

University of Calicut

Department of Statistics

STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATION

The Department of Statistics, University of Calicut, organised a programme in connection with the **20th Statistics Day Celebration** on **6 August 2026**. Statistics Day is observed every year on 29 June to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, one of the pioneers of statistical science in India. The programme was organised with the objective of highlighting the importance of statistics and encouraging students and research scholars to develop deeper interest in the subject.

The celebration included a series of academic and intellectual activities involving students and research scholars of the Department of Statistics. The programme provided an opportunity for the participants to share their knowledge, improve their presentation skills and engage in statistical discussions.

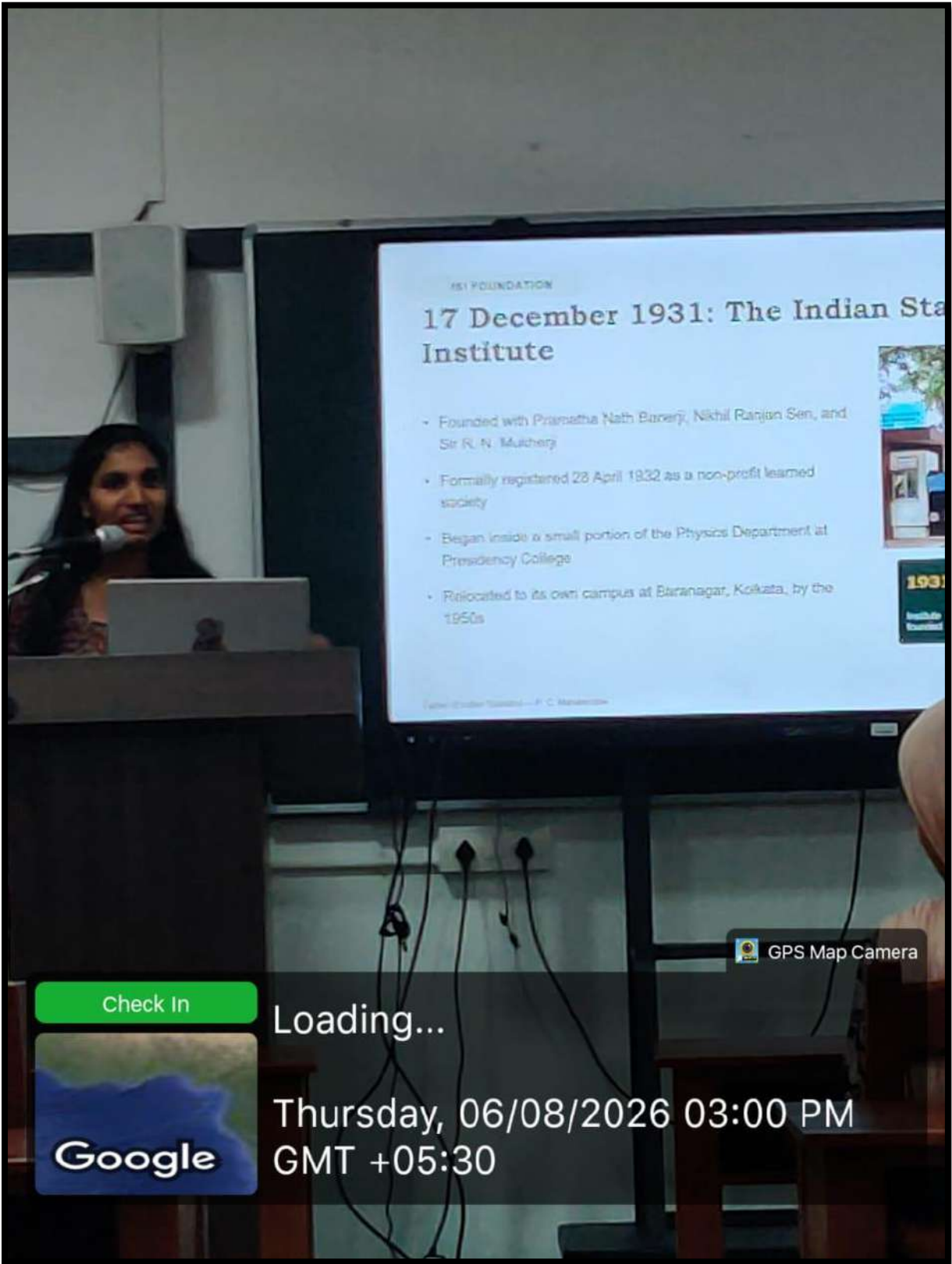
As part of the programme, three academic talks were delivered by M.Sc. Statistics students. Nishanth S. delivered a talk on “Official Statistical System in India.” Parvathi L. and Nandhana K.T. delivered a talk on “P.C. Mahalanobis: History and Works.” The talks provided the students with an opportunity to present statistical concepts and related topics before an audience. These presentations also helped in developing their confidence and communication skills.

Following the student presentations, a **quiz competition was conducted by the research scholars of the department**. The quiz was designed to encourage students to test and expand their knowledge of statistics and related areas. The competition created an enthusiastic and intellectually engaging atmosphere among the participants.

