

**UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON APPLICATION OF ECONOMETRICS IN RESEARCH
ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI ON 24th MARCH 2012**

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A REPORT

The UGC sponsored National Workshop on Application of Econometrics in Research was conducted on 24th March 2012 in the Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620 023.

The inaugural function was started at 9.30 a.m. in the seminar hall, Department of Economics. Dr.S.Ganesan, Asst. Professor, Workshop Coordinator delivered the welcome address and he welcomed all the distinguished professors and the participants from various colleges and universities (Pondicherry, Annamalai, Alagappa, Bharathiyar, and Madurai Kamaraj Universities). He gave an introduction about the workshop. The presidential address was delivered by Dr.J.A.Arul Chellakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Economics. Followed by Dr.S.Iyyampillai, Professor, Department of Economics delivered the inaugural address and he explained the contribution of econometrics in economic research and future scope of econometrics. Dr.N.Manimekalai felicitated the workshop. Finally Dr.N.Prasanna Asst.Professor, Department of Economics proposed the vote of thanks to the gathering. Around 100 scholars and Professors participated in the Inaugural function.

The technical session–I was started at 10.00 a.m. at the BUTP computer lab. Dr.M.Chitra, Asst. Professor, Department of Econometrics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai was the resource person. She handled the session on Time Series Econometrics-I from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. She trained the participants in the areas of Stationarity, Unit Roots and Cointegration. This session was more interactive with practical application by using Gritl package.

The Technical session–II was started at 2.00 p.m. in the same computer lab. Dr.D.Sathiyavan, Asst.Professor, Department of Econometrics, University of Madras, Chennai was the resource person. He handled the session on Time Series Econometrics-II. He gave training on forecasting with ARIMA and VAR models to the participants by using E-Views package and he explained how to use E-Views package in the data analysis for research work. A hand on training was given to all participants in the workshop.

The valedictory function was started at 5.00 p.m. in the seminar hall, Department of Economics. Dr.M.Ravichandran, Professor & Head, Department of Environmental Management, Bharathidasan University was the Chief guest and he delivered the valedictory address. He explained the importance of econometrics in research and job opportunities in econometrics. Dr.J.A.Arul Chellakumar Professor & Head, Department of Economics distributed the certificates to the participants. Some of the participants gave their feedback about the workshop. One of the participants specifically Mr.Siva Ph.D. research scholar, Bharathiyar University mentioned in his feedback that the program was very interesting and more informative and he suggested to conduct such workshop for five days to learn more Econometric techniques.

Prof.Pattinathar from Vivekananda collage, Madurai also suggested the same. Finally the Workshop Coordinator Dr.S.Ganesan Asst.Professor, Department of Economics proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked to UGC, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Register, Finance officer and University Authorities. Further he thanked to the BUTP Director & Staff, Faculty Members & Supportive Staff of Economic Department and all participants.