

## All-India Seminar on “Statistical Databases in Gram Panchayats,”

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A new statistical domain has emerged in rural India as a consequence of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992, a domain based on the needs and constitutional functions of the gram panchayat. With the creation of a new structure of local government, a new political institution, the contemporary village panchayat, requires statistical databases for the development functions that have been allocated to it. In the formulation of the Expert Committee on Basic Statistics for Local Level Development (BSLLD), “the Gram Panchayat should consolidate, maintain and own village level data.”

The all-India seminar on “Panchayat-Level Statistical Databases,” at Economic Analysis Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre discussed panchayat-level statistical data bases. The main document for the seminar was the draft manuscript for a book with the working title *A New Statistical Domain in India: Statistical Data Bases in Gram Panchayats* by Jun-ichi Okabe, Aparajita Bakshi, and Niladri Sekhar Dhar.





