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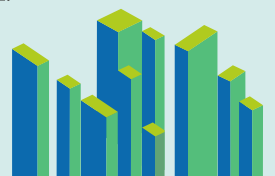


## National Level Skill Development Training Programme

A five day national training programme on 'Communication Skill Development' for central government officers in the cadre of Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) in Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS) under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) was held at SASA, Kaimanam, Thiruvananthapuram from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This programme was a joint venture programme with the support of

National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA), MoSPI. 25 officers in the cadre of SSO posted in various ministries in New Delhi and Field Operations Divisions (FOD) of National Sample Survey Officers (NSSO) in Delhi, Rajasthan, Punjab, Sikkim, UP and AP were the participants of the programme. During the inaugural session held on 20-01-2025, Dr. K N Harilal, Chairman of 7th State Finance Commission (SFC) and Chairman of Advisory Committee of SASA, inaugurated the training programme by lighting the lamp. Kerala State Statistical Commission (KSSC) Chairman, Sri. P C Mohanan made a special address. Sri. Sreekumar B, Director of SASA and Director of DES presided over the function. Dr. Jitendra Singh

Tomar, DDG (NSSTA) made a key note address and Sri. Vibeesh E.M., ISS, DDG, NSO (FOD) RO Kerala made a felicitation speech. Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income) and Additional Director in charge of Training in DES made welcome address and Sri. D S Shibukumar, Training Manager SASA and Deputy Director DES made Vote of thanks during the function.





## Invited talk on "Data Strategy for Smart Governance"



An invited talk on "Data Strategy for Smart Governance" by Dr. Navas Jalaludeen, Data Specialist and Advisor of Qatar Central Bank, was held at the training hall of Directorate of Economics and Statistics on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The session was chaired by Director Sri. Sreekumar B., and was attended by all IT-qualified staff in the Department. The session was held in hybrid mode.

### Induction Training at IMG, Ernakulam

An induction training programme for the newly recruited staff in the cadre of Statistical Assistant/ Investigator Grade II of the Department of Economics and Statistics was held at Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Kochi regional campus, Ernakulam from 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 30 employees from Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam and Thrissur district offices and Taluk Statistical Offices participated this eight day capacity building programme.

### Induction Training at IMG, Kozhikode

An induction training programme for the newly recruited staff in the cadre of Statistical Assistant/ Investigator Grade II of the Department of Economics and Statistics was held at Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Kozhikode region from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. 30 employees from Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayand, Kannur and Kasaragod districts participated this eight day capacity building programme.



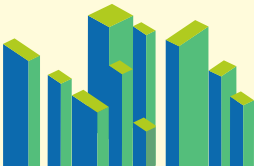
### Celebrated New Year

A vibrant New Year celebration was organized at the directorate on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. The Director delivered an inspiring New Year message to the employees, while staff members entertained through a variety of cultural performances.

## State Level training program of Labor and Housing and IIP



A state-level training programme on the Labour and Housing Survey and the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) schemes was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Directorate Training Hall. The programme was intended for Statistical Investigators, Research Officers, and other staff involved in data collection and supervision across various districts. Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income), Smt. Yamuna A.R., Deputy Director, Vital Statistics, Sri. Sijith S, Assistant Director, Sri. Abdul Gafur, Assistant Director, Sri. Sebin Mathew., Research Officer led engaging training sessions, providing the participants with valuable knowledge and hands-on expertise in their respective fields.





## State Level Workshop on Situation Assessment Survey on Agricultural Households



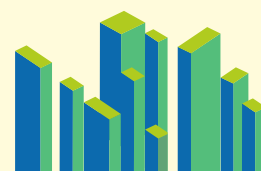
A State-level workshop on the "Data Super Check" and "Data Entry" for the Situation Assessment Survey on Agricultural Households in Kerala: 2024-25 was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Training Hall of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics. Director, Sri. Sreekumar. B., applauded the dedicated efforts of all staff members who successfully completed the data collection within the stipulated timeline, highlighting the workshop's significance and encouraging prompt follow-up actions. Additional Director (State Income), Sri. Manoj M., presented an overview of the progress of the survey so far achieved and outlined the roadmap for future activities. Senior Joint Director, Smt. Sudharsa R., from the Survey Design Division, along with Deputy Director Smt. Deepa. S.A. from the Statistics Division of Agriculture Department, Sri. Preeth. V.S., Nosologist were actively participated in the workshop. Supervisors from various districts and officials from both the Department of Economics and Statistics and the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare were also present. Sessions related Super Check and Schedule Validation were handled by Sri. Abhilash. K., Deputy Director (Evaluation), and Sri. Vijay. R., Research Officer. Sri. Saju. K., Research Assistant, provided a comprehensive introduction to the Data Entry Application and felicitated hands-on training for the participants.

