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Dear *Sh. Giniji*

You are aware that Government of India has been observing 29<sup>th</sup> June every year to mark the **Birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** as Statistics Day. I am delighted to greet you on this occasion of 128<sup>th</sup> birth day of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis, a renowned statistician on 29 June 2021. Celebrating Statistics Day is also aimed at creating awareness, especially among the younger generation, and also to draw Inspiration from notable contributions of Shri P.C.Mahalanobis on the role and importance of official statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for development of the country.

Shri Mahalanobis was born on 29 June, 1893 in Kolkata in a family of considerable academic achievements. After graduating with honours in Physics from presidency college, Kolkata, in 1912, he moved to England to study Physics and Mathematics at the University of Cambridge. He became a professor of Physics there in 1922. However, his interest in Statistics led him to research work in statistics and finally established the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata on 17 December, 1931. He has become a planning commission member in the year 1953 and played an important role in the preparation of Second Five Year Plan. He was instrumental in formulating India's strategy for Industrialization in Second Five Year Plan (1956-1961). Mahalanobis received many awards for his remarkable contributions to the development of Statistics in India. He was the founder of NSSO(National Sample Survey Organization) in the year 1950 and implemented large scale surveys as a source of Data on various socio-economic subjects, which are instrumental in formulation of the planning and policy decisions for Government of India. He received India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan in 1968 from the Government of India for his contribution of services to the country.

Hitherto, this NSO(FOD), Vijayawada, used to organize seminars and guest lectures by inviting Professor and eminent personalities and also inviting students studying degree course in Statistics and Economics of various colleges and organize Essay & quiz competitions among the students on this 29th June every year. This year due to the Covid – 19 pandemic, it has been decided by MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation), Government of India to organize the Statistics day on the theme "Sustainable Development Goals - 2" (**End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**) through Video Conferencing and all the Deputy Director Generals of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation will be Participating.

I hope, if colleges are re-opened and if possible, the College Authorities, Principal, Head of the Departments, Lecturers may also celebrate the Statistics Day in their respective colleges by conducting seminars and quiz competitions among the students studying Statistics and Economics.

On this occasion I convey my greetings for the college management, faculty members especially Department of Statistics and young statisticians. Encourage the youth and enlighten them about the valuable contributions made by **Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** for the development of the country.

Happy Statistics Day with regards



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