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Digital Leap in State Statistics: AIDeA Application officially launched

The web and Android Mobile Applications of Intelligent Data Engineering and Analytics (AIDeA), developed by Digital University Kerala (DUK) for the Department of Economics and Statistics, was officially launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan on 3rd January 2026. The web application is accessible via www.aidea.kerala.gov.in and mobile application AIDeA from the Google Play Store. As the agency responsible for handling official statistics in the state, the Department of Economics and Statistics implements a variety of surveys and data collection processes. Through AIDeA, these activities can now be conducted more efficiently, ensuring accuracy and transparency of collected data and facilitating timely access to information for planning and decision-making. Currently, the application includes the EARAS module, which enables field-level data collection for agricultural surveys across all Panchayats, Municipalities, and Corporations in the state. This module allows for real-time monitoring and report generation via the web portal. In the future, the Department plans to expand the application to include modules for collection of various kinds of price data from markets at various intervals, providing real-time analytics and information to the public, thereby further enhancing data-driven decision-making and transparency.



The application launch ceremony held at the Chief Minister's Office was attended by Special Secretary Dr. Veena N Madhavan IAS from the Planning and Economic Affairs Department, Director Smt. Rashmi C.P, former Director Sri. Rajath G S, Additional Directors Smt. Shylamma K, Smt. Shalini P.K, Senior Administrative Officer Sri. Sam Joseph, Joint Director Sri. Gopakumar S, Deputy Director Sri. D.S. Shibukumar, Senior Statistical Officer Sri. Hareesh S and Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Mr. Uma Shankar and Mr. Vimal D. Kumar, Smt. Smitha V S, Sri. Adarsh A from Centre for Digital Transformation & Innovation (CDTI) Division of the Digital University Kerala.

EARAS State-level Annual Training Programme 2025-26

The EARAS State-level Annual Training Programme 2025-26 was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare, Sri. P. Prasad. The inaugural function was held at the Training Hall of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics. The Director of the Department of Economics and Statistics, Smt. Resmi. C.P. presided over the function. Sri. P.C. Mohanan, ISS (Retd.), Chairman, Kerala State Statistical Commission; Sri. Vibeesh. E.M., Deputy Director General, NSO RO Thiruvananthapuram and Smt. Sapna S., Additional Director, Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare, attended the programme. The training programme was conducted over two days on the 6th and 7th January 2026. Deputy Directors and other district-level officers dealing with the scheme EARAS from various districts across the State attended the training. The programme aimed at strengthening the implementation and monitoring of agricultural statistics under the EARAS scheme.

State-level Training Programme on Sample Check (EARAS)

The State-level Training Programme on Sample Check (EARAS) for the agricultural year 2025-26 was conducted on 8th January 2026 at the Directorate Training Hall. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Vibeesh. E.M., Deputy Director General (NSO-FOD). The Director of the Department of Economics and Statistics, Smt. Resmi C. P., presided over the function. Deputy Directors, Additional District Officers, Research Assistants, and Section Assistants from various districts across the State participated in the programme. The training sessions were led by Smt. Sreeshma P. E., Assistant Director. Additional Directors of the Department, Smt. Shailamma K. and Smt. Salini P. K.; Sri. Sam Joseph, Senior Administrative Officer; and Sri. Gopakumar S., Joint Director, were also present on the occasion.

Training Programme on "Pooling Estimation Procedure" Conducted for DES Staff

A five-day training programme on "Pooling Estimation Procedure" was organised for the staff of the Department of Economics and Statistics at the DES Training Hall on January 12, 13, 14, 20 and 21. The training programme was inaugurated by the Director, Smt. Resmi. C. P. The training sessions were led by Sri. Preeth V. S., Deputy Director (NSS); Sri. Sajin Gopi, Assistant Director (State Income); Smt. Remya K., Assistant Director (NSS); and Ms. Pavithra Hariharan, Research Officer (Survey & Design). A total of 30 officers of the department, including Joint Directors and Deputy Directors, participated in the programme. The training aimed at enhancing the technical capacity of officers in the application of pooling estimation methods.

State-level Training Programme on the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)

The State-level Training Programme on the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2025-26 was conducted on 23rd and 24th January 2026 at the Directorate Training Hall. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Sreehari B., Senior Statistical Officer, National Statistical Office

(NSO), Sub-Regional Office, Kollam. The inaugural session was presided over by Smt. Resmi C. P., Director. All Additional Directors, Senior Administrative Officer, Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of the department were present. The officers concerned with Annual Survey of Industries both in District Offices and the Directorate were participated the training programme. The training sessions were handled by Smt. Vinishya M. S., Senior Statistical Officer, NSO Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram, and Sri. M. Monesh, Statistical Investigator Grade II.

State-level Training Programme on AIDeA Mobile Application

The State-level Trainer's Training Programme on the AIDeA Mobile Application was conducted on 30th January at the Directorate Training Hall. The programme was presided over by Smt. Shailamma K., Additional Director (Prices). The technical session was led by Sri. Vimalkumar D., Research Engineer, Digital University of Kerala (DUK). Sri. Umasankar R, Manager (R&D), Smt. Helen Varghese, Smt. Surabhi S., and Smt. Smitha V. from the Centre for Digital Transformation and Innovation (CDTI), Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology (Digital University Kerala) were also present. Selected officials from each District attended the programme as master trainers. Sri. Gopakumar S, Joint Director (EARAS) and all staff in EARAS actively attended the session. Sri. D.S. Shibukumar, Deputy Director (Computer Division) and other staff of the Project Management Unit from Computer Division also attended the programme.

Training on Research Methodology

A six-day training programme on Research Methodology for the staff of the Department of Economics & Statistics (DES) was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) from 19th to 24th January 2026. This programme is the first of its kind organised for the employees of DES to promote research-oriented activities in DES and to strengthen the report writing skills of the employees. 19 employees in the cadre of Statistical Assistant Grade II, Statistical Assistant Grade I, Research Officer and Assistant Director working in District and Taluk offices in various districts, headquarters of different departments in Thiruvananthapuram and directorate of DES participated this course. This training programme has three phases, Phase I: Pre Course to identify the research problem and submit report, which commenced 20 days before the programme. Phase II: Class room training (6 days). Phase III: Post training to prepare and submit a detailed report on a research problem (Individual report). Certificate will be awarded to those who have completed all three phases successfully.

Training on Data Analysis using R

A three-day training programme on Data Analysis using R was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) from 27th to 29th January 2026 for the staff of the Department of Economics & Statistics (DES). 25 employees in the cadre of Statistical Assistant Grade II, Statistical Assistant Grade I, UD Typist, Research Assistant and Research Officer working in headquarters of different departments in Thiruvananthapuram and directorate of DES successfully completed this course.

Publications released by DES in January 2026

1. EcoStat Bulletin June 2025
2. EcoStat Bulletin July 2025
3. EcoStat Bulletin August 2025
4. EcoStat Bulletin September 2025

5. Ecostat Bulletin October 2025
6. Ecostat Bulletin November 2025
7. Ecostat Bulletin December 2025
8. Market Price of Building Materials and Labour Wage Rates for the second quarter of 2025 - '26

Unit Level Datasets released by DES in January 2026

Building Material Price 2025-26 second quarter