Report of the One Week National Workshop on

NSSO Data Handling and Research with Big Data Sets

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Research with big data set has assumed importance in view of its widespread use in different socio-economic analyses and policy formulations. National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducts country-wide surveys from time to time on various socio-economic issues and publishes reports. Further, NSSO provides the data sets to the researchers to conduct research on different topics. However, the extraction of NSSO data requires specific expertise. Hence, with an objective to give a preliminary understanding of NSSO data extraction and handling of large data sets, the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University organised a week long national workshop on **"NSSO Data Handling and Research with Big Data Sets"** from 5th to 9th February 2019, for the young faculty members and researchers in Economics. The workshop covered NSSO data extraction as well as estimation of different econometric models with NSSO data. Around 70 applications were received and as many as 25 participants were selected for participation. Finally, 21 researchers and young faculty members from different universities and colleges of India participated in the programme. The resource persons were: Dr. Elumalai Kannan, Associate Professor, CSRD, JNU; Mr. Varghese Kunjappy, Sr. System Analyst, CSRD, JNU and Dr. Gautam Kumar Das, Research Associate, CSRD, JNU. After the completion of the workshop the participants learnt the process of extracting NSSO unit level data and were capable of analyzing the data with the help of different econometric techniques. In the valedictory session the participants requested the organizing committee to organize more such workshops in future.

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