REPORT OF THE THREE DAYS NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Department of Economics organized a three day National Workshop on Research Methods and Data Analysis for Social Sciences for teachers, academicians, Research Scholars and Post Graduate students in social sciences during 05th to 07th February 2018, at St. Joseph's College(Autonomous), Irinjalakuda. Out of the 61 participants registered for the workshop, 28 participants were from institutions other than St. Joseph's College(Autonomous), Irinjalakuda. Two persons from outside Kerala also registered for the workshop.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural ceremony of the National Workshop commenced with the invocation prayer by Aiswarya and Anu K Sunil. Dr. D. Retnaraj, Retd.Professor and former Academic Director of Humanities, University of Calicut inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp. In his Inaugural Address, Dr. D. Retnaraj, briefed about the importance of the topic and he motivated everyone to actively participate in the workshop to get benefited. Mrs. Daisy P.K, Head of the Department and the coordinator of the workshop, formally welcomed all the dignitaries present and the participants from various parts of the country, colleagues and students.

Dr. Sr. Isabel, Vice Principal of St. Joseph's College presided over the function. Dr. Sr. Isabel described the importance of SPSS in Research and wished for the success of the workshop. Dr. Chacko Jose P, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College Chalakudy, gave a very touching and interesting Key Note address. Dr. Sr. Lilly Kachappilly, Vice Principal of St. Joseph's College and Dr. Dr. Asha Thomas, IQAC Co- coordinator felicitated the occasion. Mrs. Beena C.A proposed the vote of thanks.

Lighting the Lamp by Chief Guest, Dr. D. Retnaraj, Retd.Professor and former Academic Director of Humanities, University of Calicut.



Dr. Sr. Isabel, Vice Principal of St. Joseph's College delivering the presidential address....



Dr. Chacko Jose P, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College Chalakudy, delivering the Keynote Address...



Workshop Sessions:

The Workshop had altogether eleven sessions. DR.D SHYJAN , Faculty, Calicut University, MR.RAJESH P., Faculty, Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur and MR. JINS VARKEY ,Faculty, St:Alosyuis College Elthuruthu were the three resource persons of the workshop.

Dr. D. Shyjan delivered three lectures through which the basic concepts of Research, Sources of secondary data and literature, Analytical & Theoretical Framework etc.were presented. The lectures were very helpful for the participants for framing a concrete research proposal. The four lecture sessions by Mr. Jins Varkey helped the participants to have a fundamental understanding of Data analysis techniques using SPSS. Mr. RAJESH P. delivered four sessions which discussed in detail about the preparation and designing of good questionnaire, data collection using questionnaire and usage of excel in social science research. All the eleven sessions were informative as well as interactive, as reflected from the feedback received from the participants.

DR.D SHYJAN, Faculty, Calicut University

MR. JINS VARKEY ,Faculty, St:Alosyuis College

Topic: Data Analysis using SPSS

Topic: Basics of Research





MR.RAJESH P., Faculty, Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur

Topic: Questionnaire Design



Valedictory Session:

A short duration feedback cum thanks giving session was arranged on the third day of the workshop. Dr. Sr. Christy, Principal of St:Joseph's College presided over the function. Mr. Manu P.R. (faculty of Vidya Engineering College, Thalakkottukkara), Mrs. Neenu S. Arakkal (Faculty of Universal Engineering College, Thrissur), Ms. Neeraja R (Research Scholar Dr. John Matthai Centre, Aranatukkara) and Srelekha E.K (Research scholar of Amrita School of Arts and Science, Cochin) provided the feedback about the workshop

on behalf of participants. They all remarked that the workshop was very beneficial to all the participants and they were equipped with a deep understanding of the topics covered. In the end, Mrs. Daisy P.K (Coordinator of the Workshop) proposed a formal vote of thanks for all the dignitaries associated with the workshop, invited guests and the participants.



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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