Department of Statistics
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StatSpace, the official magazine of the **Statistics Department**, published under the **Sigma Club**, is a platform where numbers meet narratives. It showcases innovative research, statistical insights, puzzles, real-world applications, bridging theory with practice. With contributions from students and faculty, StatSpace highlights emerging trends in data science, artificial intelligence, financial statistics, and more, fostering a community passionate about data-driven discoveries.

SIGMA CLUB: As a constant thought of having a common place to interact , was so entrenched in the young minds , a club has been launched under the Department , named Sigma Club.

The Club took its original form on 16th September 2016 as an encomium to - **The Legend of Statistics - Professor C.R.Rao**, **marking his 96th birthday.**

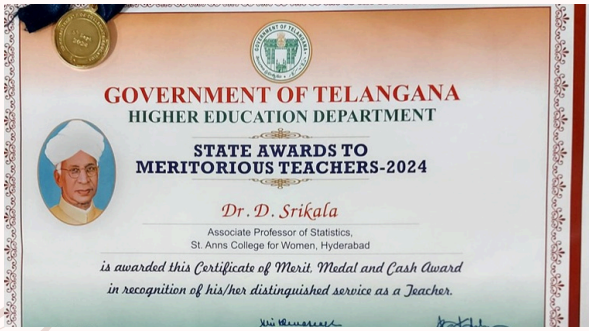
CLUB OBJECTIVES

1. Bridging the gap by conducting workshops and conferences
2. Learning by fun through presenting facts and figures.
3. Having an open platform to share ideas.
4. Publishing STATSPACE magazine

Statistical thinking will one day be as necessary for efficient citizenship as the ability to read and write."
— H.G. Wells

Department Spotlight
A Showcase of Achievements

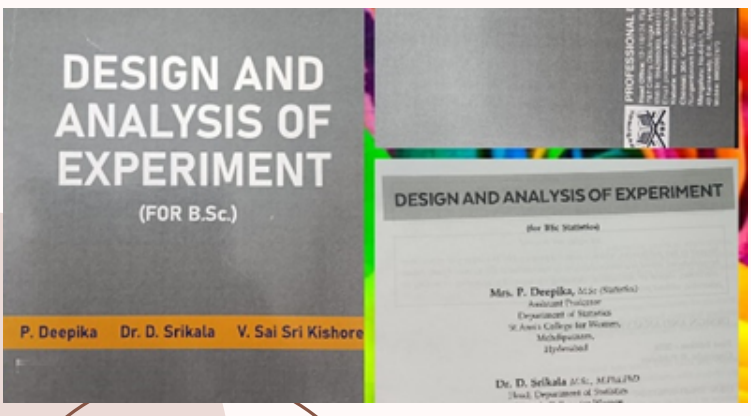
Dr. D. Srikala, HoD, Statistics received **Telangana State Meritorious Teacher Award** for the year 2024-2025.

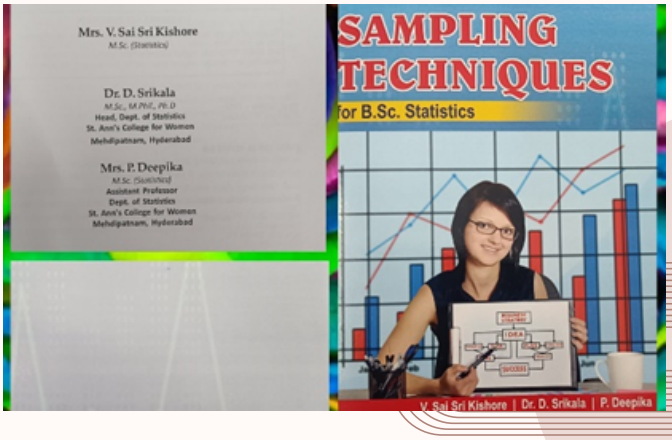


Ms. M. Monika Sai, Assistant Professor, Statistics qualified in **Mathematical Sciences in TG-SET 2024**.

Ms. M. Monika Sai, Assistant Professor & **Ms. K.Anjanee**, Assistant Professor received **3rd Best Paper Award** in III International Conference on Business Management,Economics & Information Technology (PBMEIT), Oct 2024.

