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NAGALAND DELEGATION

A high-level delegation from Department of Economics & Statistics (DES), Nagaland visited Kerala to study the accomplishments and activities of the Department of Economics and Statistics. The 11-member delegation comprising of the Secretary to Government and Director, DES Nagaland reached Kerala for three days' visit. During the visit, the team engaged in discussions with senior officials of DES, State Planning Board (SPB), Information Kerala Mission (IKM), State Academy on

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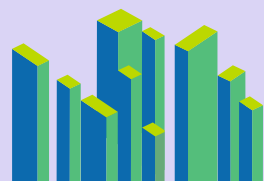
Ecostat Bulletin released

As a new initiative of the Department, a monthly titled **Ecostat Bulletin** covering all important department specific events conducted in the preceding month was prepared from the month of December 2023 onwards. The December 2023 issue covering the events during November 2023 was made fully in Malayalam as the month is celebrated as the month of Official Language. All monthly issues will be in English except that of December. These publications will be in digital format and e-mailed to all in the mailing list. Also, these will be available in the Department's website.

Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government released December 2023 & January 2024 editions of **Ecostat Bulletin** by handing over a copy each to Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. This



marks a significant step towards propagating Department's activities. Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices), also present on the occasion.





Statistical Administration (SASA), and the Kerala State Statistical Commission (KSSC).

During the meeting on the first day held at the Directorate's Conference Hall, Vikas Bhavan, on January 15, Sri. Sreekumar B., Director, DES Kerala presented the activities of the Department before the delegates. All the schemes of the Department are exhaustively presented by Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices) and Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income).

The team headed by Sri. Mohammed Ali Shihab IAS, Secretary of Economics & Statistics and IT, consisted of Sri. Neidilhou Angami, Director, DES Nagaland, Sri. Kezhalelhou Solo, Deputy Director, Sri. Vikosieto Krose, Deputy Director, Sri. David Khusto, Sri. Holikum, Sri. V.S.Tharmi and Smt. Chombeni Oren Patton, Economics & Statistics Officers, Smt. Nchiebamneu



Gathered information about Crop Cutting Experiments.

On the second day, a field visit was organized to Neyyatinkara taluk of Thiruvananthapuram to get an overview of crop cutting experiments and area investigation related to EARAS- an important scheme of the Department. During the visit, the team observed how crop cutting experiments are being conducted for paddy and nutmeg crops.



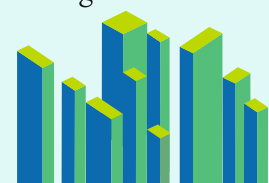
The visit was coordinated by Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices). Sri. Anish Kumar B., Deputy Director Thiruvananthapuram arranged the field visit. Smt. Sheela T.S., Taluk Statistical Officer, Smt. Manju Shankar, Statistical Inspector and Smt. Asha S. Ansalam, Investigator were also present.



Newmai, Inspector of Statistics, Sri. Kekhriesituo Kelio, and Sri. V. Timothy Sekhose, Field Investigators.

Visit to State Planning Board.

Nagaland Team visited the State Planning Board and discussed the data requirements for planning process with special reference to GSDP. During the





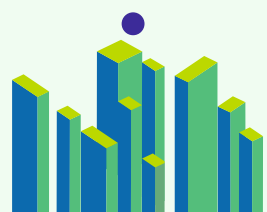
discussion with Dr. V. K. Ramachandran, Vice Chairperson explained the team the necessity and significance of the State Planning Board in intervening the policies and programmes of the Government. Sri. Mohammed Ali Shihab IAS, Secretary of Economics & Statistics and IT Nagaland and Sri. Sreekumar B., Director DES also participated in the discussion.

The Nagaland team visited Information Kerala Mission (IKM) on January 16, 2024 to get an overview of K Smart, a project of Government of Kerala. The main objective of the discussion was about the implementation of 'e-Governance' in Decentralised Government System.



SASA and KSSC visits

Nagaland team also visited both State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) and Kerala State Statistical Commission (KSSC) to get hold of the training and research activities through the Institute and the advisory role played by the KSSC in strengthening the State Statistical System (SSS). Director Sri. Sreekumar B., Nodal Officer Sri. D.S. Shibukumar, and Liaison Officers Sri. Anilkumar C. and Sri. Hareesh S., Regional Statistical Officer also accompanied the team.





New Year wishes

At a special meeting held in the Conference Hall of the Directorate on January 1, 2024, the Director extended warm New Year wishes to all staff. He expressed hopes for a more joyful and prosperous New Year, urging all employees of the Directorate to work diligently.



Release of Publications

Digital copies of publications of the District Office, Thiruvananthapuram were released online. The click on function was done by Dr. Geromic George IAS, the District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram. Sri. Anishkumar B., Deputy Director, Thiruvananthapuram was present at the event held at the office of District Collector.



Implementation of e-office in District Offices

As part of implementation of paperless electronic file management system in the District Statistical Offices of the Department, e-office system was launched in Pathanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram and Alappuzha district offices on January 12, 2024, January 22, 2024 and January 30, 2024 respectively. The system in the remaining districts will be started soon after obtaining the EMD and Login credentials from Kerala State IT Mission.



Meeting of all staff of the Department

As part of revamping initiatives of the Department and planning future activities in the year 2024, a meeting of all staff at the Directorate was held on January 8, 2024. In this regard, a virtual meeting of all staff in line Departments and District and Taluk offices of the Department was held on January 9, 2024. Sri. Sreekumar B. Director, Additional Directors and members of Revamping Action Team were also present in the online meeting.



