



Principal Secretary for Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Uma Mahadevan speaks during the valedictory of a workshop on 'Policy Analysis and Evaluation,' organised by Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) in Mysuru, on Friday. GRAAM Executive Director R Basavaraju, faculty at Cornell University Arun Karpur and V-LEAD founder R Balasubramaniam are seen.

# 'State's problems can be solved if measured properly'

## Three-week workshop on 'Policy Analysis and Evaluation' concludes

**MYSURU:** Principal Secretary for Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Uma Mahadevan said, Karnataka is facing many problems, but they could be solved if they are measured properly.

Mahadevan was speaking during the closing ceremony of a three-week workshop on 'Policy Analysis and Evaluation' organised by Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) in collaboration with Cornell University (USA) at Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD) in Hebbal, here, on Friday.

She said, the government was allocating Rs 145 crore in its annual budget for various development activities but, the State has vast problems on spending the money earmarked. Such problems need to be identified, measured and they must be defined clearly. "Unless we measure problems, it is difficult to attend to them," Mahadevan said.

As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) IV 2015-16, which was conducted after 10 years, the State is doing better in health and education sector, but still, the state has a long way to go, she said.

The principal secretary urged the participants of the workshop to work for a better society by evaluating their works. "These kind of workshops will surely make people think beyond their work and impart skills. Love your work and think how to deal with things," said Mahadevan.

Sharing her experiences,

Sandya Iyer, a participant, said, the three-week workshop made her to think beyond her work and inspired to take up additional tasks. She said, field visits and interaction with people enriched her skills.

Another participant Amit Rana said, he learnt to think out of the box and he has a long way to go with many challenges in the competitive world.

Speaking on the occasion, founder of V-LEAD R Balasubramaniam said, Karnataka is the largest driver of the country's social and economical development. "The challenge for the country is quality research works and quality thinkers," he added.

The workshop dealt with 'Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods for Policy Evaluation' and 'Capstone Projects and Field Immersion'. Over all 22 participants from various industries and educational institutions took part.

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