DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS



Annual Report 2017-18

Uttar Banga KrishiViswa Vidyalaya Pundibari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal-736165

A. Background:

The Department of Agricultural Statistics has been established as a separate and independent Department in Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya since the inception of the Viswavidyalaya on 1st February,2001 with a view to giving agricultural – cum – horticultural – cum – social science students and the future researchers of our University a statistical background so that they can correctly choose and apply themselves independently the most appropriate statistical technique to setting up their own research programmes and the subsequent analysis as well as drawing valid inferences of the research data to be accrued there-from in future in a much more meaningfully and pertinently correct way.

B. Functions:

The main functions of the Department are as follows:

- To teach different courses on Agricultural Statistics to UG and PG students (within and from the outside Departments) of the Viswavidyalaya
- To carry on research works in different branches of Statistics
- ➤ To guide efficiently the students of advance courses offered by the Department for ICAR-conducted All India JRF entrance examination for admission to M.Sc in Agricultural Statistics course each year at IASRI, an Institute of international repute since the creation of the Department in the year 2003
- ➤ To act as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of M.Sc students and Ph.D students of the Department
- ➤ To act as Member of the Advisory Committee of M.Sc students and Ph.D students of the Department as well as the outside Departments of the Viswavidyalaya
- To assist M.Sc students/ PhD scholars, research Fellows and teachers of various Departments in setting up their own research programmes, subsequent analysis as well as in the inferential interpretation of the research data to be accrued therefrom in future from the statistical point of view.
- ➤ To carry on with the 5- year duration DST-FIST Infrastructural Development Project (DST-FIST, Govt. Of India sponsored) having been run by the Department from the year 2003 onwards as well as to submit the Annual Reports along with Fund Utilization Certificate to the Department of Science& Technology, Govt. of India.

- ➤ To take part actively in the implementation of the Student Programme of the Viswavidyalaya every year.
- > To take part actively in various developmental programmes of the University.

C. Teaching:PG Level:

Ph.D teaching and research programmes have been going on in the Department from the academic session 2012-13 and the Department has started Master's teaching and research programmes from the academic session 2014-15.

- a) Field of specialization for M.Sc. and Ph.D.:
 - i) Sample Survey
 - ii) Forecasting and Statistical Modelling
 - iii) Design of Experiments
 - iv) Remote sensing
 - v) Econometrics

b) Post- graduate courses:

(i) For the students of M. Sc.(Ag.) in Agricultural Statistics only				
Course No.	Course-Title	Credit Hour	Remarks	
STAT 551	MATHEMATICAL METHODS-I	3+0		
STAT 552	MATHEMATICAL METHODS-II	2+0		
STAT 560	PROBABILITY THEORY	2+0		
STAT 561	STATISTICAL METHODS	2+1		
STAT 562	STATISTICAL INFERENCE	2+1		
STAT 563	MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS	2+1		
STAT 564	DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS	2+1		
STAT 565	SAMPLING TECHNIQUES	2+1		
STAT 566	STATISTICAL GENETICS	2+1		
STAT 567	REGRESSION ANALYSIS	1+1		
STAT 568	STATISTICAL COMPUTING	1+1		
STAT 569	TIME SERIES ANALYSIS	1+1		
STAT 572	ECONOMETRICS	2+0		
STAT 575	DEMOGRAPHY	2+0		
STAT 591	MASTER'S SEMINAR	1+0		
STAT 599	MASTER'S RESEARCH	20+0		

ii) For the students of M. Sc. and Ph.D programmes of other disciplines under Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Horticulture both

Course No.	Course-Title	Credit Hour	Remarks
STAT 501	STATISTICAL METHODS FOR RESEARCH WORKERS	2+1	
FOR-513	GENERAL STATISTICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	1+1	Offered by Department of Forestry
FOR-511	COMPUTER APPLICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	0+1	Offered by Department of Forestry

iii) For the students of Doctoral Degree programmes in Agricultural Statistics only

Course No.	Course-Title	Credit Hour	Remarks
		Hour	
STAT 601	ADVANCED STATISTICAL COMPUTING	2+1	
STAT 602	SIMULATION TECHNIQUES	1+1	
STAT 611	ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS	2+0	
STAT 612	ADVANCED STATISTICAL INFERENCE	3+0	
STAT 613	ADVANCED DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS	2+0	
STAT 614	ADVANCED SAMPLING TECHNIQUES	2+0	
STAT 615	ADVANCED STATISTICAL GENETICS	2+0	
STAT 616	STATISTICAL MODELING	1+1	
STAT 617	ADVANCED TIME SERIES ANALYSIS	2+0	
STAT 618	STOCHASTIC PROCESSES	2+0	
STAT 621	ADVANCED ECONOMETRICS	2+0	
STAT 691	DOCTORAL SEMINAR I	1+0	
STAT 692	DOCTORAL SEMINAR II	1+0	
STAT 699	DOCTORAL RESEARCH	45+0	

c) UG Level: The different UG Courses as per IV^{th} and V^{th} Deans' committee recommendation are listed below:

