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World Environment Day



The Department of Economics Statistics Celebrated 5th June 2024, World Environment Day with grandeur. In a ceremony presided over by Sri Sreekumar.B., Director at the Directorate Conference Hall. The Department honoured renowned poet and environmental activist Sri.

Inchakkad Balachandran, along with environmental activist Sri. U. Ayyapan, in recognition of their significant contributions towards environmental protection.

On this memorable occasion, Sri.R. Kiranbabu, State General Secretary, Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) spoke eloquently about the concept of 'Media and Environment' and Sri. P.K. Anil Kumar, a writer and orator made an enlightening discourse on 'Sahithyathile Harithadarshanam'. Additional Director Shri.Manoj M. made an insightful presentation on the crucial theme of 'Environmental Statistics'. The event was unfolded with welcome address by Sri.Vinodan T.P. Additional Director (Prices), and concluded with vote of thanks by Smt. Shailamma K., Joint Director. Senior Officers and other staff at the Directorate attended. The programme was coordinated by the Data Dissemination Unit (DDU) at the Directorate.

The Department gifted the guests with symbolising environment day celebrations. A Jack fruit sapling was formally planted in a pot symbolically during the function held at Directorate and later it was planted in the premises of State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA), the training institute of DES, located at Kaimanam, Thiruvananthapuram.



National Statistics Day Celebrations

Department proudly celebrated 18th National Statistics Day on June 29, 2024.

In a prestigious gathering hosted at the Directorate Conference Hall, presided over by Sri. Sreekumar B., Director, Dr. Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor of Digital University Kerala (DUK) and APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU), inaugurated the celebrations. Kerala State Statistical Commission Chairman Sri.P.C Mohanan ISS (Rtd) delivered keynote Address. The theme of celebration of this year announced by the MOSPI was "Use of data for decision making". Sri. Vineesh V.P., Deputy Director, NSO, Thiruvananthapuram Region conveyed greetings. Event was honoured by a warm welcome from Sri.Manoj.M., Additional Director (State Income), and concluded with vote of thanks by Sri.Vinodan.T.P., Additional Director (Prices)



In connection with the National Statistics Day, the Department has organized article writing competition among students of MSc in Statistics on the topic "Statistical Literacy-A need of Today". 15 students in various colleges in Kerala have actively participated in the competition and submitted their articles. The best article selected from them was by Sri.Adithyan.M, IInd year MSc statistics student from School of Mathematics and Statistics, M.G.University,Kottayam. He was given an opportunity to present his article during the national Statistics Day celebrations held on 29-06-2024, via online.

The Department also conducted article writing competition among employees on the topic "Use of data for decision making". 14 articles were obtained from the employees across the state and the best article chosen was by Sri.AbinJoseph, Research officer, State Income Division at the directorate. He was given an opportunity to present his topic during the celebrations held on 29-06-2024.

The entire Programme of National Statistics Day celebrations held at the Directorate was coordinated by the Data Dissemination Unit (DDU). In connection with this year's celebrations the Department has done the following initiatives.



Video Documentation

1. Video documentation on P.C.Mahalanobis and about the activities of the department.



Saamuhya Padam Doordarsan

2. A live phone-in programme of Shri.Sreekumar.B., Director of DES was organised in Doordarshan Malayalam channel on 27-06-2024 at 2.00 PM.



Interview Akasvani

3. An interview with Director Sri.Sreekumar.B was telecasted in All India Radio on 29-06-2024 at 11.30 AM. The interview was taken by Sri Somasekharan pillai, former Professor & Head, Department of Statistics, University College Thiruvananthapuram.

Portal Release

During the celebrations of National Statistics day held on 29-06-2024 at the Directorate, Dr.Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor DUK formally launched the following online platforms

1. Interactive Data Analytics Dashboard of Department of Economics and Statistics.
2. Web portal of State Academy on Statistical Administration.



