

**MEETING WITH THE VISITORS FROM SURVEY RESEARCH
CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Dr. Narayan Sastry, Research Professor, Population Study Center and Dr. Beth–Ellen Pennell, Director, International Survey Operations, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan made a presentation on “**Social Science in the Public interest**” on 19th June 2015 at State Planning Commission, Chennai.

The representatives from Madras Institute of Development studies, Indian Institute of Statistical Science, The Principal Secretary of Planning Development & Special Initiatives, The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Department of Economic & Statistics, Director, Evaluation & Applied Research attended the meeting.

The session began with a presentation on the activities/ functions of the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission made by the Member-Secretary, State Planning Commission.

The Visitors from University of Michigan made a presentation highlighting the important role of Survey Research Centres in data production and dissemination to better inform Government policy development. Key projects and technological innovations were discussed as well as their unique role survey centers play in encouraging interdisciplinary research and training. Potential collaborative opportunities with Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission were also discussed. It was decided to have future collaborations based on the need.



