



One-Day National Workshop
On
Climate Shocks, Insurance Adoption and Farmers' Welfare in Select Areas of Eastern India: Assessing the Impact of PMFBY on Farm Productivity



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About the University

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, is a Central University of India, located in Bilaspur C.G. State, established under Central Universities Act 2009, No. 25 of 2009. Formerly called Guru Ghasidas University (GGU), established by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly, was formally inaugurated on June 16, 1983. GGU is an active member of the Association of Indian Universities and Association of Commonwealth Universities. Situated in a socially and economically challenged area, the university is appropriately named to honor the great Satnami Saint Guru Ghasidas (born in 17th century), who championed the cause of the downtrodden and waged a relentless struggle against all forms of social evils and injustice prevailing in the society.

About the Department

The Department of Economics, a pioneering institute of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya was established in 1989 with key focus on capacity building. The Department has a long tradition of imparting quality education and conducting in-depth research with special focus on economic issues and planning. The department has envisioned to produce the best economist through exploring the economic study & analysis for policy framing and implementation challenges faced by the Indian and global economy to make a better society and better world. We have dedicated faculty members who are highly efficient and specialized in research, academics and administrative work. Department conducts seminars, webinars, conferences and workshops. Apart from this the students also do internship. Every year our students qualify the UGC-NET and JRF and obtains different fellowships. Many of our alumni hold prominent positions in academics, research and administrative spheres across the country. The department is continuously achieving new heights; student and alumni are touching the sky of great success.

Outline of the Workshop

The workshop basically intends to disseminate the findings of the ICSSR-sponsored short term collaborative project entitled “Climate Shocks, Insurance Adoption and Farmers’ Welfare in Select Areas of Eastern India: Assessing the Impact of PMFBY on Farm Productivity”. The main objectives of the project were to

1. Identify the major climatic risks that farmers face and assess the level of insurance adoption as a crucial adaptation strategy.

2. Explore the structural issues in PMFBY viz. crop notification, the accessibility and adequacy of insurance coverage, procedural transparency, and the effectiveness of grievance redressal mechanisms. Additionally, examine the participation levels of stakeholders in PMFBY from diverse social and size-holding categories of farmers.
3. Evaluate the impact of PMFBY on various aspects of agriculture, including farm productivity, technology adoption, crop diversification, and the overall indebtedness of farmers.

The study has gathered field level data from 2100 farm households spreading across 12 Blocks of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and eastern Uttar Pradesh. In addition, information was also gathered from Block Agriculture Officers, Insurance Companies, and Common Service Centres (CSCs). The study could grasp some important insights on functioning and socio-economic impact of PMFBY. Policy suggestions and recommendations are given based on the findings of the project. The workshop intends to have some intensive discussion with diverse stake-holders of the flagship scheme based on the findings of the research project.

The results of the study are diverse in nature. In Odisha and Chhattisgarh, insurance adoption is very high in the cases of loanee farmers. Although the scheme has become voluntary since 2020 even for the loanee farmers, most farmers adopt insurance by default. In Odisha, the state government has started insuring upto 2 hectares of land per farmer at just Re 1 with effect from Kharif 2023. This pricing intervention has put the affordability question to rest. Insurance adoption has become near universal in Kharif 2023. However, a closure scrutiny of the PMFBY numbers vis-à-vis NSSO-2019 data, especially for Balangir district, shows some different pictures. The narrative in Uttar Pradesh is quite different from Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The workshop will throw light on all these revelations from the field level investigation.

Mode of the Workshop: HYBRID

Date of the Workshop: 19-02-2024

Venue: Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur

Online Link: Google Meet link will be shared to the selected participants separately.

Who should attend: The workshop will be attended by farmers, agriculture officials, representatives of insurance companies, academicians, policy-makers, research scholars, and

students. Although the organisers will invite participants from different groups, desirous people can send request by email to pmfby.ggv@gmail.com before 15-02-2024 clearly stating how the workshop is to benefit them and how (offline or online) do they wish to participate. Acceptance of their request will be intimated by 16-02-2024.

Role of the Participants: The involvement of the participants and the stakeholders in this workshop will be crucial in refining the analysis and finetuning the policy suggestions through their ground level inputs on implementation of the scheme and possible ways to improvise it.