Ms. P. Deepika, Dr. D. Srikala, and Ms. V. Sai Sri Kishore authored the book **Design and Analysis of Experiment** for B.Sc. under CBCS (ISBN: 978-81-979672-0-7), published by Professional Books Publishers for universities in Telangana. Additionally, **Ms. V. Sai Sri Kishore, Dr. D. Srikala, and Ms. P. Deepika** co-authored **Sampling Techniques** for B.Sc. under CBCS (ISBN: 978-81-979672-9-0).





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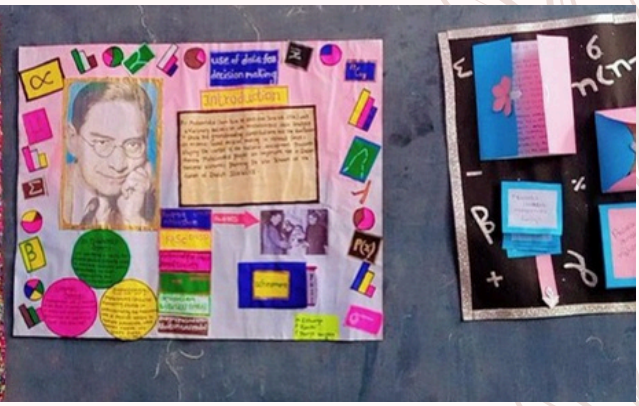
Events Organized by Department

NATIONAL STATISTICS DAY 2024:

SIGMA Club under the Department of Statistics organized a Poster Competition on the theme **"P.C. Mahalanobis – His Contributions and Applications."** Participants highlighted his pioneering work in sample surveys, Mahalanobis Distance, and statistical applications in economic planning, showcasing the profound impact of his legacy.



STATS QUOTIENT: (20th December 2024)

As part of Annofesta, the Department of Statistics organized **"Stats Quotient"** a thrilling quiz competition testing participants' knowledge of statistics, probability, and real-world applications. The event saw enthusiastic participation, fostering analytical thinking and a passion for data-driven insights.

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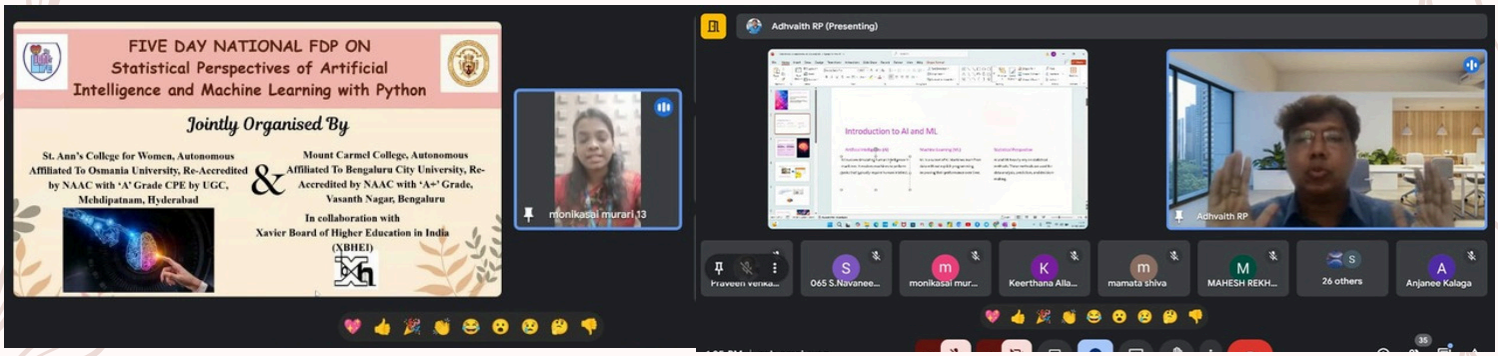
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: (17th-21st Feb 2025)

The Department of Statistics organized a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on **"Statistical Perspectives of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning with Python".** The program covered key statistical foundations, AI/ML techniques, and hands-on Python applications, equipping participants with advanced data analytics skills for research and teaching.



