

Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics

Seminar Organised 2014-15

Interdisciplinary Workshop on Research Methodology

An interdisciplinary workshop on Research Methodology was conducted by the department of Economics for the undergraduate and post graduate students of Economics and Statistics on 17/06/2014. Dr Vishakh Varma, Retd.Principal, Govt College,Victoria,Palakkad was the chief resource person.



National Conference on Gender Issues in connection with “Youth Contribution to the Beijing +20 Review Debate”

National Conference on Gender Issues is organized in association with Centre for Social Research, New Delhi on November 5th 2014. Centre for Social Research(CSR, Delhi) supported by Asia Foundation, collaborated with Department of Economics, Vimala College(Calicut University, Thrissur) and organised 'Youth Contribution to The Beijing+20 Review Debate' on Wednesday 5th, November, 2014 in the New Seminar Hall of the College. Students from departments of Economics, Sociology, Social Work and students from Dr. John Mathai Centre also participated in the consultation. This youth consultation sought participation of India's youth in analysing and assessing of the progress that has been made in the area of women empowerment since the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995, in preparation to the Beijing+20 Review Conference in March 2015.

Professor and Head of the Department of Economics Ms. Lucy M A welcomed the audience for the programme. This was followed by introduction of Centre for Social Research (leading Gender rights organisation) and the engagement of the organisation in Beijing by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai(Board Member, Centre for Social Research). Dr. Rajini.R. Menon(Centre for Social Research) spoke on the what is the importance of Beijing conference and the necessity of engaging the youth in the review process after 20 years. A video clipping with message from Dr. Ranjana Kumari (Director Centre for Social Research) set the platform form for the programme. Dr. Lakshmy Devi Pillai (Gender expert) detailed on the 12 critical areas of concern. The students participated in the group discussion around gender equality especially on the 12 critical areas of concern of Platform for Action. The group discussions were facilitated by

Dr. Vimala (Professor, Vimala College), Dr. Shinju (Professor, Vimala College) and Dr. Bindu Varghese (Research Officer, Kerala State Planning Board).

The youth at Vimala College, Calicut University raised the necessity of changing patriarchal mindsets as they still encounter difficulties in moving out for higher studies and for entering job market inspite of equal academic qualification of their spouse. The students laid thrust on improving the gender sensitivity of media which has a large outreach. It was highlighted that Males should be a part of any discussion on women's issues. Misinterpretation of religious texts is hampering efforts to bring gender equality. The recommendation by the students also mentioned about the calculation of women's contribution to unpaid care work in national income accounting. Emphasis were laid on the Press awareness of women specific (especially Domestic Violence) legislation at a level that it reaches the rural women"



National Seminar on “Democratic Decentralization –Challenges of Women Governance in Kerala”

KSHEC sponsored 2day National Seminar on “Democratic Decentralization –Challenges of Women Governance in Kerala” in collaboration with KILA was organized by the department of Economics on February 3rd and 4th 2015.





Panel Discussion

Extension Lectures 2014-15

A Lecture on “State Budgeting in State Finance”

A Lecture on “State Budgeting in State Finance” was conducted jointly by the Department of Economics and Women Development Cell of Vimala College on 12/08/2014. **Dr B Alwin Prakash**, Chairman of the Public Expenditure Review Committee of State Government was the

resource person. He enlightened the students and teachers about the term 'Gender Budgeting' and its importance in the development of state.



Extension Lecture on Uses of Internet

An Extension Lecture on Uses of Internet handled by Smt Catherine Jose, Assistant Professor, Aloysius College, Thrissur on 31/10/2014.



A Lecture on 'Role of Women in Household Waste Management.'

Dr. T.N Jayakumar, Head, Instructional Farming, Agricultural University, Mannuthy who gave a talk on the 'Role of Women in Household Waste Management' October 16th 2014. Easy and simple methods of waste disposal were discussed and the whole audience was enlightened to become part of the 'Swatch Bharat Mission'.



REPORT OF LECTURE ON “WOMAN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AGRIPRENEURSHIP”

A lecture on “WOMAN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AGRIPRENEURSHIP” was conducted by Women Development Cell on 27th February 2015 in Vimala College. Session was handled by Dr. P S John, Faculty of Agronomy Department, Agriculture University, Vellanikkara.

During the Lecture, Professor explained the different concepts of agriprenurship and the scope of women to transform as an entrepreneur in the field of agriculture. He also added the income generating opportunities in the agriculture sector by making the agriculturists into an agripreneur.

By showing the statistical data of India regarding the contribution of agriculture sector to GDP, people participation in the agriculture, extent of cultivable area, share of livestock population etc., he effectively illustrated the scope and profitability of agriprenurship.

Through the different stories of successful agripreneurs, he inspired the students to become an agripreneur in the near future. He analyzed that women agriculturists can contribute a lot to this field by specializing in various fields like food processing, floriculture, marketing, apiculture, mushroom cultivation, farm tourism, homestay etc. He insisted the students to empower themselves through agriprenurship by explaining,

- Possibilities for agriprenurship are diverse and hence there is a large scope for choice enterprises.
- Civic agriculture emphasises local, environmentally sustainable food system and local markets, and agro tourism in the form of agriprenurship
- Let the successful agripreneurs be a boost and model for emerging Indian youth.
- Instead of “job seekers” agriculturist can act as “job providers”

