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Chief Minister Inaugurates State-Level Implementation of PLFS and ASUSE

The training programme of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) and the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE), conducted by the Department of Economics and Statistics, Government of Kerala, was held on 25 August 2025 at Thycaud Guest House, Thiruvananthapuram. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan. The State has joined these national surveys from 2025–26 to support evidence-based planning for youth, employment generation and socio-economic development. The Chief Minister stated that Kerala's consistent progress in development indicators is the result of accurate statistical data, and that these surveys would aid in assessing agriculture, employment, household socio-economic conditions, local governance and gross domestic product.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also released brochures intended to disseminate information to the public regarding the survey activities of PLFS and ASUSE. The function was presided over by Hon'ble MLA, Sri. Antony Raju. Dr. Veena N Madhavan IAS, Special Secretary to the Department of Planning and Economic Affairs; Prof. V. K. Ramachandran, Vice Chairman, State Planning Board; Sri P. C. Mohanan ISS (Rtd), Chairman, Kerala Statistical Commission; Sri. Saji George ISS DDG and Southern Zonal Head, NSO; Sri Rajath G. S., Director, Department of Economics and Statistics; and other senior officials were present on the occasion.

PLFS will generate key labour force indicators such as Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR). ASUSE will collect data on the economic activities, employment, capital investment and digital adoption of unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises. With Kerala's participation, district-level data will become available, enabling more precise planning and policy formulation in line with changing employment trends.

National Workshop on Ocean Accounts at Kochi

The National Workshop on Capacity Building of Coastal States on Development of Ocean Accounts, jointly organized by National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and Department of Economics & Statistics, Kerala, was held at

Kochi on 29 August 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Saurabh Garg IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As part of the capacity-building process for preparing Ocean Accounts at the state level — similar to the national-level Ocean Account that compiles comprehensive information on the marine sector — this national workshop was organised by MoSPI. The event was attended by Sr Rajath G.S., Director, Department of Economics and Statistics; Sr P.K. Srivastava, Scientist, Ministry of Earth Sciences; Dr. (Mrs.) Ashwathi N., Principal Scientist, CMFRI Kochi; Sri. J.C. Babu, Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board; and Mrs. Anita Bhagal, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, among others. A total of 70 representatives from nine coastal states and four Union Territories, along with experts in the field, participated in the workshop. Detailed discussions were held on the methodology to be adopted and the key sectors to be selected for preparing State-level Ocean Accounts. Sri. D.S. Shibukumar, Deputy Director coordinated the arrangement of this workshop.

Observed National Sports Day

On the occasion of the National Sports Day on 29th August 2025, Sri. Sam Joseph, Senior Administrative Officer administered National Sports Day Pledge to the employees at the Directorate Conference Hall.

Training on Data Collection Techniques and Estimation Methods

A three day Refresher Training Programme on Data Collection Techniques and Estimation Methods was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) from 12th to 15th August 2025 for the staff of the Department of Economics and Statistics. 30 officers in the cadre of Joint Director, Deputy Directors, Research Officers, Research Assistants and Statistical Assistants from the headquarters and different district and Taluk offices attended the programme.

Training on Leadership and Management Skills

A three day Refresher Training Programme on Leadership and Management Skills was held at State Academy on Statistical Administration (SASA) from 19th to 21st August 2025 for the staff in the cadre of Taluk Statistical Officer of the Department of Economics and Statistics. 26 officers working in different Taluk Statistical Offices attended the programme. The programme was highly successful for the Taluk Statistical Officers for effectively functioning as office head.

Reports released by department in August 2025

1. Consumer Price Index (R/U/C) May 2025
2. Final Estimate of Area and Production of Paddy 2024-25 Autumn & Winter Seasons
3. Residential Vital Rates 2018
4. Evaluation Study on Soil Conservation in Ernakulam District 2022-23

Open Datasets released by DES in August 2025

1. State level Crop Statistics from 1952-53 to 2023-24
2. District wise Land Utilisation statistics from 1952-53 to 2023-24
3. Land Utilisation Statistics - State total from 1952-53 to 2023-24
4. District wise Crop Statistics from 1952-53 to 2023-24