

National sample survey has helped shape educational policies: CUTN Vice Chancellor

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Central University of Tamil Nadu Vice-Chancellor M. Krishnan has said that the national sample survey (NSS) results have opened up the higher education avenues for rural students.

Participating in the culmination ceremony of the year-long 75th anniversary of NSS held at NIFTEM-Thanjavur on November 15, Dr. Krishnan said that scientifically collected NSS data, combined with robust statistical methodologies, has significantly contributed to shaping policies that enhanced the participation of rural students in higher education.

He stressed on the importance of data-driven governance in ensuring equitable educational opportunities.

Addressing the gathering, G. Vishnu Raj, Director, National Statistics Office (Field Operation Division), Madurai, said that NSS data had been a cornerstone in poverty eradication, formulation of targeted welfare schemes, and social sector policies.

Further, the digitisation of NSS operations and releasing of district-level granular data on a month-wise basis had made the NSS data more timely, transparent, and policy-relevant than ever before.

C.T. Vinu, Associate Professor, IIM Tiruchi, delivered the keynote address on “Data-Driven Decision Making: New Fuel for Public Policy” and it was followed by research presentations such as “Research and Innovation initiatives of Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation” by A. Shaheen, Senior Statistical Officer, Thanjavur, and on other topics by the academicians and research scholars from the CUTN, Lady Doak College, and AVVM Sri Pushpam College.

Winners of various competitions conducted during the 75th anniversary were felicitated by the dignitaries recognising and encouraging involvement of younger generation in national statistical initiatives, according to an official release.

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