

Best Practices at AERC, Visva-Bharati

1. Evidence-Based Policy Research

Conducting region-specific studies on climate change, crop performance, livelihood diversification, and agricultural marketing. Providing quarterly performance indicators for West Bengal since 2012, ensuring continuous and timely policy inputs.

2. Field-Oriented Data Collection

Extensive village surveys across West Bengal, Sikkim, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (233 villages covered). Use of remote sensing, GIS, and modern statistical tools to integrate field evidence with technology-driven analysis.

3. Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing

Regular expert lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions with scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. Hosting Indian Statistical Service trainees and research methodology workshops to train young professionals. Internship and training programmes focusing on sustainability and ESG practices for students.

4. Collaborative Research Network

Partnership with other AERCs/AERUs, ICAR institutions, and central universities for multi-institutional research. Joint evaluation of flagship schemes such as PM-KISAN, PMFBY, PMKSY, and NFSM, ensuring comprehensive policy assessment.

5. Knowledge Repository and Dissemination

A well-developed library with over 7,000 books and reports, supporting researchers and stakeholders. Regular publication of research reports and books (2015–2025), ensuring dissemination of policy-relevant findings.

6. Inclusiveness and Sustainability

Research focused on farmers' welfare, sustainable practices, and climate resilience. Emphasis on indigenous crops, dairying, and off-season cultivation to promote diversification and food security.

7. Vision-Oriented Approach

Guided by its vision statement: "To emerge as a premier institution in evidence-based Agri-Economic policy research, which is inclusive, climate-resilient, and technology-enabled, transforming Indian agriculture in line with national priorities."