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### **Report on the Celebration of the 20th National Statistics Day 2026**

The Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, successfully organized the 20th National Statistics Day 2026 – Distinguished Lecture Series on 29 June 2026 under the theme “Unlocking the potential of administrative Data” in the online mode to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, one of India's most eminent statisticians and the architect of modern statistical planning.

The programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Prof. Girish Chandra, Head of the Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, who welcomed the distinguished speakers, faculty members, students, research scholars, and participants. He highlighted the importance of National Statistics Day in recognizing the invaluable contributions of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis to statistics and national development.

This was followed by brief remarks from Prof. Ranjita Pandey and Prof. Devendra Kumar and, who reflected on the significance of National Statistics Day and emphasized the continuing role of statistics in research, governance, and evidence-based decision-making.

The first distinguished lecture was delivered by Prof. Kuldeep Kumar, Centre for Data Analytics, Bond Business School, Bond University, Australia, on the topic "Mahalanobis Distance, Classification Problem, and Future of Statistics." Prof. Kumar provided an engaging overview of the Mahalanobis Distance and discussed its theoretical foundations and wide-ranging applications in Fraud analytics, classification, machine learning, and data science. He also highlighted its relevance in addressing contemporary statistical challenges and demonstrated how this pioneering concept continues to influence modern analytical methodologies.

Following the lecture, Prof. Naveen Kumar, former Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences delivered special remarks on National Statistics Day, paying tribute to the remarkable scientific vision and lasting contributions of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis. He emphasized the significance of statistical thinking in addressing contemporary societal and developmental challenges.

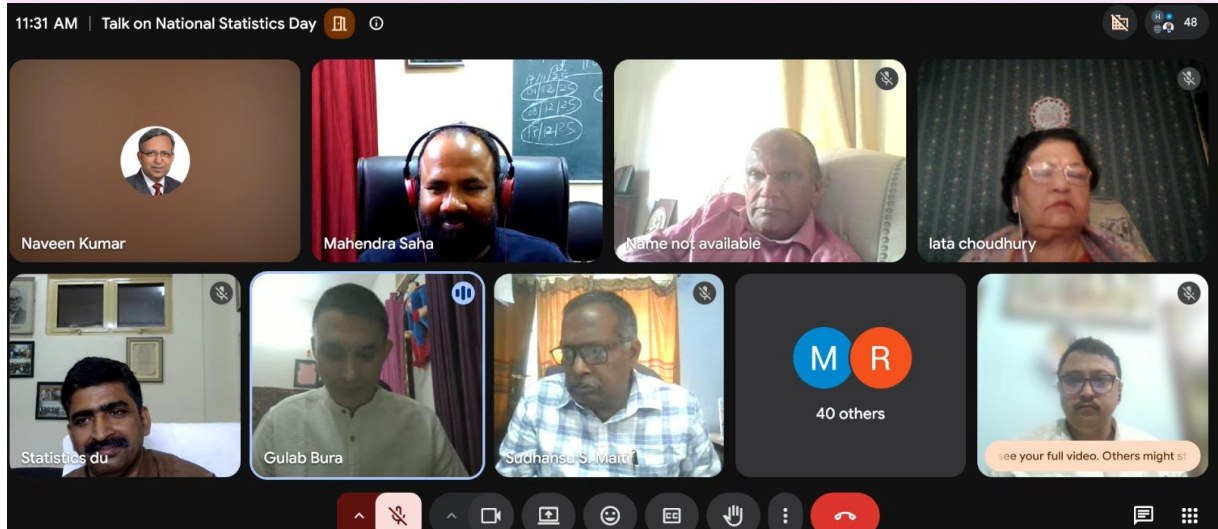
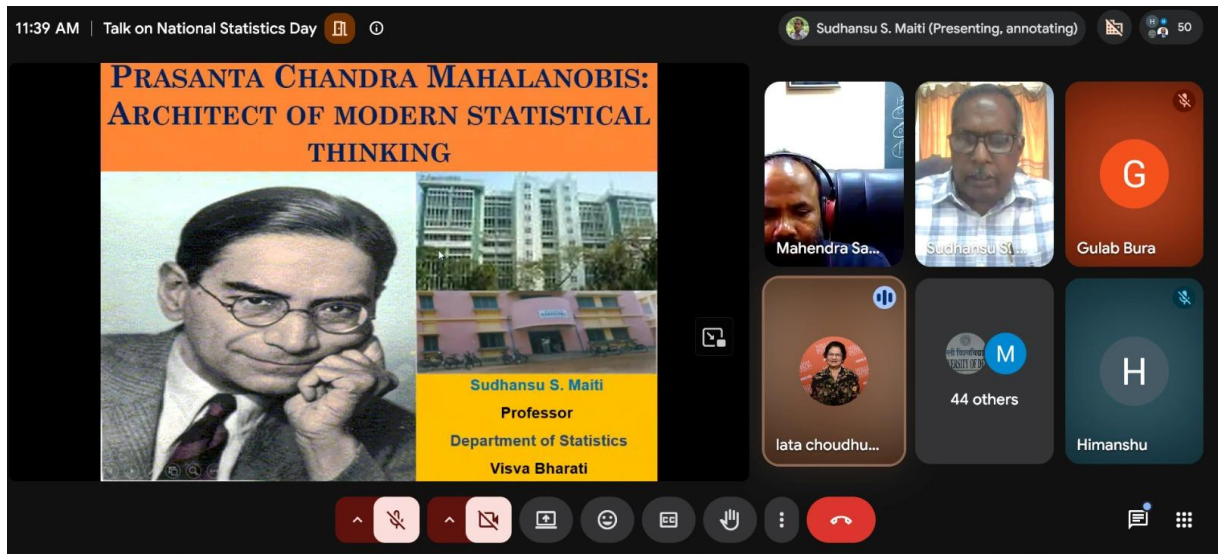
The second distinguished lecture was delivered by Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Maiti, Department of Statistics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan. His lecture focused on the enduring legacy of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, highlighting his pioneering role in establishing statistical institutions in India, the evolution of official statistics, and the growing importance of administrative data in modern statistical systems. He discussed how administrative data can complement traditional survey methods and contribute to evidence-based policy formulation and informed decision-making.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, researchers, students, alumni, and participants from various academic institutions across the country. The interactive discussions following both lectures reflected the keen interest of the audience in the emerging challenges and opportunities in statistics and data science.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Himanshu, who expressed sincere gratitude to the distinguished speakers for their insightful lectures, the Head of the Department for his continuous guidance and support, the faculty members for their valuable contributions, and all participants for their enthusiastic presence. He also acknowledged the

efforts of Dr. Mahendra Saha, Dr. Himanshu and other faculty members who contributed in organizing the whole program. Their dedication ensured smooth and successful conduct of event.

The celebration served as a fitting tribute to the enduring legacy of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis and reaffirmed the importance of statistical science in addressing contemporary challenges through innovation, data-driven decision-making, and interdisciplinary collaboration.



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Professor PC Mahalanobis & Professor C R Rao

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