



10th Statistics Day has been celebrated by the P.G. Department of Statistics in collaboration with National Sample Survey Office (Field Operations Division), Bhubaneswar in the P.G. Council hall, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, on 29th June, 2016 coinciding with the birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mohalanobis. Because of his contributions to the field of Statistics. Prof. Mohalanobis was acclaimed as the father of Statistics in India. The theme of 10th Statistics Day was “Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare”

The following dignitaries were present on the dais:

- Prof. A. K. Das, VC, Utkal University
- Shri Awadhesh Kumar Mishra, DDG, NSSO (FOD), Bhubaneswar
- Prof. R.K. Bal, Chairman, P.G. Council, Utkal University
- Prof. J. Sarangi, Ex HOD, Dept. of Statistics, Utkal University
- Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Dept. of Statistics, Utkal University
- Dr. K.B. Panda, HOD, Dept. of Statistics, Utkal University
- Sri Ashwani Kanaujia, Deputy Director, NSSO (FOD), Bhubaneswar

While Prof. P.K. Tripathy welcomed the guests and introduced them to the audience, Dr. K.B. Panda highlighted Prof. Mohalanobis' early life and his contributions to the field of Statistics. He also outlined the purpose of celebrating this day.

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director General, NSSO, giving a reference to the works of Prof. Mohalanobis, dealt with at length about the government of India's statistical system, especially the National Sample Survey Rounds and their importance.

Prof. A. K. Das (Vice Chancellor, Utkal University) was the chief guest of this occasion. He threw light on the work of Prof. Mohalanobis, and compared his work with renowned physicist Prof. Meghnad Saha's work on solar system data. He also highlighted the importance of Statistics, especially its applications in biology, meteorology, genetics, etc. Prof. Das also proposed a novel idea to have collaboration with NSSO for doing research on real life problems.

Prof. J. Sarangi, Ex HOD, Dept. of Statistics, Utkal University, enlightened the gathering about the works of Prof. Mohalanobis, how he was instrumental in formulating the second five year plan. Prof. R.K. Bal, Chairman, P.G. Council, Utkal University also emphasized the importance of Statistics subject. He appealed to all to create awareness about the prospectus of this subject. Finally, Sri Ashwani Kanaujia, Deputy Director, NSSO (FOD), Bhubaneswar, proposed a vote of thanks in favour of one and all present in the meeting. In the second session, some students from the Department of Statistics and also some staff members from NSSO presented papers on the theme "Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare". Also a documentary film on Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis was screened. The day long programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ipsita Sahoo, Asst. Seminar Secretary.