

Report of National Statistics Day Celebrated at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai

National Statistics Day 2025 was celebrated on 27th June, 2025 at ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai. The event was organized by the Fisheries Economics, Extension and Statistics (FEES) Division. Although the official National Statistics Day is observed on 29th June each year, the celebration was held earlier to ensure maximum participation.

This day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a pioneering figure in the field of statistics. The objective of the celebration was to raise awareness among researchers, particularly the younger generation, about the critical role of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for national development.

The theme for the year 2025 was “75 Years of National Sample Survey,” which recognized the significant contributions of the National Sample Survey (NSS) in delivering reliable and timely statistical data that supports evidence-based decision-making and governance in India.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Arpita Sharma, Head and Principal Scientist of the FEES Division, who highlighted the importance of the day and its relevance to the field of fisheries science.

This was followed by a lecture delivered by Dr. Prasenjit Pal, Senior Scientist, FEES Division, who presented a detailed biographical sketch of Professor Mahalanobis and elaborated on his contributions to the development of statistics.

An interactive quiz on statistics was also organized as part of the event. The quiz was designed to be both educational and engaging, featuring questions on statistical concepts, applications, and their significance across various domains. Participants actively took part in the quiz, and winners were awarded instant prizes in recognition of their performance.

Following the quiz, fun anecdotes related to the field of statistics were read out by Dr. Ananthan P.S., Principal Scientist, FEES Division, adding a light-hearted and reflective dimension to the celebration. Dr. S.N. Ojha, retired Principal Scientist, also joined the event and interacted with the participants.

The closing remarks and prize distribution were conducted by Dr. N.P. Sahu, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. In his address, he emphasized the importance of statistical literacy for students of fisheries sciences and encouraged them to apply statistical methods judiciously in their research endeavours.

Shri Mahesh Sharma, Ph.D. Scholar of FEES Division, anchored the programme with enthusiasm. The event was well-attended by students and faculty members of CIFE, reflecting commitment for statistical competence. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Prasenjit Pal, who acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team and the enthusiastic participation of the attendees.

Glimpses of National Statistics Day 2025 celebration