GUEST LECTURE: (27th February 2025)

The Department of Statistics organized a Guest Lecture on **"Career Prospects in Government Sector- ISS and Official Statistics"** by **G.S. Lakshmi, Retd. ISS, Additional Director General (Retd.), M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation.**

Statistically Speaking

Why the Normal Distribution is the Universe's Favorite Shape!

The normal distribution (a.k.a. the bell curve) is everywhere—heights, IQ scores, measurement errors, even stock returns. But why?

1.The Central Limit Theorem (CLT) Rules Everything!

- When you take enough random samples, their means tend to follow a normal distribution, no matter the original data!
- That's why errors in physics, biology, and economics all cluster around the mean.

2.The 68-95-99.7 Rule: Nature's Blueprint

- 68% of data falls within 1 standard deviation (σ) of the mean (μ).
- 95% within 2σ, and
- 99.7% within 3σ—this is why extreme events are rare!

3.Maximum Entropy: The Universe Loves Efficiency!

- Among all possible distributions with a fixed mean and variance, the normal distribution maximizes entropy—meaning it's the most "natural" way to spread data!

4.The Magic of Standardization

- Converting any normal variable to Z-scores allows for universal comparisons across different datasets.
- That's why SAT scores, IQ tests, and medical measurements all use it!

The Normal Curve is Nature's Default! If randomness and large numbers exist, normality follows—it's Statistics, not magic!

Statistical Scandals When Numbers Betray Us!

Numbers don't lie… but people using them do! From misleading research to corporate data manipulation.
Here are some of the biggest statistical scandals that fooled the world!

1. **The "Too Good to Be True" Study – Dr. Andrew Wakefield & The Vaccine Myth** 💉❌

- In 1998, Wakefield published a study claiming vaccines caused autism.
- Turns out, his sample size was just 12 children, and he manipulated the data.
- The study was debunked and retracted, but the damage fueled anti-vaccine movements.

📌**Key Takeaways: A small, biased study can mislead millions! Always check sample size and peer reviews!**

2. The Bell Curve Controversy – "Scientific" Racism 🚨

- The 1994 book The Bell Curve claimed IQ differences were genetic and race-based.
- It was cherry-picked data and ignored socioeconomic factors.
- Many scientists debunked it, calling it statistical manipulation to push bias.

📌**Key Takeaways: Correlation ≠ Causation! Always question hidden agendas in data.**

Statistical Scandals
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3. The Numbers That Crashed the World – 2008 Financial Crisis 💰📉

- Banks used flawed risk models to justify bad loans.
- They relied on Gaussian copula models, which underestimated mortgage default risks.
- The result is a global financial meltdown.

📌 **Key Takeaways: Bad statistical models can break economies! Question risk predictions.**

4. The Facebook Election Scandal – Cambridge Analytica 🔑

- Facebook user data was used to manipulate voter behavior.
- Microtargeting + psychological profiling helped influence elections.
- The scandal exposed how stats + AI can be weaponized.

📌 **Key Takeaways: Data isn't neutral—it's powerful. Be aware of how stats influence behavior!**

🎯 Final Thought:
Statistics Can Be a Weapon or a Shield!

- Bad statistics mislead. Good statistics uncover truth.
- Always question data sources, methods, and biases!
- If something sounds too good (or bad) to be true, it probably is!

Chance & Chaos
A Statistics Puzzle Corner

Human choices aren't random —they follow psychological patterns.
Understanding probability can give you an edge!
From gambling and games to real-world decision-making,
Statistics helps us predict, strategize, and make better choices!!!

1. The Missing Dollar Puzzle 💰

Three friends go to a restaurant and order a meal for $30.
• They each contribute $10 ($10 + $10 + $10 = $30).
• The waiter realizes there's a discount and gives back $5.
• The friends each take $1, and they give $2 as a tip to the waiter.
Now they have spent: $9 each → Total $9 × 3 = $27 and $2 tip
Total: $27 + $2 = $29 💰

Question: Where did the missing dollar go?

Answer: There is no missing dollar! The mistake is in the calculation.
The correct way to account for the money is: They paid $27 total.
$25 went to the restaurant, and $2 was a tip.Their individual $1 back does not add to the $27; it is part of it.