(i) Compulsory courses					
Course No.	Title	Credit	Semester		
		Hours			
AST-151	Fundamentals of Statistics-I	1+1	2 nd		
AST-152	Elements of Computer Application	1+1	2 nd		
AST-201	Fundamentals of Statistics-II	1+1	3 rd		
(ii) Elective Cou	rses:Social Science Module				
AST-401	Mathematics	2+0	$7^{ m th}$		
AST-403	Designing Field Experiments	2+1	$7^{ m th}$		
AST-404	Sample Survey Techniques in Agriculture	2+1	$7^{ m th}$		
(iii) UG course a	ns perV th Deans' committee recommendation				
AST-101	Elementary Statistics	1+1	1 st		
AST-102	Elementary Mathematics	2+0	1 st		
AST-201	Agri-Informatics and Computer Application.	1+1	3 rd		
AST-202	Fundamentals of Statistical Methods.	2+1	3 rd		

D. Research Activity:

- a) **Areas of research:** Applied fields of Econometrics, Statistical Modeling and Forecasting, sample survey, remote sensing and GIS, Design of Experiment.
- b) On-going research projects

Sl.No	Name of the Project	Faculty associated	Capacity
1.	Time Series Analysis of Data on Area,	Dr. S. Basak	PI
	Production & Productivity of Cereal &		
	Pulse Crops of TeraiAgroclimatic		
	Zone of West Bengal		
2.	Sustainable Resilient Farming System	Dr.A. Ghosh	Co-PI
	Intensification in Eastern IGP.		
3.	Development of innovative agri-	Dr.A. Ghosh	Co-PI
	entrepreneurship roles for young agri-		

	professionals in West Bengal.		
4.	Enhancing Pulses Production for Food and Nutritional Security, Improved Livelihoods and Sustainable Agriculture in West Bengal.	Dr.A. Ghosh	Co-PI
5.	Long term time series analysis of data on area, production and productivity of oil seed crops and meteorological parameters (Temparature, Rainfall snd Sunshine hour) of Terai Agro-climatic zones of West Bengal	Dr.A. Ghosh	PI
6.	"Image IDGP-Image based identification of individual, breed and diseases of pigs and goat" funded by Ag & Food Division of Information Technology Research Academy (ITRA) under Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Govt. of India	Dr. M. K. Debnath	Co-PI

E. Extension activities:

a) Teachers are attached with several multidisciplinary research and extension mode projects running in the University and funded by different sponsoring agencies. Under the mandate of those projects teachers are extensively involved in farmer's training, on farm trial, data collection, Socio Economic Survey, Focus Group Discussion (FGD), Farmer's Training/Meeting and statistical analysis and interpretation of the data acquired from the village level farmers' fields.

F. Infrastructural and Support Facilities available:

- a) PG Computer Lab and LAN connectivity in the Department (DST-FIST sponsored)
- b) For advanced level statistical data analysis to benefit the teachers and scientists within and outside the Department of Agril. Statistics at UBKV, Statistical Software like SAS,SPSS and R have been installed in the computers housed in the PG computer laboratory.
- c) UG computer Lab

- d) Seminar -cum-PG classroom
- e) UG Class room

G. Faculty and staffs:a) Head of the Department: Dr. DEB SANKAR GUPTA

b) Faculty

Sl. No	Name	Specialisation	Contact address
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4	Dr. Satyananda Basak (Professor)	Design of Experiments	Mob.09474572393 Email: satyabasak@rediffmail.com
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c) Staffs

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Contact address
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H. Publications:

