



National Statistics Day

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Recently, **National Statistics Day** was celebrated on **29th 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 [Planning Commission](#) 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 **20th October**.

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