

CELEBRATION OF “STATISTICS DAY”

In recognition of the notable contribution made by (late) Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of planning and statistical development in the post-independent era, the Government of India has decided to designate 29th June every year as the Statistics Day, coinciding with the birth anniversary of late Prof.P.C. Mahalanobis. The objective of this day is to create awareness among the people especially the younger generations for drawing inspiration from (late) Prof. Mahalanobis about the role of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulations. Commission.

Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry celebrates Statistics Day on 29th June every year . The fourth Statistics Day was celebrated by DES on 29th June 2010. The theme of Statistics Day 2010 was “Child Statistics”. The Publication Budget–in-Brief 2010-11 was released by Hon'ble Minister for Statistics on Statistics Day.

As per directions of the United Nations General Assembly and CSO, New Delhi, "World Statistics Day" was celebrated by DES on 20.10.2010 for the first time. The Publications “Children Statistics of Puducherry -2009 ” and Price Bulletin were released by Hon'ble Minister for Statistics during the occasion.

STATE GAZETTEER

Due to creation of New States and Districts in the Country, a permanent group under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary to oversee the work relating to updation of National /States Gazetteers has been created by GOI. The Home Secretary has requested all States/UTs to upload the available Gazetteers on the State and National Websites. The work relating to uploading and updation of the State Gazetteer has been entrusted with the Directorate by Govt., of Puducherry. The present State Gazetteer of Puducherry was prepared by the then Curator of Museum, Thiru. Francis Cyril Antony with the assistance of a 14 member Advisory Committee and published in the year 1982. The Gazetteer consists of two volumes comprising of around 2000 pages. As directed by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India vide D.O.No. 9/8/2007-CD (Cen) dated 20.05.2010, as a first step , the existing Gazetteer was scanned and webcasted chapter-wise in the website of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics , Puducherry.

The Home Secretary Permanent Group has also designed a Standard Template, for updation of the State Gazetteer which will henceforth be called as the “District Human Development Reports”. For undertaking the II phase of the work of updation of State Gazetteer, on the lines of the Standard Template communicated vide D.O.No. 9/8/2007-CD(Cen) dated 23.12..2009 by the Home Secretary, GOI, a State Level Task Force Committee has also been constituted with Chief Secretary to Government as the Chairperson vide G.O.Ms.No.40/F2/2010 dated 22.09.2010.