## Two Week workshop on 'Econometrics:- Practice & Research (For Faculty and Researcher)'

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After success of first ever One Week Workshop on Econometrics in the session 2013-2014, The CDS again undertook a Two Week Workshop on 'Econometrics:- Practice & Research (For Faculty and Researcher)' with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

The inaugural session was chaired by Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof Tamo Mibang. Chairing the function, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tamo Mibang while appreciating the department for conducting the programme opined that such programmes are needed for researchers to make them more educated so that they can serve the society better. Mibang viewed that there is a need to bring professors from foreign universities so that they can teach advance research techniques to our students. He called for interaction between Indian and international universities to improve quality of our teaching and research. He advised the researchers to take up various issues being faced by the society and to conduct serious research to find out the solution to these issues.

Prof. A. Mitra, Coordinator, CDS called for fusion of theoretical and practical knowledge in order to capture relationships as well as variations in dataset for high-end research. Prof. Mitra also highlighted that CDS was established in 2013 to accelerate quality and innovative research work in the field of economics as a proud beneficiary of a corpus fund of Rs. 10 crores sanctioned by Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India through the Union budget 2012 recommendation. Prof. S. K. Nayak, Dean, Faculty of Social Science opined that the Centre has the potential to become an apex body of research in India.

The programme was attended by more than 45 participants coming from various states of India. The participants included the faculty members of various colleges as well as researchers from various institutes and disciplines. It also included few inhouse research scholars. The experts and resource persons came from Guwahati University, Assam University, Silchar, Visva Bharati, Santi Niketan, University of North Bengal, NIIT, Agartala, University of Burdwan etc.

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