Registration Fee: There won't be any Registration Fee for the participants but registration is mandatory. Registration Link will be sent to all the selected delegates.

Certification: Certificate will be awarded to each participant subject to registration, full participation, and submission of feedback.

Travel and Accommodation: Invited delegates will be reimbursed travel fare up to 3AC/Deluxe Bus rates subject to submission of original tickets. In case of invited delegates travelling by own vehicle, reimbursement will be made as per the university rules. Accommodation on twin sharing basis will be provided to the invitees in the university guest house on twin sharing basis if requested. Local hospitality will be provided to all the delegates.

List of Resource Persons

S. No.	Name & Designation	Contact Status
1	Prof. Mamata Swain Retd. Professor, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	Confirmed
2	Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra, HoD, Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Confirmed
3	Prof. Satyendra Kishore Mishra, HoD, School of Studies in Economics, Vikram University, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	Confirmed
4	Dr. A. Amarender Reddy Joint Director, Policy Support Research, ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR-NIBSM), Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Confirmed

5	Shri Jagadish Pradhan, Noted Social Activist having expertise in farmer issues	Likely to be confirmed
6	Prof. Chittaranjan Nayak, Department of Economics, GGV, Bilaspur	Project Director-cum-Coordinator
7	Dr. Asis K. Senapati Associate Professor & HoD, Economics, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi	Project Director
8	Dr. Rajkumar Nagwanshee, Associate Professor in Economics, GGV, Bilaspur	Project Director
9	Dr. Priyabrata Sahoo Asst. Professor in Economics Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Project Director
10	Dr. Debilal Mishra, Assistant Professor in JMC, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	Confirmed
The list is indicative only, and the organizers may alter names as per expertise of the RPs, their availability for the Programme, and budget permissibility.		

AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

Time	Theme	Guest/ Speakers
09:00 AM- 10:30 AM Session I: Inaugural Session	<i>Introduction (Specific Objectives of the Project, collection, compilation, organization, and analysis of primary data, Significance of the Research Project undertaken, Plan of the Workshop)</i>	Welcome address Head, Department of Economics Theme Introduction-30 minutes Prof. Chittaranjan Nayak Convenor of the Workshop Address by the Keynote Speaker- 30 min- Prof. Mamata Swain Retd. Professor, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack Address by Special Guests Prof. Manish Shrivastava Registrar, GGV Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra Dean, School of Studies in Social Sciences, GGV Address by the Chief Guest Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, GGV Vote of thanks Dr. Rajkumar Nagwanshee Project Director
10:30 AM- 10:45 AM	Tea Break	
Session II: 10:45 AM- 12:15 PM (Objective 1)	Climate risks and the level of insurance adoption (Interactive Session with Stakeholders-Farmers, ICs,	Session Chair: Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra Presentation of the findings Dr. Asis Kumar Senapati Project Director

	CSCs, BAOs, Activists, Policy makers, Academicians)	Rapporteur- Binod Kumar Behera, Research Associate
Session III: 12:15- 01:45 PM (Objective 2)	Structural issues and Participation Levels in PMFBY	Session Chair- Prof. Satyendra Kishore Mishra Presentation of the findings Dr. Priyabrata Sahoo & Dr. Rajkumar Nagwanshee, Project Directors Dr. Rapporteur- Sanket Bohidar, Research Assistant
01:45 PM- 02:30 PM	Lunch	All
Session IV: 02:30 PM- 04:15 PM (Objective 3)	Impact of PMFBY on Crop Productivity and Farmer Welfare	Chair- Dr. A. Amarendra Reddy Moderator- Dr. Chittaranjan Nayak, Project Coordinator-cum-Director Rapporteur- Dr. Debilal Mishra
Session V: 04:15- 05:00 PM (Summary, Conclusion and Policy suggestions)	Valedictory Session	Chair: TBD Summary Presentation Prof. Chittaranjan Nayak, Convener Participants' Feedback- 4/5 participants Valedictory Address- TBD Vote of thanks

Note:

Prospective Resource Persons will be placed in TBD places once the proposal gets final approval and the date is confirmed by ICSSR.