## State Level training program of Annual Survey of Industries



A state-level training program of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2023-'24 took place on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at the training hall of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics. The inaugural session was chaired by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director. Sri. Vibeesh E. M., Deputy Director General of NSO (FOD), delivered a comprehensive overview of the ASI Survey. Sri. K. N. Rajeev Kumar., Senior Statistical Officer from NSO (FOD) SRO, Kollam explained on practical aspects of data entry techniques, scrutiny and validation for the ASI survey. A lively discussion ensued, where the challenges faced by investigators during data collection were addressed in the presence of the Director. Sri.

Manoj. M., Additional Director (State Income) and other officials from ASI division of the Department were present.



## State Level training program of National Sample Survey



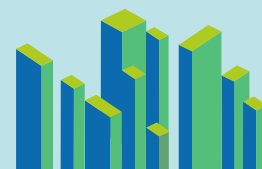
A state-level training program for the National Sample Survey (NSS) 80<sup>th</sup> Round, organized by Department of Economics & Statistics, was held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at the training hall of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics. The inaugural session was chaired by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director of the Economics and Statistics Department. Dr. Rajan N Khobragade, Additional Chief Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department, officially inaugurated the training programme. Sri. P.C. Mohanan,

Chairman of the Kerala State Statistical Commission and Sri. Vibeesh E.M., Deputy Director General of NSO (FOD) have felicitated the event. The training sessions were lead by an esteemed panel of experts, including Dr. Harikumar S., Assistant Director (Public Health) from the Directorate of Health Services; Sri. Sunil Dev P., Assistant Director from NSO (FOD); Smt. Rohini S. Nair., Senior Statistical Officer from NSO, Sri. Preeth V.S., Nosologist, Sri Sreekumar G., Research Officer, and Smt. Jayashree M.M., Senior Supervisor who imparted their knowledge through insightful and engaging presentations.

## "To-Be" workshop on the preparation of the FRS for the Prices Module



A "To-Be" workshop on the preparation of the FRS for the Prices Module, aimed at developing a software application through Digital University Kerala, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Computer Division Hall of the Directorate. The workshop witnessed active participation from officials of the Directorate, Digital University Kerala (DUK), various district and Taluk offices and various stakeholder agencies. Director, Sri. Sreekumar B., described the dynamic environment of prices and centralized data repository. Additional Director (General) Sri. Vinodan T. P., Additional Director (Prices) Dr. K G Geetha and Deputy Director of Computer Section Sri. D. S. Shibukumar coordinated the workshop. Selected officers in the cadre of Deputy Director, District Officer, Taluk Statistical Officer, Research Officer, Research Assistant and Price Collector were also attended from the districts. During the two-day session, DUK representatives Mr. Umasanker and Mrs. Geethika J S provided a thorough overview of the work completed so far and coordinated the reengineering aspects in the new module. All staff in Prices division participated the two day workshop. Other stakeholders from different departments and agencies attended online.





# Revamping Action Team - Meeting



As part of the initiatives undertaken by the Revamping Action Team (RAT), an online meeting was convened with all department staff on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 to discuss the upcoming programs related to the department's ongoing rejuvenation efforts. During the session, Director gave an in-depth overview on the various projects already implemented as part of the revamping process and provided insights into the plans and initiatives that are set to be rolled out in the near future.

## State Level training program of EARAS

A state-level training program of EARAS for the Agricultural Year 2024-'25 held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Directorate Training Hall. District officials, including Deputy Directors, District Officers, Additional District Officers and Research Officers were participated. During the training programme Sri. Sreekumar. B., Director formally released of two important publications- 'Annual Review of Crop Statistics a for the year 2022-23' by handing over to Sri. B. Muraleedharan Nair, SSO, NSO, while the 'Report on Household Social Consumption and Health of NSS 75<sup>th</sup> Round' by handing over to Sri. Manoj M., Additional Director (State Income). The training programme witnessed a wide participation, with all district and taluk office staff joining the sessions online, ensuring an inclusive and far-reaching experience. Sri. Vinodan T.P., Additional Director (General), Dr. K.G. Geetha Additional Director (Prices) and other senior officials of the directorate were also present.



## State Level training program of EARAS (Sample Chek)



The state-level training program on sample check for the agricultural year 2024-'25 was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Directorate Training Hall. Key officials including Deputy Directors, Additional District Officers, Research Assistants and Section Assistants from various districts, were participated. The training sessions were led by Mr. B. Muraleedharan Nair, SSO from NSO, and Assistant Director Mr. R. Radhakrishna Pillai from DES. Director provided an insightful overview of the training. Additional Directors of the Department, Sri. Vinodan T.P., Sri. Manoj M., and Dr. K.G. Geetha as well as Sri. Sam Joseph, Senior

Administrative Officer have greeted the event. Joint Directors and officials from the EARAS Division also participated, while district-level officers and Taluk Statistical Officers joined the program online.

## Celebrated National Voters' Day

On the occasion of the National Voters' Day, 25<sup>th</sup> January, Sri.Sreekumar B., Director administered pledge to the employees of the department at the Directorate Training Hall.

## Reports published by the Department in January 2025

1. Annual Review of Crop Statistics System in Kerala 2022-23
2. Report on Household Consumption and Health in Kerala- NSS 75<sup>th</sup> Round - Based on State Sample Data

