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Press Release

**Three-day National workshop on Extraction and Analysis of Unit Level NSS data using STATA begins at JMI**

A Three-day National workshop on Extraction and Analysis of Unit Level NSS data using STATA is being organised by the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024. The inaugural function of the event was held at Mir Anis Conference Hall, JMI on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024. Prof. Asheref Illiyan, Head, Department of Economics, chaired the session. This auspicious event was graced by the presence of two eminent economists, Professor Partha Sen, former Director, Delhi School of Economics, DU and Professor Amaresh Dubey, CSRD, JNU.

Prof. Illiyan in his opening remarks underlined the paramount importance of unit level NSS data for socio-economic study of Indian Economy. He highlighted that diversity is the hall mark of this workshop as participants are hailing from across India and representing reputed institutions such as JNU, DU, JMI IIT, NIT, IISER, BHU, VIT Central Universities of Rajasthan and Gujarat etc. The inaugural remarks by Prof. Sen and Prof. Dubey enriched the session with profound insights into the practical applications and significance of leveraging such data for meaningful economic analyses.

Prof. Partha Sen, begins his address by underscoring the significance of macro-level development in conjunction with unit-level data. Discussing the dynamic nature of the Indian economy, he emphasized the pivotal role each basic-level component plays in shaping the policy environment at higher levels. He delved into the realm of educational and health-related matters in the Indian context, along with other key socio-economic factors. He elucidated how these factors not only impact but also contribute significantly to human capital formation in India. According to him, robust human capital formation is a prerequisite for overall national development.

Prof. Amaresh Dubey engaged with participants by delving into the intricacies of NSS data. Leveraging his robust background and expertise in working with diverse groups for numerous data collection processes, he provided valuable insights. Professor Dubey underscored the pivotal role of data, explaining how socio-economic data contributes to policy formulation and strategic decision-making. Addressing participants from different research fields, he expressed his satisfaction that the workshop would equip them with a general understanding of NSSO data, followed by a specific grasp of various data

categories. He also emphasized that participants would gain the knowledge needed to interpret the data effectively.

Dr. Zakaria Siddiqui, organizing secretary of the workshop highlighted the objectives of the workshop and reported that we have received overwhelming response (75 applications) from across country for participation in the workshop and out of which 40 were finally selected. Besides registered participants the event was attended by Prof. Amitabh Kundu, former professor JNU faculty members, Prof. Sahid Ahmed (senior faculty) and research scholars and post graduate and undergraduate students of the Department. Dr. Vasim Akram, coordinator of the workshop took care of logistics. The event was concluded with vote thanks proposed by Dr. Kashif Khan, coordinator of the workshop.

The workshop, designed to provide hands-on training and enhance participants' skills in utilizing STATA for economic data analysis, garnered active participation from scholars, researchers, and students, thereby fostering a dynamic and intellectually stimulating learning environment

Highlighting the need to address integral components that may be lacking at the primary level, Professor Sen suggested that tackling these issues is of utmost importance for development. He articulated the micro-macro interactions and stressed the crucial role of this workshop in comprehending the multifaceted picture of the Indian economy.

Providing a snapshot of the historical evolution of various government bodies dedicated to data handling, he emphasized the significance of collecting data on diverse aspects such as health, education, sanitation, agriculture, slums, and enterprises etc. within the Indian economy. This, he explained, is essential for drawing comprehensive conclusions about the country's developmental journey.

Drawing from his experiences with the India Human Development Survey, a project he was associated with, he shared insights into its workings, challenges faced, and the path forward. He opined that this workshop is poised to empower participants with the skills necessary for navigating and comprehending data in their respective research endeavors.

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