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Compendium of Project Reports on #AiforAll was released



On February 27, 2024, the renovated building complex of Digital University of Kerala was officially inaugurated by Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. During the function, Dr. R. Bindu, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, released the report 'Compendium of Project Reports' by handing over a copy to Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. The report is a compilation of projects prepared by the participants from



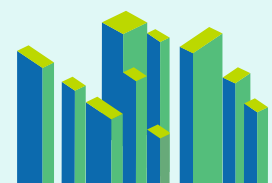
Department of Economics and Statistics, who had successfully completed 45 days course on 'Capacity building in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics', which was conducted by DUK. The Functional Requirement Specifications document of



EARAS module of Application for Intelligent Data Engineering and Analytics (AIDEA), prepared by DUK, was handed over to Sri. Sreekumar B., Director by Sri. P. Rajeev, Hon'ble Minister of Industries. Senior officers and AI trainees from the Directorate were also present on the occasion.



Participants from Department of Economics and Statistics in the course conducted by DUK





Annual Training Programme on EARAS

The State Level Annual EARAS Training Programme was held at the Directorate's Conference Hall on February 5 and 6, 2024. The training is aimed to afresh the field level knowledge and to familiarise timely changes in the scheme to enhance the capacity of statistical personnel from newly recruited investigators to Deputy Directors. The workshop was inaugurated by Sri. P. C. Mohanan, ISS (Rtd.), Chairman, Kerala State Statistical Commission. Smt. Sunitha Bhaskar, Deputy Director General of NSO (FOD), delivered keynote address. The meeting was chaired by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. Sri.Vinodan T. P., Additional Director (Prices), DES welcomed the gathering. Sri Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income), DES and Sri. Ajith Kumar P.V., Deputy Director Department of Agriculture felicitated over the function. Smt. Haleema Beegum, Joint Director, EARAS Division, DES delivered vote of thanks. All officers from EARAS Division of the Directorate were present.



On the Second day, revision of EARAS Manual was discussed and deliberated at length in a workshop mode. District officials brainstormed and contributed. It was decided to make the Manual final within a period of three months.



Price Manual Revision

A one-day workshop was held on February 7, 2024, at the Directorate's Conference Hall, for revising the existing 'Price Manual'. The workshop was inaugurated by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices) gave a welcome address outlining the importance of the Price Manual Revision. The Revised Price Manual, which consists of 15 chapters and contains guidelines and decisions pertaining to price collection, was presented by Sri. Rajendran Nair S., Assistant Director, Price Division. District Officials presented their views and contributions in revising the 'Price Manual'. It was decided to make the Manual final within a period of three months.



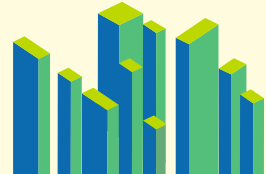
Conducted Workshop on Cost of Cultivation Survey

Cost of Cultivation Survey Division of the Directorate organised a one-day workshop on February 8, 2024, at the Directorate's Conference Hall. Director chaired the workshop, which reviewed the critical issue of modifying the survey's present methodology and data collection schedule, as well as the viability of integrating the survey with EARAS scheme. Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income) and Sri. Abhilash K., Deputy Director, Evaluation led the workshop, which featured power point presentations by the district Deputy Directors on the aforementioned topics. The session was attended by approximately 100 officials from District, Taluk, and Directorate levels.

Launched Web Portal



On February 8, 2024, during the workshop on Cost of Cultivation, Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan, Additional Chief Secretary and Sri. Sreekumar B., jointly made official launch of the Web Portal related to Consumer Price Index (Rural/Urban/Combined) at the Directorate's Conference Hall. This portal is developed by M/s. Travidux Technologies Private Limited.



FEBRUARY 8

Reports Released



On February 8, 2024, during the workshop on Cost of Cultivation, held at the Training Hall, Smt. Sarada G. Muraleedharan IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Department of Planning and Economic Affairs, officially released report on 'Organic Farming and Marketing in Kerala: 2021-22', by handing over a copy to Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. The publications titled 'Annual Average Market Price of Building Materials', 'Annual Average Wages of Construction Workers 2021-22', and 'Annual Review of Crop Statistics 2021-22' were also released. The Additional Chief Secretary emphasised the value of data and its interpretation and stressed its relevance in strategic planning. Sri. Vijay R., Research officer, Survey and Design Division was honored by presenting a memento for his exceptional and dedicated work in preparing the Report.

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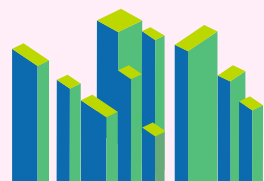


FEBRUARY 15

Release of Women's Status Study Report 'Pennadayaangal'

In order to understand the current socio-economic scenario of women in Thiruvananthapuram district and to implement innovative projects based on it, the District Panchayat and District Women Development Department with the help of District Office, Department of Economics & Statistics, Thiruvananthapuram, prepared a survey report '**Pennadayaangal- Women's Status Study Report**' by taking 1000 women as sample from each local body. The report was released by Sri. I.B. Satheesh, Hon'ble MLA, Kattakkada, at a function held at District Panchayat hall, Thiruvananthapuram on February 15, 2024. Sri. Sreekumar B., Director, Department of Economic Statistics, District and Block Panchayat members, prominent persons in social and cultural fields participated. The District Panchayat felicitated Sri. Anish Kumar B., Deputy Director, who led preparation of the survey report.

