Statistics in Asia: Statistics in India

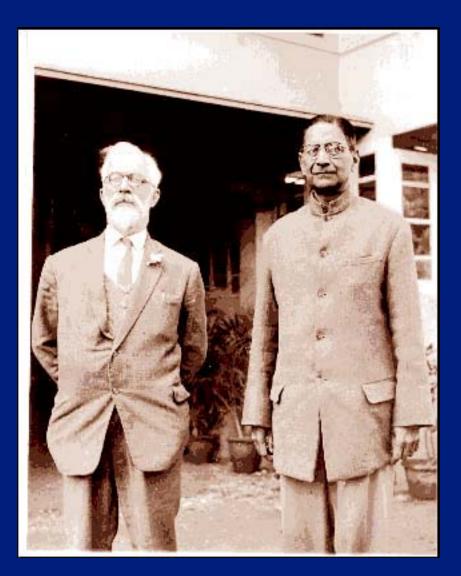


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Outline

The past (1930 – 1960)
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Statistics in India: Past



The Past

- **Professor P.C. Mahalanobis**
- **1931-Establishment of Indian Statistical Institute**
- I937- First National Survey Estimate of Jute crop
- I938- First Statistical Conference:
 Description:
 - President: R.A. Fisher
- I947-48 W.A.Shewhart's visit
- International Statistical Education Centre ISI together with ISI

Current Activities

- Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation
 - CSO: Central Statistical Organization
 Co-ordination of statistical activities in the country; annual survey of industries, economic census; compilation of index of industrial production etc
 - NSSO: National Sample Survey Organization
 - ISS: Indian Statistical Service; Statistical administrative officers in different ministries

Current Activities

Academic Units offering programs

- Indian Statistical Institute: Calcutta, New Delhi, Bangalore
- Indian Institutes of Technology
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- Universities (many)

Current Activities

- Business and Industrial Training, Consulting
 - SQC and OR Division of ISI
 - Confederation of Indian Industry
 - Regional Productivity Councils

General Comments

 In the beginning (1930-):
 Solve problems of national or regional importance
 SQC Units in many cities
 More recent: Prominence for Theory

General Comments

- Academy- Business- Industry Interaction
 - University units: very little
 - ISI- SQC and OR Unit: Reasonable
 - ISO, Six Sigma
 - Certification based
- Implementation of Statistical ThinkingSPC in Software

Concluding Remarks

- Some areas of opportunities
- Statistics in Medicine
 - Micro arrays, Drug discovery
- Response to technological change
 Analyzing medical images, satellite images

International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics

Formation

• April 2005 – Section of ISI

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