

CENSUS DATA RESEARCH WORKSTATION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Rama Devi Women's University

ACTIVITY REPORT

INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF CENSUS DATA RESEARCH WORKSTATION

On January 13, 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, and the Directorate Census Operations, Odisha, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The signing took place at the Department of Economics, Rama Devi Women's University.

Following the MoU signing, the Census Data Research Workstation was inaugurated in the Department of Economics by Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Co-operation, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Government of Odisha. The inauguration was held in the distinguished presence of Shri Udaya Narayan Das, IAS, Director, Census Operations, Odisha, and Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University.

The ceremony was also attended by Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra, Registrar of Rama Devi Women's University; Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, Chairperson of the PG Council; Dr. Aparajita Biswal, Head of the Department of Economics; Mr. Pankaj Kumar Naik and Dr. Anima Bag, Nodal Officers of the Census Data Research Workstation; as well as officials from the Directorate Census Operations, Odisha. Additionally, the event was graced by the teaching staff, research scholars, and students of Rama Devi Women's University.

The main objective of the workstations is to enable the optimum use of anonymized micro-data from the Census for in-depth research by allowing access to generate cross-tabulations not published by the Census. With Rama Devi Women's University, the ORGI would have 24 workstations all across the country. The workstations would facilitate the research needs of the university and those who are not enrolled or part of the university as well. The workstation would maximise the research output of the university. This would further help in fetching more research collaboration and citations which would inevitably help the university to boost its overall academic performance and National Institute Ranking (NIRF) as mandated by the UGC for all the public funded institutions.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON USES OF USES OF CENSUS DATA IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

The Census Data Research Workstation at Rama Devi Women's University hosted a one-day workshop titled "Uses of Census Data in Social Science Research" on Thursday, July 25, 2024. The event began with an inaugural ceremony featuring prominent guests, including Shri Udaya Narayan Das, Director of Census Operations, Odisha, as the Chief Guest, and Shri Jagadananda, who served as the Guest of Honour. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University. Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, Chairperson of the PG Council, offered an overview of the university and highlighted recent initiatives aimed at strengthening research activities. Dr. Aparajita Biswal, Head of the Department of Economics, formally introduced the distinguished guests to the audience and provided an overview of the Centre's activities. During the inauguration, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Naik and Dr. Anima Bag, Nodal Officers of the Census Data Research Workstation, presented the workshop's theme and delivered the vote of thanks, respectively.

Prof. Udaya Shankar Mishra from the International Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai, delivered an enlightening keynote address on "Indian Census: Horizons of Its Exploration." In his compelling lecture, Prof. Mishra highlighted the critical importance of delving deeply into Indian census data, revealing its vast potential for unlocking new insights and enhancing our understanding of demographic trends. He underscored how a thorough exploration of this data could offer transformative opportunities for research and policy development.

From the Office of Census Operations, Odisha, Shri Ashok Mishra and Shri Haradhan Karmi, both Deputy Directors, contributed as key resource persons for the workshop. Shri Ashok Mishra offered a comprehensive overview of census operations, detailing the processes and methodologies employed both nationally and within Odisha. His presentation illuminated the intricate workings behind the data collection and management of census operations. Meanwhile, Shri Haradhan Karmi provided an in-depth analysis of the National Population Register (NPR), exploring its objectives, implementation strategies, and its pivotal role in enhancing demographic accuracy and policy planning. His insights into the NPR shed light on its significance in the broader context of national data infrastructure.

Prof. Priya Ranjan Dash, Head of the Department of Economics at Utkal University, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on "Leveraging Technology and Innovations for Enhanced Dissemination of Census Data in India." In his presentation, Prof. Dash explored cutting-edge technological advancements and innovative approaches that are revolutionizing the way census data is shared and utilized. He highlighted how digital tools, data visualization techniques, and real-time data platforms are enhancing the accessibility and impact of census information, ultimately fostering more informed decision-making and policy development. His insights

underscored the transformative potential of technology in making census data more actionable and widely disseminated.

Shri Anupam Lahiri, Deputy Director General of NSSO, Odisha, delivered an engaging talk on “Population Statistics: Infinite Opportunities.” In his presentation, Shri Lahiri delved into the immense potential that population statistics hold for advancing research and informing policy-making. He illustrated how comprehensive population data can uncover critical trends and patterns, offering invaluable insights for addressing socio-economic challenges and shaping evidence-based policies. His discussion highlighted the transformative power of population statistics in unlocking new avenues for research and enhancing the effectiveness of public policy initiatives.

Prof. Keshab Das, Dean of the School of Economics and Commerce at KIIT University, delivered a compelling presentation on “Frontiers in Social Science Research: Data and Beyond.” His talk provided a critical analysis of the challenges and limitations confronting social science research in India. Prof. Das explored the political economy of data, shedding light on how current data collection and analysis practices often fall short. He identified significant gaps in these practices and discussed how leveraging census data could bridge these gaps. By addressing these deficiencies, Prof. Das emphasized the potential of improved data practices to enhance the quality of social science research and inform more effective policy-making.

In conclusion, the workshop, attended by approximately 300 participants including students, scholars, and professors from across the state, was a resounding success. Notably, the event saw substantial participation from women, reflecting its broad appeal and inclusivity. The workshop offered invaluable insights into the application of census data in social science research, significantly deepening participants' understanding of its critical role and diverse applications. The discussions and presentations highlighted the transformative potential of census data in advancing research and informing policy, leaving attendees better equipped to leverage this data in their respective fields.

