

REPORT: 9th Annual CECFEE Research & Policy Workshop, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi in collaboration with Department of Economics, University of Kashmir

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The Department of Economics, University of Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, successfully hosted and organized the **9th Annual CECFEE Research and Policy Workshop** as part of EconFest 2025. The event brought together researchers, economists and policy experts from leading institutions across India, offering a significant platform to present and discuss cutting-edge research in climate change, environmental policy, agriculture, gender, human development and behavioural economics. The workshop opened with welcome remarks by Prof. Effat Yasmin and an outline of the programme by Dr. Javaid Iqbal Khan, followed by an insightful keynote address from Prof. E. Somanathan, who emphasised the urgency of informed climate policy and sustainable development pathways.

The technical sessions began with a detailed exploration of climate change, adaptation and environmental resilience, chaired by Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay. The papers presented examined themes such as global cooling and climate impact inequality, drought adaptation strategies and the ways in which households respond to landslides and environmental shocks. Collectively, these studies underscored the significance of localised adaptation policies, strengthened environmental governance and the importance of better data for climate modelling.

This was followed by the session on climate policy, energy transition and carbon markets, chaired by Prof. A. S. Bhat. Presenters discussed the short-term economic implications of CBAM and domestic carbon taxes for India, the behavioural responses of firms to carbon credit trading systems and the effectiveness of solar subsidy schemes in driving renewable energy adoption. The session highlighted the need for coherent policy signals, institutional support and market-oriented reforms to facilitate India's transition to a low-carbon economy.

The next session, chaired by Prof. Farzana Afridi, focused on behavioural interventions and experimental evidence. Papers in this session presented findings on coordinated travel arrangements for women job-seekers in urban areas, the effect of behavioural reminders on household waste sorting and the relationship between broadband access and crime patterns.

The discussions highlighted how behavioural insights and experimental methods can inform policy in areas such as mobility, public services and digital governance.

On the second day, the session chaired by Prof. Laveesh Bhandari examined issues at the intersection of climate, development and social well-being. Papers assessed welfare losses under climate change, the role of dairy enterprises in women's empowerment and the differing effects of temperature on men's and women's time use. This was followed by a session on gender, violence and human development, chaired by Prof. R. L. Bhat, where researchers examined factors influencing women's vulnerability to intimate partner violence, the impact of domestic violence on child nutrition and the combined effect of nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions on adolescent health.

The final session, chaired by Prof. E. Somanathan, addressed air quality, pollution and agriculture. Research presented in this session included evidence from a school-based RCT on protecting children from acute air pollution exposure in Delhi, as well as the development of statistical tools to estimate monsoon onset in agrarian regions. The discussions stressed the need for integrated environmental, agricultural and public health policies.

Overall, the 9th Annual CECFEE Workshop at the University of Kashmir served as a valuable forum for sharing rigorous empirical research and promoting informed policy dialogue. The event strengthened academic exchange, encouraged collaboration across institutions and reaffirmed the University of Kashmir's growing role in advancing research and policy work in climate and development studies.