

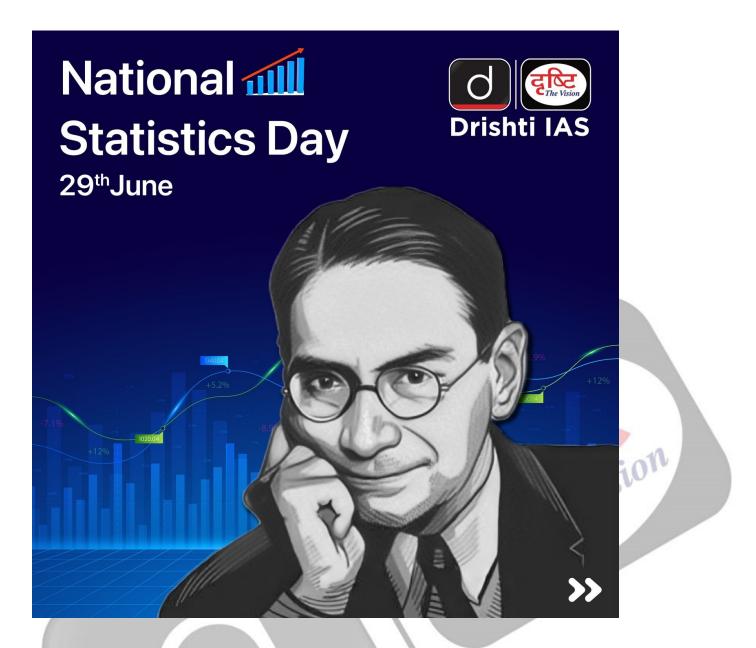
## **National Statistics Day**

## Source: PIB

Recently, **National Statistics Day** was celebrated on **29**<sup>th</sup> **June 2024** marking the birth anniversary of **Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, a renowned Indian statistician and applied scientist.

- The theme for Statistics Day 2024 is "Use of Data for Decision-Making".
- This day has been celebrated since 2007 to create public awareness of the role and importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for the development of the country.
- The e-Sankhyiki data portal and Central Data Repository were launched on this day.
- Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis was known for pioneering the Mahalanobis distance and statistical measure.
  - He was a **member** of India's inaugural <u>Planning Commission</u> and was instrumental in establishing the **Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)** in **1931.**
  - He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan for his contribution to science.
- World Statistics Day is celebrated by the United Nations every 5 years on 20<sup>th</sup> October.





**Read more**: <u>National Statistics Day</u>, <u>Mahalanobis's Approach</u>: <u>Addressing India's Big Data and Al Challenges</u>

PDF Refernece URL: https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/national-statistics-day-3