



Department of Economics
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Dissemination Workshop on
PMKSY and Paddy Cultivation in South India
Outcomes of Short-Term Research Project funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)



24 February, 2024

Venue: K.S.Murthy Hall, HITS, Padur Chennai

About the Workshop

Water scarcity is posing a significant challenge thereby affecting agricultural productivity, in water-intensive crops like paddy. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) was launched with an objective of addressing this challenge by promoting advanced irrigation techniques and improving water management practices in India. The workshop will expose empirical insights from the ICSSR funded research project entitled “Impact of PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana on Water Productivity in Paddy Cultivation: Empirical Insights from Diverse Agro-Climatic Regions in South Indian States”. This workshop will showcase key findings, discuss the adoption of advanced irrigation techniques, and evaluate the socio-economic impacts on paddy farmers. This will engage in dynamic discussions on paddy cultivation, irrigation techniques and management for policymaking. Objectives of the dissemination workshop are to discuss:

Present an overview of paddy cultivation and water usage in India.

Dissemination of research findings from the field data across states

Discussion with stakeholders on paddy cultivation and PMKSY

In the presence of

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Programme Schedule

Time: 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Registration		09:00 AM
Welcome note	Dr. T. Aathy Kannan Head, Department of Economics, HITS, Chennai	09:10 AM
Honouring the Guest	Dr. S. Marcelin Pushpa Dean (SLAAS), HITS, Chennai	09:20 AM
Presidential Address	Dr. R. W. Alexander Jesudasan Pro Vice Chancellor, HITS, Chennai	09:30 AM
Inaugural Address	Prof. S Rajendran Project Director, Professor of Economics, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram	09:50 AM
Keynote Address	Dr. R Gopinath Senior Scientist, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai	10:15 AM
Special Address	Thiru. Mayakrishnan Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture (Government of Tamil Nadu), Chennai	10:35 AM
	Tea Break	10:55 AM
Mechanics of the workshop & Presentation of Findings	Dr. M Sabarisakthi Project Director cum Coordinator, Assistant Professor in Economics, HITS, Chennai	11:10 AM
Qualitative Observations	Mr. Arun Bharathy Research Assistant, HITS, Chennai	11:50 AM
Interaction	Field Investigators, Farmers, Officials and NGOs Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana	12:10 PM
	Lunch Break	01:10 PM
	Panel Discussion	02:00 PM
Chair	Dr. Dr. Narayanan Sundaram Senior Vice President, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, Chennai	
Lead Discussant	Dr. V. Mohanasundaram Adjunct Professor in Economics, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore	
Discussant	Dr. A R Durga Project Director, Assistant Professor in Agricultural Economics, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	
Discussant	Dr. G. Suresh Project Director, Assistant Professor in Economics, IFMR, Krea University, Sricity	
Rapporteur	Dr. M. Ramesh Project Director, Assistant Professor in Economics, HITS, Chennai	
Valedictory Address	Dr. K Thomas Felix Project Director, Assistant Professor in Economics, Institute for Social And Economic Change, Bengaluru	
Vote of thanks	Dr. P. Maneesh Assistant Professor in Economics, HITS, Chennai	03:40 PM