📌 **The puzzle tricks you by adding the tip instead of subtracting it from the original $30.**

2. Flip a Coin 10 Times: What's the Chance of 5 Heads? 

Question: If you flip a fair coin 10 times, what's the probability that exactly 5 flips are heads?

Answer: About 24.6%! This follows the binomial probability formula:
P(X=n)=nCx p^x (1-p)^n-x
Where: n = 10 (total flips), x = 5 (desired heads),
p = 0.5 (probability of heads per flip).
P(5 heads) = (10!)/((5!)(10-5)!)*(0.5)^10 =0.246

📌 **Even though 5 heads feels like the most "fair" outcome, there's still a 75% chance that you won't get exactly 5 heads!**
Probability can be surprising!

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3. Averages Can Be Deceiving!

A farmer has 100 chickens.

- The average weight of the chickens is 3 kg.
- The average weight of the heaviest 50 chickens is 5 kg.

Question: What is the average weight of the lightest 50 chickens?

Answer: 1 kg!

- The total weight of all 100 chickens is 100 × 3 = 300 kg.
- The total weight of the heaviest 50 chickens is 50 × 5 = 250 kg
- So the total weight of the lightest 50 chickens must be 300 - 250 = 50 kg.
- Their average weight is 50 kg ÷ 50 = 1 kg.

📌 **When dealing with averages, always check how data is split—don't assume uniformity!**

4. The Probability of Two Boys 👶👶

A couple has two children.

You know that at least one is a boy.

Question: What is the probability that both children are boys?

Answer: ⅓ (or ~33.3%)

There are four possible combinations for two children:

Boy-Boy (BB) ✅

Boy-Girl (BG) ✅

Girl-Boy (GB) ✅

Girl-Girl (GG) ❌ (ruled out, since we know at least one is a boy).

That leaves three possibilities: BB, BG, and GB.

📌 **Only 1 out of 3 is Boy-Boy, so the probability is ⅓!**

Unlocking Opportunities: Careers in Statistics Across Government, Tech, and Research

Statistics graduates have diverse career paths in government, software, and research, where data-driven decision-making is crucial.

- **Government Sector** – Opportunities exist in national statistical agencies (e.g., Census Bureau, NITI Aayog, RBI), public health departments, economic policy units, and intelligence agencies for roles like data analyst, policy researcher, and actuarial officer. Government organizations use statistics for census planning, budget forecasting, risk analysis, and social welfare optimization.
- **Software & Tech Industry** – The rise of big data, AI, and machine learning has made statisticians vital in companies like Google, Amazon, and Microsoft. They work as data scientists, AI engineers, business intelligence analysts, and algorithm developers, applying statistics in predictive analytics, fraud detection, and automation using tools like Python, R, and SQL.
- **Academic & Industrial Research** – Statisticians play a key role in clinical trials, econometrics, and AI research at institutions like IISc, ISI, DRDO, and pharmaceutical companies. Research roles in biostatistics, environmental modeling, and social sciences help advance technology, medicine, and public policy.

With the growing reliance on data-driven insights, statistics graduates can thrive across sectors, shaping innovations and policies for the future! 📈✨

Statistical Rhymes
The Poetry of Data

1. The Market's Mood Swings

The market wakes up, all bullish and bright,
Stocks are soaring—what a sight! 🚀
Analysts cheer, "Buy! Buy! Buy!"
But statistics whisper, "It's all too high." 😏
A week goes by, the trend turns sour,
Investors panic, "Sell this hour!" 📉
Yet a wise one grins, holds on tight,
"Reversion to the mean is in sight." 🎯
📌 **Lesson:** Markets rise, and markets fall,
But stats remind us—it's cycles, that's all. 📊

2. Predicting Heart Disease with Regression

High cholesterol? Pressure too high?
The model warns, "A risk nearby." 🔍📉
Exercise, diet, and steps per day,
Each coefficient points the way!
📌 **Lesson:** Your habits form a trend unseen,
Stats can show where risk has been!

3. The Procrastinator's Probability

The deadline's near, you start to sweat,
"One all-nighter—I'll be set!"😵‍💫
But time series trends don't lie,
Grades decline—can't defy!😬
📌 **Lesson:** Cramming may work once or twice,
But stats suggest—you'll pay the price!

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