

National Statistics Office Celebrates 20th National Statistics Day in Mumbai

Theme Focuses on 'Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data'

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The Regional Office, Mumbai (Field Operations Division) of the National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, celebrated the 20th National Statistics Day on June 29, 2026, at Fr. Palacious Hall, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai, in collaboration with St. Xavier's College. The event commemorated the birth anniversary of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, the pioneer of modern statistics in India and architect of the country's official statistical system.



The theme of this year's National Statistics Day, "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data," underscored the growing importance of administrative data in evidence-based policymaking, effective governance, and socio-economic planning.

The programme also highlighted the pivotal role of the National Sample Survey (NSS) and the National Statistics Office (NSO) in strengthening India's official statistical system.

The programme was graced by Dr. Nirupama J. Dange, IAS, Director, Directorate of Census Operations, Mumbai, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. R. B. Barman, Former Chairman, National Statistical Commission and Former Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India, as the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries present included Smt. P. A. Mini, Deputy Director General, National Statistics Office, Mumbai; Dr. Karuna Gokarna, Principal, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai; and Shri Alok Kumar, Director, Office of the Director General of Foreign Trade, Mumbai.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Heads of Departments, faculty members, and students from various colleges and institutions across Mumbai. More than 100 officers and officials of the National Statistics Office (Field Operations Division), Regional Office, Mumbai, also attended the programme.

In her keynote address, Dr. Nirupama J. Dange, IAS, highlighted the growing significance of administrative data in evidence-based governance and public policy formulation. She explained the complementary role of administrative data and Census data in planning and implementing government programmes and encouraged citizens to actively participate in official data collection exercises, emphasizing that quality data forms the foundation of effective policymaking and inclusive development.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. P. A. Mini, Deputy Director General, NSO, paid tribute to the enduring legacy of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis and highlighted his pioneering contribution to building India's statistical institutions and scientific statistical framework, which continues to guide the country's official statistical system.



Dr. R. B. Barman emphasized the critical importance of reliable official statistics for sound economic planning and governance. He underlined the increasing relevance of administrative data in the evolving statistical ecosystem and stressed the need to uphold the highest standards of data quality, transparency, and credibility.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Rupali Dashrath Karne, Deputy Director, National Statistics Office (FOD), Mumbai.

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