Ecostat News, Publication Release

During the National Statistics day celebrations held at Directorate, Sri.P.C Mohanan, Chairman of KSSC released the following two publications by handing over copies to Dr.Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor (DUK & KTU)

1. Ecostat News May 2024
2. Annual Report on Agricultural Statistics 2022-23.



Ecostat News



Agricultural Statistics 2022-23

Training on Power BI held at SASA



A three day training programme on 'Microsoft Power BI' for employees of Local Self Government Department was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) from 5th to 7th June 2024. 14 statistical personnel of various cadres viz; Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Research Officer, Research Assistant and Statistical Assistant working in the Principal Directorate of LSGD and 17 other RGSA staff working at the Directorate and various district offices have attended this residential programme. SASA Director Sri. Sreekumar B. inaugurated the programme held at SASA computer lab. Training Manager Sri. D.S. Shibukumar and Research Officer Sri. Suresh S. coordinated the

programme. This training programme was funded by LSGD and was extremely useful for building analytics dashboard for monitoring various schemes including Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by LSGD. Sri. Arun Nair, Dr.Rohini.S.Nair and Sri.Vimal.D.Kumar were the Resource Persons during the three days programme.

Cleaning drive to maintain green protocol

As part of the environment day celebration and to maintain green protocol, the entire staff at the Directorate led by a team of vibrant officers triggered cleaning drive and made the office clean and tidy. Plants in pots were placed in different locations, making the entire office premises with a new and appealing look.



Revamping Action Team (RAT) -Meeting of Line Departments

Revamping Action Team (RAT) has been constituted vide G.O (Rt) No.372/2022/P&EA dated 26/09/2022 under the chairmanship of Sri. SreeKumar B., the then Additional Director (Prices) to explore the ways & means to revamp the Department by tapping the potentials of digital technology to the maximum extent for collection, compilation, dissemination of data and pave way for planning and policy making more effectively. It was also stated in the Government Order that the RAT will continue to be the CORE TEAM for all activities of the Department. In the Government Order, it was also mentioned that RAT will have the responsibility of co-ordinating with Line Departments having Statistical Cells and not having Statistical Cells for addressing their Statistical needs. Later, three teams were setup under Additional Directors with senior officers and the Officers who had undergone Artificial Intelligence Coursing Digital University Kerala.

For a comprehensive restructuring of the Department of Economics And Statistics by using Advanced information & communication technology and to develop a strategic co-ordination with the statistical personnel in various line departments, presentations were arranged to assess their activities, human resources, data collection mechanism, and to analyse strength, weakness, threats and opportunity and best practices. This exercise has been initiated as per the guidelines of RAT Revamping Action Team (RAT) of the Department Convened meetings in this regard during the months of June 2024 in continuation of the meetings held from 21st may 2024. In the meeting held at Directorate Training Hall, statistical personnel of various line departments have made their presentation in a template which has already been made available to them. After assessing the system through these discussions, the teams will further study horizontal structure of the system by visiting the line departments.



The following are the details of meetings held in this connection during the month of June 2024.

Date	Department	Presented by
06-06-2024	Department of Handloom and Textiles	Smt. Sujatha B. (Assitant Director)
	Industries Department	Sri. Kiran S. (Deputy Director)
06-06-2024	Government Analytic Lab	Sibilal K.S. (Research Assistant)
	Insurance Medical Service	Aneeshkumar A.P. (Research Assistant)
	Labour Department	Anilkumar C. (RO)
	Land Use Board	Murugan A. (DD)
07-06-2024	Department of Scheduled Caste Department	Sreejith V. (RA)
	Health and Family Welfare	Shaji P.J. (R O)
	Motor Vehicle Department	Anuchand (SO)
10-06-2024	Health Department	Reeja P. S. (Research Officer)
13-06-2024	PIE&MD	G.S. Rajath (JD)
14-06-2024	LSGD	Divya G. (DD) & Maya S. (DD)
14-06-2024	State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB)	Muhammed Ameen (RO)
	PWD(Buildings)	Sebin Mathew (R O)
15-06-2024	Irrigation Design and Research Board (IDRB)	Suni M. (DD)
	RMIS Cell	Salini P. K. (JD)
	Major Irrigation Department	Bindumol N.P. (RO)
	Civil Supplies	Radhamony P. (CCS)

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