The programme also included the **distribution of cash awards to the winners of the quiz competition**. The cash awards were distributed by **Mr. Somasekaran Pillai**

Overall, the programme served as a meaningful occasion to celebrate the significance of statistics and to promote awareness and interest in the subject among the students of the Department of Statistics, University of Calicut.





ISI FOUNDATION

17 December 1931: The Indian Statistical Institute

- Founded with Prasanna Nath Bhowmik, Nikhil Ranjan Sen, and Sir R. N. Mahalanobis
- Formally registered 28 April 1932 as a non-profit learned society
- Began inside a small portion of the Physics Department at Presidency College
- Relocated to its own campus at Baranagar, Kolkata, by the 1950s

Video: Shantanu Choudhury - ISI C. Mahalanobis



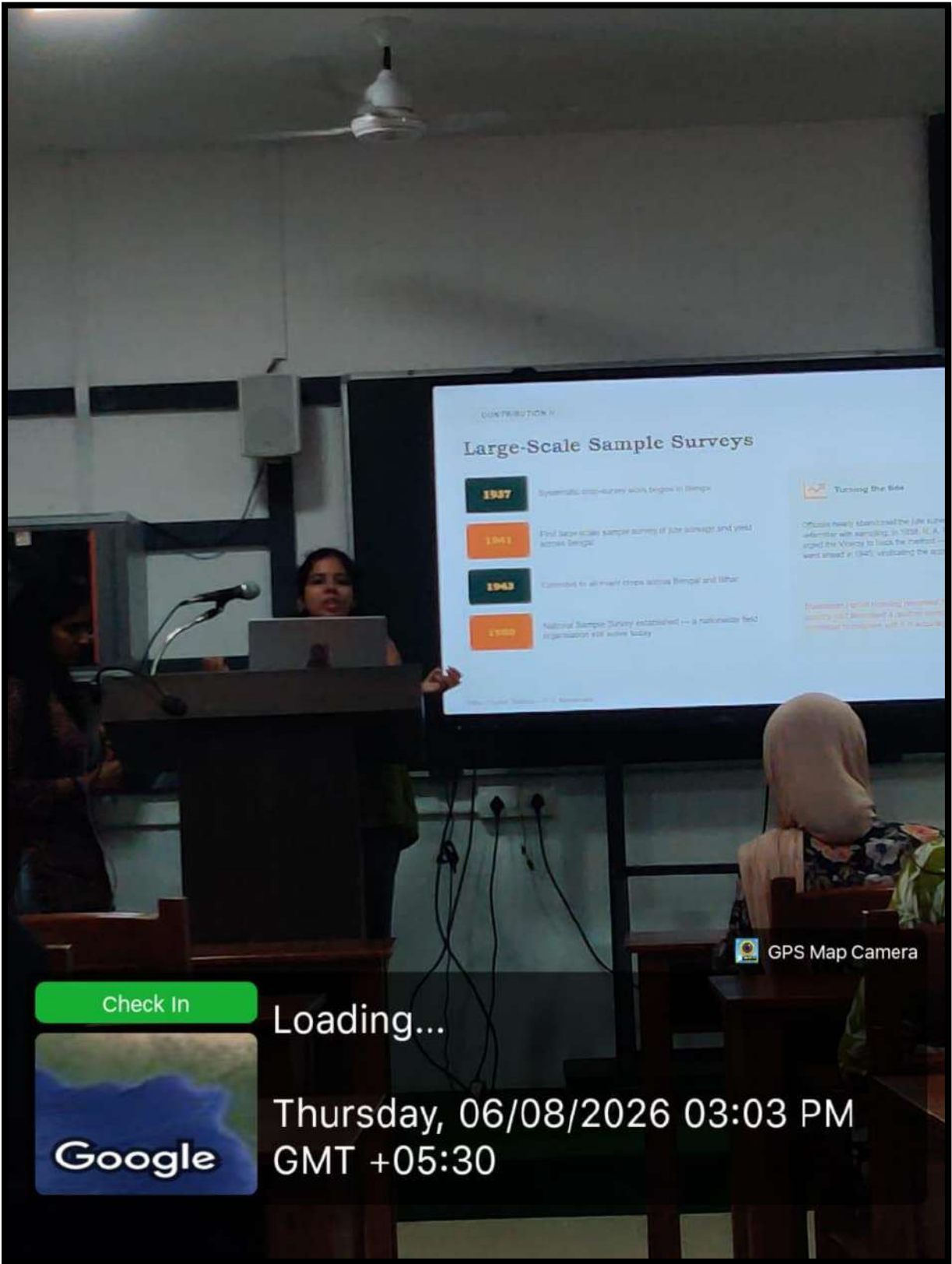
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Large-Scale Sample Surveys

- 1937** Systematic crop-survey work begins in Bengal
- 1941** First large-scale sample survey of rice acreage and yield across Bengal
- 1943** Extended to all major crops across Bengal and Bihar
- 1950** National Sample Survey established — a nationwide field organization still active today

Turning the Tide

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