

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. The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) put forward the following broad objective for observing Statistics Day across the globe.

1. To promote people's awareness of statistics and their value and encourage their support for statistics and for providing data.
2. To bring together users and producers of statistics.
3. To promote the use of statistics
4. To develop professionalism
5. to promote introspection, identification of data gaps and addressing challenges in pursuit of human welfare

Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Puducherry celebrates Statistics Day on 29th June every year. The third Statistics Day was celebrated on 29th June 2009. Publications were released by Hon'ble Minister for Statistics.