Sl.	Title	Author's Name	Journal	NAAS
No				Rating/
				impact
				factor
1.	Estimation of Optimum Time of	Soumitra Sankar	Int.J.Curr.Micr	
	Spray for Controlling Rice Leaf	Das, Manoj	obiol.App.Sci(
	Folder Infestation on Boro Rice	Kanti Debnath,	2017) 6(6):	
	in Terai Region of West Bengal	Satyananda	2300-2309	5.38
	Using Best Fitted Linear and	Basak, Joydeb		
	Nonlinear Growth Model.	Ghosh and		
		Aparajita Das		
2.	Anthropogenic impacts on	Shovik Deb,	Anthropocene,	
	forest land use and land cover	Manoj K.	(2018), 21:32–	
	change: Modelling future	Debnath,	41	
	possibilities in the Himalayan	Somsubhra		
	Terai.	Chakraborty,		
		David C.		-
		Weindorf, Deo		
		Kumar, Dibyendu		
		Deb, Ashok		
		Choudhury		
3.	Different methods for judging	S. S.das, A. K.	Journal of	
	the normality assumption for	Das, A.	Crop and	
	univariate and bivariate data and	Mazumder and	Weed,	5.28
	its remedial measure.	M. K. Debnath	(2017).13(1):	
			07-16	
4.	Modeling and Forecasting in	Preeti Tiwari, P.	Trends in	
	Rainfall in Jabalpur Madhya	Mishra and M. K.	Biosciences,	
	Pradesh Using ARIMA Model	Debnath	(2017).10	3.94
			(23):5046	
5.	Economic Threshold Level of	Satyananda	International	ISSN:

	Aphid on Mustard crop at	Basak, Soumitra	Journal of	2455-
	Pundibari (A part of	Sankar Das,	Zoology	7269;
	Coochbehar district): It's	Satyabrata Pal	Studies	Impact
	determination by application of			Factor:
	probability and statistics			RJIF
				5.14
6.	An alternative approach for	Deb, D., Singh,	Environmental	7.69
	estimating above ground	J.P., Deb, S.,	Monitoring	
	biomass using Resourcesat-2	Dutta, D., Ghosh,	and	
	satellite data and artificial	A., and	Assessment.	
	neural network in Bundelkhand	Chaurasia, R.S.	189:576	
	region of India			
7.	Lemon cv. Assam lemon	Ghosh, A., Dey,	Current	6.84
	(Citrus limonBurm.) quality and	K., Bhowmik, N.,	Science.	
	soil-leaf nutrient availability	Ghosh, S.K.,	112(10): 2051-	
	affected by different pruning	Bandyopadhyay,	2065	
	intensities and nutrient	S., Medda, P.S.		
	management	and Ghosh, A.		
8.	Identification of prediction	Chaudhuri, N.,	Journal of	5.53
	model on population buildup of	Banerjee, D.,	Entomology	
	Dactynotuscarthemi HRL on	Ghosh, A. and	and Zoology	
	safflower (Carthamustinctorius	Senapati, S.K	Studies. 5(4):	
	L.) for timely intervention		1775-1779	
9.	Growth Behavior of	Bhowmik, N.,	International	5.38
	Pineapple cv. Mauritius	Munsi, P.S.,	Journal of	
	under Integrated Nutrient	Ghosh, S.K., Deb,	Current	
	Management in Northern part	P. and Ghosh, A	Microbiology	
	of West Bengal, India		and Applied	
	or west bengar, mura		Sciences.6(9):	
			2471-2488.	
10.	Effect of integrated nutrient	Bhowmik, N.,	Journal of	5.28
	management on flowering and	Ghosh, S.K.,	Crop and	

	fruiting characteristics of	Munsi, P.S., Deb,	Weed. 13(2):	
	-			
	pineapple cv. Mauritius	P. and Ghosh , A	144-156	
11.	Effect of Potassium-Boron	SathiBabu, N.,	International	5.38
	Content of Leaf on Copra Yield	Medda, P.S.	Journal of	
	of Coconut (CocosnuciferaL.)	Sinha, K. and	Current	
	in TeraiRegion of West Bengal,	Ghosh, A	Microbiology	
	India		and Applied	
			Sciences.7(2):	
			398-410	
12.	Impact of Potassium-Boron	SathiBabu, N.,	International	5.38
	Interaction on Leaf Nutrient	Sinha, A. K.,	Journal of	
	Content and Nut Setting of	Medda, P.S. and	Current	
	Coconut	Ghosh, A	Microbiology	
			and Applied	
			Sciences.	
			6(12): 4025-	
			4037	

${\bf I. National/International\ symposium/Training/Seminar\ attended\ and\ organized:}$

Sl.No.	Seminar, Symposium,	Faculty	Date	Venue	Attended/
	Conference, Training and	associated			Organized
	Winter/ Summer/				
	Refresher course/ short				
	course				
1.	CAFT on Recent advances	Dr. Manoj	1 st Dec-	Indian Agricultural	Attended
	in sample surveys and	Kanti	21 st Dec,	Statistics Research	
	survey data analysis using	Debnath	2017	Institute (IASRI),	
	statistical software			New Delhi	

J. Master Degree thesis completed

Sl.No.	Title	Year	Author	Chairman
				Name
1	Study on Feasibility of Zero Tillage as a	2017	Sangeeth	Prof. D. S.