Some of the main features of the report are: 41.55% of women are unable to engage in income-generating work due to family responsibilities, 14% are widows and destitute women, 12.53% of women are unable to engage in job due to lack of suitable employment, and 61.12% of women are ready to accept income-generating work, if available.




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EARAS – District Level Training 2023-24

District Level Trainings of EARAS 2023 -24 were conducted from 15 to 24, February 2024. These trainings are being conducted every year to brush up the concepts and definitions of the scheme and also for familiarising the changes introduced. Details of the District Level Trainings conducted are as follows..

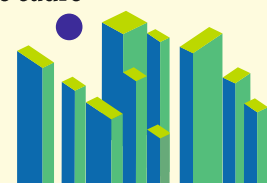


Sri. Kadannapally Ramachandran, Hon'ble. Minister for Archaeology and Registration inaugurating Annual Training Programme on EARAS of Thiruvananthapuram district.

Sl. No.	District	Date of training	Inaugurated by
1	Thiruvananthapuram	15.02.2024	Sri. Kadannapally Ramachandran, Minister for Ports, Museums, Archaeology and Archives of Kerala
2	Kollam	21.02.2024	Smt. Deepthy K.P. KAS, Deputy Collector (RR), Kollam
3	Pathanamthitta	22.02.2024	Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income)
4	Alappuzha	21.02.2024	Smt. K.G. Rajeswari, President, District Panchayat, Alappuzha
5	Kottayam	22.02.2024	Smt. Sudarsa R., Joint Director (Survey & Design)
6	Idukki	24.02.2024	Sri. Sreekumar B., Director
7	Ernakulam	20.02.2024	Sri. Sreekumar B., Director
8	Thrissur	19.02.2024	Sri. Sreekumar B., Director
9	Palakkad	19.02.2024	Smt. Haleema Beegum K., Joint Director (EARAS)
10	Malappuram	22.02.2024	Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices)
11	Kozhikkode	20.02.2024	Sri. Muhammod Yasir, Director, NSO (FOD), Kozhikkode
12	Wayanad	24.02.2024	Smt. Shylamma K., Joint Director (Agriculture Census)
13	Kannur	17.02.2024	Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (Prices)
14	Kasaragod	22.02.2024	Smt. Shylamma K., Joint Director (Agriculture Census)



Training Programmes of all districts were conducted as per the schedule fixed. Besides Thiruvananthapuram, Idukki, Ernakulam and Thrissur districts, the Director attended the training through online in the remaining 10 districts. The interaction with the staff in all the districts through online and offline modes by the Director made strong bondage between staff irrespective of the cadre and the top level administration.





Capacity-building Programme on 'Compilation of Environment Accounts'

Two days Southern Regional-level Capacity Building Workshop on the 'Compilation of Environment Accounts' through a collaborative effort between the Social Statistics Division of the National Statistical Office,



Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, and the Department of Economics and Statistics, Tamil Nadu was held at Mahabalipuram on 19th and 20th February 2024. Sri. SajinGopi, Assistant Director, and Sri. Abin Joseph, Research Officer, from State Income Division of the Directorate participated in the workshop from the Directorate. Smt. Maya S., Deputy Director (Statistics), Principal Directorate, LSGD and Smt. Geetha L., Deputy Director (Statistics), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests were also participated.



Workshop at Alappuzha



On February 23, 2023, a workshop on EARAS was conducted as a joint venture by the Department of Economics & Statistics and Kerala State Statistical Commission at District Planning Committee Conference Hall, Alappuzha. Sri. P.C. Mohanan, ISS (Rtd.), Chairman, Kerala State Statistical Commission, inaugurated the workshop. Field level issues pertaining to EARAS and Cost of Cultivation Survey were discussed. The workshop was chaired by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. Sri.Vinodan T. P., Additional Director (Prices), delivered keynote address. Smt. Leeladevi S., Secretary, Kerala State Statistical Commission, and Smt. Bindu K. R., Assistant Director felicitated the event. Sri. Ratheesh

P.N. extended vote of thanks. Sri. Radhakrishna Pillai R., Assistant Director (EARAS), Sri. Abhilash K., Deputy Director (Evaluation) from the Directorate, Sri. Jyothishkumar M., Research Officer, and Smt. Sreelatha N.B., Additional District Officer, District Office, Alappuzha made presentations. After detailed

discussions, Sri. Sreekumar B., Director responded to the queries raised and Sri. P.C. Mohanan, Chairman, KSSC made the concluding remarks.



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