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Department of Statistics

NATIONAL STATISTICS DAY: - (29th June,2020)

The birthday of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis which has been declared as National Statistics Day by Government of India was celebrated by Department of Statistics on 29th June, 2020. The dept. organized **one day international webinar** on “**Large Scale Sample Surveys and Data Analysis**” in association with Field Operations Division, National Statistical Office, Nagpur on the occasion of 14th National Statistics Day to celebrate 128th birth anniversary of Padma Vibhushan Prof P.C. Mahalanobis. The main objective of this webinar was to disperse education to students all over India and abroad in these troubled times of crisis of COVID-19.

The speakers for this webinar were Dr. Rajeeva Karandikar, Ex Director, Chennai Mathematical Institute and renowned psephologist, Shri. Ashok Toprani, Addl. Director General (Retd.), N.S.O., FOD, New Delhi; Shri. Rajant Meshram, Senior Manager, YouTube Creator, Google, Singapore, Mr. Rajendra Gautam, Dy. Director General, N.S.O., F.O.D., Nagpur Zone.

Principal Prof. R.V. Patil gave information on immense contribution of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis in the field of statistics and how with the application of his statistical knowledge he made a remarkable nation building activity. He also informed that due to his vast contribution in statistics and in designing large scale sample surveys, Prof. Mahalanobis is being considered as Father of Modern Statistics of India. Asso. Prof Mrs. Anjali Badar worked as Organizing Secretary of the webinar.

Dr. Rajeeva Karandikar informed that perhaps India was the only country where the central cabinet had Statistical Advisor before Scientific Advisor which was essential for newly developing country like India and how Prof Mahalanobis played an important role as Statistical Advisor. He also shared how Prof. Mahalanobis helped India to develop through proper planning.

Mr. Toprani gave elaborated informative speech on topics like divisions of N.S.S.O, users of the data collected by N.S.S.O., challenges faced by N.S.S.O and how those challenges are to be faced.

Mr. Rajendra Gautam gave presentation on ‘Statistical Systems in India’.

As a part of National Statistics Day celebration some colleges of different universities conducted online national level statistics quizzes. Many students of our dept. participated in the Graphical Quiz on Data Visualization of Garware college, Pune, National Quiz of Kerala University, National Quiz of Institute of Science, Nagpur etc. These students scored well in these quizzes and also upgraded their knowledge of statistics.

An essay competition was organized by our department as a part of National Statistics Day celebration. The response to essay competition was overwhelming. Ms. Amrita Bhattacharya and Ms. Poonam Telang shared the first prize in the above essay competition.

S.No.	Name of Student	Topic of Essay
1	Ms. Maleeha Shoeb	Origin of Statistics and its traditional and modern definitions.
2	Ms. Shraddha Thakur	Applications of Statistics in different fields.
3	Ms. Shraddha Gotmare	Scope and Uses of Statistics in different fields.
4	Ms. Poonam Telang	Importance of Statistics in different fields.
5	Mr. Prajwal Musale	Importance of Statistics.
6	Ms. Amrita Bhattacharya	The first lady of Statistics, Gertrude Mary Cox
7	Ms. Kalyani Gawande	Essay on Vidyadhar P. Godambe
8	Ms. Prajakta Narale	Essay on Life History of Statistician C. R. Rao
9	Ms. Neha Barbate	Essay on Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis
10	Ms. Janhavi Burbure	Essay on Prof P. V. Sukhatme
11	Mr. Tejas Patil	Essay on Sir Francis Galton