Substitute of Conventional Tillage with	Surendran	Gupta
reference to Rabi Maize in CoochBehar	(Regd. No. A-	
District of West Bengal.	2015-25-M)	

K. Member of different academic societies:

(a) Dr. D.S. Gupta

- i) Life time member of "Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics" IASRI, Pusa, NewDelhi.
- ii) Life time member of "Crop and Weed Science Society" B.C.K.V. Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal.
- iii) Life time member of "COBACAS, UBKV, Pundibari, West Bengal.
- iv) Founder Member of Society for Application of Statistics in Agriculture and Allied Sciences (SASAA).

(b) Dr. ManojKantiDebnath

- i)Life Member of Indian society of Remote Sensing, Dehradun.
- ii)Founder Member of Society for Application of Statistics in Agriculture and Allied Sciences (SASAA).

(c) Dr. ArunavaGhosh

- i) Life time member of "Crop and Weed Science Society" B.C.K.V., Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal.
- ii)Founder Member of Society for Application of Statistics in Agriculture and Allied Sciences (SASAA).

L. Any other activities:

(i) Activities of Dr. D.S. Gupta

- a) Member of Administrative body: Have been acting as Member of Faculty Council (F/Ag) and Member of Academic Council, UBKV
- b) Member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students: Have been acting as member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students of different departments
- c) Acted as Resource person:

- Acted as a Resource Person in the 7-day workshop on 'Research Methodology Using Statistical Tools, Techniques and Packages' during March 16-22, 2018 at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.
- Acted as a Resource Person in the HRD training on "Persuasive communication and soft skill development" for KVK staffs (Scientific and Technical) held on March, 08-09, 2018.

(ii) Activities of Dr. M.K. Debnath

- a) Member of Administrative body:
 - ➤ Member of Faculty Council (F/Ag)
 - ➤ Nodal officer for all purpose of scholarship
 - ➤ Member of JRF Coaching committee
 - > Member of UG/PG admission committee
- b) Member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students: Have been acting as member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students of different departments.
- c) Acted as Resource person:
 - Acted as a Resource Person in the 7-day workshop on 'Research Methodology Using Statistical Tools, Techniques and Packages' during March 16-22, 2018 at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.
 - ➤ Acted as a Resource Person in the HRD training on "Persuasive communication and soft skill development" for KVK staffs (Scientific and Technical) held on March, 08-09, 2018.
- d) Acted as Central Level Coordinator, Student Ready Programme.

(iii) Activities of Dr. S.Ojha

- a) Member of Administrative body:
 - Convenor, CNMC, UBKV
 - ➤ Member, Online Admission Committee
 - ➤ Member, Class Room Maintenance Committee, UBKV
- b) Any other (Achievement) Published a Manual on Fundamentals of Statistical Methods for 3rd Term, B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture Students

iv)Activities of Dr. Arunava Ghosh

a) Member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students: Have beenacting as member of Advisory Committee for both at PG and PhD level students ofdifferent departments.

v) Activities of Dr. S. Basak

- a) Member of Administrative body:
 - ➤ Chairman, Computer Network Management Committee, UBKV
 - ➤ Member of Tender & Purchase Committee, UBKV
- b) Research reports submitted:Modelling Area, Production and Productivity of Rice at Cooch Behar District.

Celebration of 11th National Statistics Day

In 2007 Government of India, has designated 29thJune as the "Statistics Day" in the category of Special Days to be celebrated every year at the National level in recognition of the notable contributions made by Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning. The objective of celebration of this Day is to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation, to acknowledge the contribution of Prof. Mahalanobis. Every year Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and Indian Statistical Institute selects particular theme for the day based on current national importance for focused discussions and efforts throughout year to bring about improvements in selected area. The theme selected for the Statistics Day for the year 2017 was "Administrative Statistics". Statistics Day was also celebrated throughout the country by the field offices of National Sample Survey Office, State Governments and Universities/Departments by organizing Seminars, Conferences, Debates, Quiz Programmes, Lectures, Essay Competitions, etc. The department of Agricultural Statistics, UBKV, Pundibariwas taken initiative to celebrate national statistics day on the eve of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis 125th birth anniversary on 29th June,2017.

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