

## **About the Statistics Day 2010**

In recognition of the notable contributions made by (Late) **Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** in the fields of economic planning and statistical development, the Government of India has designated 29<sup>th</sup> June every year, coinciding with his birth anniversary, as the Statistics Day in the category of Special Day to be celebrated at the national level.

The objective of this Day is to create public awareness, among the people specially the younger generation for drawing inspirations from (Late) Prof. Mahalanobis about the role of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.

The fourth Statistics Day 2010 was celebrated all over India on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 by the State Governments, Offices of National Sample Survey Organizations spread throughout the country, University Departments, etc by organizing Seminars, Conferences, Debates, Quiz Programmes, Lecture Series, Essay Competitions, etc. The Main Function was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi which was inaugurated by **Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice-President of India**. **The function was presided over by Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Coal**. **Prof R. Radhakrishna, Chairman, National Statistical Commission** also graced the occasion and addressed the gatherings. **National Award in Statistics, constituted in the Honour of Prof. P V Sukhatme** was also conferred to **Dr. Alope De** on the occasion.

The highlight of Statistics Day 2010 was taking up the theme "**Child Statistics**" and making concerted efforts throughout the year to bring improvements in the quality of data in this particular field, for objective planning and policy making.

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