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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS

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Attended in National Deliberative Summit

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organized a one-and-a-half-day National Deliberative Summit on “Data for Development” with States/UTs and other stakeholders on the theme “Using Administrative Data for Governance: Harmonizing Departmental Data at the State Level” on 29th to 30th April 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This Summit was held as a follow-up to the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries of States/UTs held in December 2025.

The Summit aimed to build a shared vision for leveraging administrative data as a strategic asset for evidence-based policymaking under the Viksit Bharat @2047 initiative. It sought to align States, UTs, and other stakeholders in developing a roadmap for data harmonization and systematic integration across departmental datasets. By promoting common standards, interoperability, and responsible data use, the Summit focused on enhancing data quality, accessibility, and trust. It also emphasized enabling the adoption of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence to support efficient, inclusive, and outcome-oriented governance.



Sri. Sandip Kumar IAS, Director, Kerala State Information Technology Mission (KSITM), Smt. Shailamma K., Director of the Department and Sri D.S. Shibukumar, Deputy Director,

attended the Summit representing the State of Kerala. Sri. Sandip Kumar, IAS, delivered a presentation on Kerala's initiatives, highlighting key use cases of administrative data linkage through unique identifiers to enable effective utilisation of siloed systems and promote better harmonisation.

Conducted Internship Presentation of Students

As part of its prestigious Internship Programme, the Department provided internship to 13 students from University College, Thiruvananthapuram, and Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam, from 16 April 2026 to 30 April 2026. On the concluding day of the programme, the interns delivered detailed presentations on subjects including Agricultural Statistics, Price Statistics, Vital Statistics, Gender Statistics, Evaluation Study of Soil Conservation, and the Agriculture Census. The programme was led by Smt. Salini P. K., Additional Director (General); Shri Premarajan E. V., Joint Director, PPC; and Shri Vijay, Assistant Director.

Publications released by DES in April 2026

1. Consumer Price Index (R/U/C) February 2026
2. Final Estimate of Area and Production of Rice 2025-26 Autumn Season
3. Retail Prices of Essential Commodities