SASA training to Extension Officers (P&M)

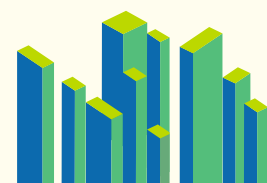


The last batch of training on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Extension Officers (Planning & Monitoring) who have been working in Block Development Offices was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA), Kaimanam, Thiruvananthapuram. All the Extension Officers (P&M) in 152 Blocks were trained in 5 batches. This programme was well received by these staff. They are trained for improving their performance in monitoring the implementation of LSGD programmes.



Project presentation of trainees of #AIFORALL

Project presentation of all trainees of the Capacity Building on Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Programme was arranged at the Directorate's Conference Hall. A total of 11 staff in various cadres from Statistical Assistant Grade II to Deputy Director had successfully completed the course which was conducted by Digital University Kerala at IIITM-K in Technopark campus from October 11, 2023 to December 21, 2023. Machine Learning, Linear Regression, Forecasting Data using Time Series Modelling, Artificial Intelligence are the methods used in the projects presented. Python and R were used for analysis.





Launch of GCES Mobile Application



The State level inauguration of EARAS related Crop Cutting Experiments through 'GCES Mobile Application' of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, conducted by Department of Economics and Statistics took place at Punnayurkulam Panchayath, Chavakkad Taluk in Thrissur District. Sri. Sreekumar B., Director led the inaugural Crop Cutting Experiment.

Sri. R. Radhakrishna Pillai, Assistant Director, EARAS Division, Smt. Sincimol Antony, Deputy Director, Thrissur, Sri. Hareesh S., Regional Statistical Officer, Sri. Saijo Chalissery, Additional District Officer, Sri. Justin M. J. and Sri. Manoj V., Research Officers, Sri. Prakashan M., Taluk Statistical Officer and Smt. Jeena K., Statistical Investigator were present.

Release of book "Theeram Parayunnathu"

Sri. Sreekumar B., Director released the book "Theeram Parayunnathu" prepared by the staff of the Taluk Statistical Office, Chavakkad in Thrissur district. The book contains historical, geographical, and cultural data of the entire Taluk. The event was held at Chavakkad Taluk Statistical Office in the presence of Smt. Sincymol Antony, District Deputy Director. Sri. R. Radhakrishna Pillai, Assistant Director, EARAS Division Sri. Harish S., Regional Statistical Officer, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Sri. Saijo Chalissery, Additional District Officer, Sri. Justin M. J. and Sri. Manoj V., Research Officers, Sri. Prakashan M., Taluk Statistical Officer, Smt. Leema Joseph P., Statistical Inspector and all the investigators were present.

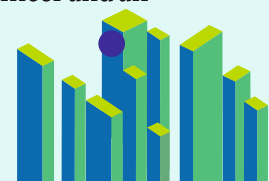


Report Released on information about the cases registered at the Police/Excise Departments



At a function held at Thrissur Collectorate Conference Hall, Sri. Sree kumar B., Director released a Review Report prepared by Sri. Leo Kakassery, Statistical Inspector, NSS and Sri. Dileep K. M., Statistical Investigator Grade 2 of Thrissur District. The report was prepared based on information about cases registered at police/excise stations. In the current context of increasing drug abuse among children, the report emphasizes urgent need to increase awareness and preventative measures, especially focusing on schools.

Smt. Sincimol Antony, Deputy Director presided over the function. Sri. R. Radhakrishna Pillai, Assistant Director, Sri. Hareesh S., Regional Statistical Officer, Smt. Lekha K. T., District Officer and all the officers in the district were present.





Discussion on Cost of Cultivation



A brainstorming workshop was held to examine the feasibility of integrating Cost of Cultivation Survey with EARAS scheme. The workshop also intends to revise the Cost of Cultivation Survey comprehensively incorporating various contemporary advancements in Agricultural Sector. Dr. Rajasekaran P., Chairman, State Agriculture Prices Board, Dr. Reji D. Nair, Research Officer, Agriculture Division, State Planning Board, Sri. Renu P. Viswam, Representative, Coconut Development Board, Sri. Manoj S., Representative, Agriculture Department, Indulekha, Representative, University of Kerala, Sri. M. Somasekaran Pillai, Former Professor & Head of the Department of Statistics, University College, Sri. Sujith S.V., Haritha Mitra Award winner (2023) of Government of Kerala for the best vegetable farmer were participated. Sri. Sreekumar B., Director chaired the discussion. Additional Directors, Officers from EARAS, Cost of Cultivation and State Income divisions were also present.

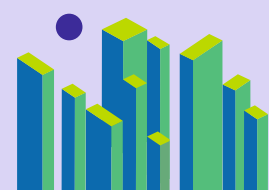


Donation of prize money to CMDRF



The Department donated the award winning amount received as part of the Bharanabhasha Puraskaram for the best Department which implemented the official language initiatives during the year 2023, to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF). Dr. Venu V. IAS, Chief Secretary to Government received the cheque from Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. During the event, Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices) was also present.

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Obituary

(January 29 2024)



A condolence meeting was held in the Directorate conference hall on 29th January 2024, to pay tribute to the sad demise of **Sri. K. Achuthan** former Director of Economics and Statistics Department (1-12-1992 to 28-02-1993). He was also holding the charge of special Director during the period of 3rd Economic Census.

Martyrs' Day

The Department commemorated Martyrs' Day to honour the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. All staff in the Directorate gathered in the Conference Hall to pay tribute to our Father of Nation.