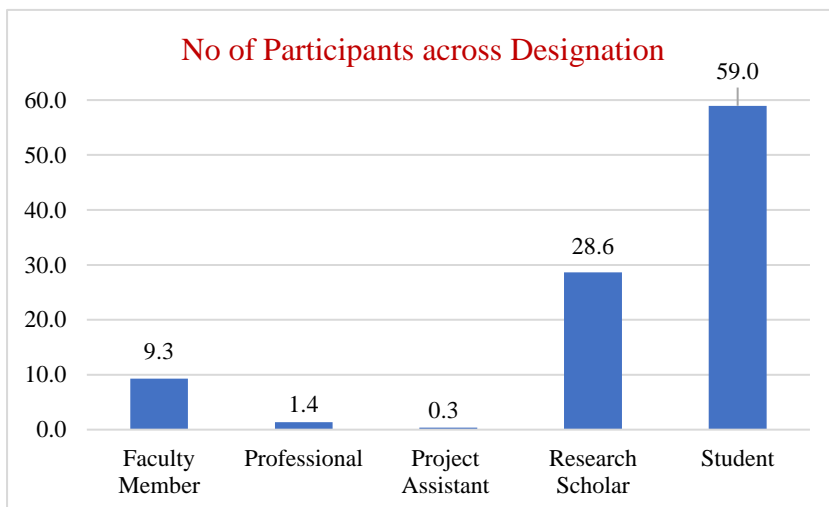
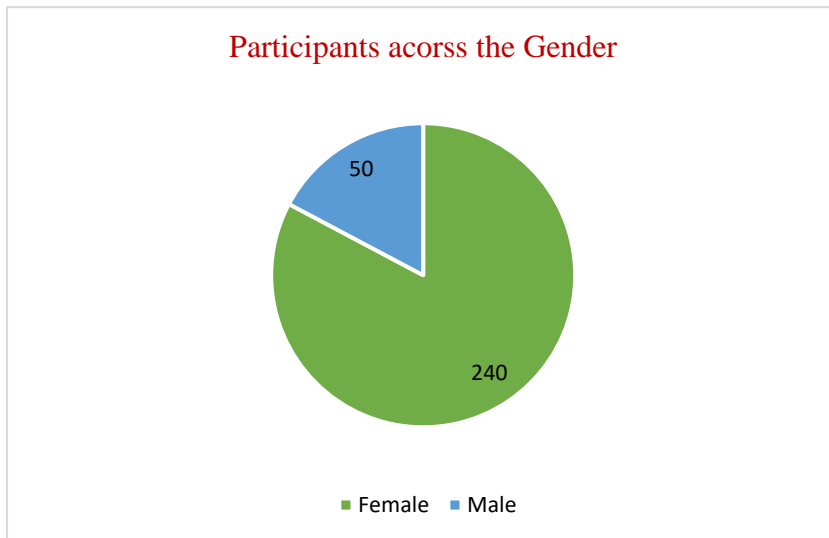
Title: Uses of Census Data in Social Science Research

Duration: One Day (Date: 25 July 2024; 11:00 Am – 5:00 Pm)

Venue: New Auditorium, Rama Devi Women’s University

Organised By: Census Data Research Workstation, Department of Economics, RDWU

No of Participants: 290 (50 Male, 240 Female)



SI No	Colleges/Universities	No of Participants
1	Rama Devi Women’s University	184
2	Affiliated Colleges of Rama Devi Women’s University	3
3	Other Colleges & Universities	103
	Total	290



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ମହିଳା ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ କର୍ମଶାଳା



ନେତୃତ୍ୱ, ୨୦୧୭ (ସମୀପ): 'ସାମାଜିକ ଶାନ୍ତି ଅନୁସନ୍ଧାନରେ ଜନଗଣନା ତଥ୍ୟର ବହାର' ଶୀର୍ଷକରେ ରମାଦେବୀ ମହିଳା ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଅର୍ଥନୀତି ବିଭାଗ ପକ୍ଷରୁ କର୍ମଶାଳା ନୂତନ ପ୍ରେକ୍ଷାଳୟରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଛି। ଭାରତୀୟ ଜନଗଣନା ଭଳି ବିଶ୍ୱର ସର୍ବବୃହତ ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ଏବଂ ପରିସଂଖ୍ୟାନର ମଞ୍ଜୁରୀ

କହିଛନ୍ତି ଆଇଏଏସ୍ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଉଦୟ ଏନ୍ ଦାସ କୁଳପତି ପ୍ରଫେସର ଅପରାଜିତା ଚୌଧୁରୀଙ୍କ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷତାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ଏହି କର୍ମଶାଳାରେ ଡାକ୍ତରଙ୍କୁ ଅଧିକ ସେନସିଭ ଅପରେସନ୍ ଉଦୟ ନାରାୟଣ ଦାସ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥି ଭାବେ ଯୋଗଦେଇଥିଲେ।

ସମ୍ମାନିତ ଅତିଥି ରୂପେ ଶ୍ରୀ ଜଗଦାନନ୍ଦ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ଜନଗଣନା ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ କହିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ଆଲୋଚନାରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟବକ୍ତା ଭାବେ ପ୍ରଫେସର ଉଦୟ ଏନ୍ ଦାସ, ଅନୁପମା ଲାହିରୀ, ପ୍ରଫେସର ପ୍ରିୟ ଆର ଦାଶ, ପ୍ରଫେସର କେଶବ ଦାସ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ଭାରତୀୟ ଜନଗଣନା ଏହାର ଅନୁସନ୍ଧାନର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା, ପ୍ରଭାବ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧରେ ନିଜର ମତ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ଆଗରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପିତ କରିଥିଲେ। ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଆୟୋଜକ ଅପରାଜିତା ବିଶ୍ୱାଳ, ସଂଯୋଜକ ପଙ୍କଜ କୁମାର ନାୟକ, ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ବିଭାଗର ଚଣ୍ଡୀ ଚରଣ ରଥ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ।

