of the team from Seacom Skill University