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**Report of the Workshop cum Training Program on  
Official Statistics and Policy Research**

**27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020**

As a part of the ongoing training programmes, the Sampling and Official Statistics Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata organized a *Workshop cum Training Program on Official Statistics and Policy Research* for 5-days during March 27-31, 2020 at Assam University, Silchar in collaboration with the Department of Statistics. The program was funded by the Indian Statistical Institute and in addition to that some registration fees was also collected from the participants.

The program was operated through some invited talks delivered by some eminent researchers from SOSU of ISI, Kolkata, faculties from other universities/Institutes of North East India and Government Statisticians addressing frontline issues of Official Statistics, Socio-economic studies and Policy research. The speakers shared the objectives, methodology and findings of their research based on official statistics data. The speakers highlighted the type of data required for their studies, data related issues in the current official statistical system of India (and Assam), public domains from where researchers can extract data related to health and socioeconomic aspects, impact evaluation of policy research and so on. Some Case Studies by speakers working in the field of Official Statistics and Socio-Economic domains based on data generated from Official Statistical system with special emphasis to Data Analysis was also in display in the workshop. The list of speakers are as follows:

- Dr. Diganta Mukherjee, SOSU, ISI, Kolkata
- Prof. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay, Honorary Visiting Professor, ISI, Kolkata
- Mr. Alope Kar, Honorary Visiting Scientist, ISI, Kolkata
- Dr. Asit Baran Chakraborty, Honorary Visiting Scientist, ISI, Kolkata
- Prof. Madhurjya Prasad Bezbaruah, Gauhati University, Guwahati
- Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee, Assam University

The target participants for the workshop was faculty members and research scholars working in any recognized university/institute of North East India working in the Department of Statistics or Economics may apply. Researcher from any other department who is working in the field of Official Statistics or in some Socio-Economic domains based on data generated from Official Statistical system or having plans of taking up research in this area can apply in the workshop. Opportunity is also provided to post graduate students from the department of Statistics and Economics of any recognized university/institute of North East India to participate in the program. A brief details of the participants can be seen in the table below. There were 24 participants in the entire program out of which two were from outstation. All the participants were provided with conference kit, light refreshments in the morning and evening and working lunch.

Name	Designation	Institute	Subject
Sunita Das	Research Scholar	Assam University	Political Science
Joyeeta Deb	Assistant Professor	Assam University	Commerce
Panna Chandra Nath	Research Scholar	Assam University	Ecology
Tanushree Chakravarty	Research Scholar	Assam University	Ecology
Jonali Gogoi	Assistant Professor	Assam University	Statistics
Debtosh Chakraborty	Assistant Professor	S.S. College, Hailakandi	Statistics
Bireshwar Bhattacharjee	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Pompy Paul	Research Scholar	Assam University	Mass Communication
Abhishek Roy	Research Scholar	Assam University	Mass Communication
Sritoma Choudhury	P.G. Student	Assam University	Economics
Priyanka Talukdar	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Manish Kumar Pandey	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Chanambam Sveta Devi	Research Scholar	Assam University	Computer Science
Umme Habibah Rahman	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Mrinal Deka	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Apurba Jyoti Majumdar	Assistant Librarian	Assam University	Library and Information Sc.
Sutapa Mishra	Research Scholar	Assam University	Mass Communication
Bandana Kurmi	Research Scholar	Assam University	Ecology
Shambi Deb	Lecturer	Ramanuj Gupta Junior College, Silchar	Statistics
Pema Choden	Assistant Professor	Govt. College, Bomdila	Economics
Sangeeta Goala	Research Scholar	Assam University	Statistics
Amit Uraon	Assistant Librarian	Assam University	Library and Information Sc.
Rajesh Rangappa Aldarhi	Assistant Professor	Assam University	Library and Information Sc.
Anirban Dutta	P.G. Student	Assam University	Statistics

The broad topics covered in the workshop comprised of discussion on-

- Indian Official Data base : Introduction
- Nature of Problems faced while using some data base (like NSSO)
- Sampling techniques followed in official data collection
- Studies on Official Statistics
- Impact Evaluation and Policy Research
- Official Data Base of Assam and Policy Research on Assam

The schedule of the academic sessions of the workshop cum training program was as follows:

	10.00-11.15		11.30-12.45		1.45-3.00		3.15-4.30
<b>Jan 27, Mon</b>	Inauguration	Tea	Indian Official Database by AK	Lunch	Consumer Expenditure Data Analysis by DM	Tea	Consumer Expenditure Data Analysis by DM
<b>Jan 28, Tue</b>	Tea Auction Data Analysis by DM	Tea	Policy Research on Assam by DB	Lunch	Sampling by AK	Tea	Studies using Indian Official Statistics by MPB
<b>Jan 29, Wed</b>	Sampling- I by AK	Tea	Sampling- II by AK	Lunch	Urban Congestion in NE India by DB	Tea	
<b>Jan 30, Thu</b>	Indian Official database: Monetary, Banking and Financial Data by ABC	Tea	The Health and Wealth of Indian States by DB	Lunch	Monetary, Banking and Financial Data: Policy research by ABC	Tea	Sampling and Non-sampling error by SB
<b>Jan 31, Fri</b>	Sampling and Non-sampling error by SB	Tea	Foreign trade and BoP database by ABC	Lunch	Sampling and Non-sampling error by SB	Tea	Valedictory

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All the speakers provided sufficient handouts and study materials for the participants and encouraged them to continue their research related to Official Statistics. The organizers provided all the study materials in CDs to the participants. In the closing day of the program participants provided feedback on prescribed format on the quality of deliberation of the resource persons and the overall management of the training program. Certificates were distributed to all participants and the participants also shared their experience, the wisdom that they gathered in the workshop and provided some suggestions for further improvement.

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