



**Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial  
Museum & Archives**

Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata



**2021 AT A GLANCE**

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# From the Desk of Incharge, PCMMM&A



Happy New Year from all of us at PCMMM&A!

Last year was a challenging one for the world because of the COVID-19 epidemic. Even in the trying times, there have been glimpses of optimism as we reaffirmed our belief in the value of sound science as a public benefit. As the year 2021 draws to a close, we'd wish to express our gratitude to every one of you for your tremendous contributions to the museum's growth. I want to take this moment to reflect on a year that was difficult in many respects. However, my small team tried its level best to make all of us stay connected through various engagements.

I hope you've had a bright start to 2022 and you're keeping safe and well. In this edition, you'll find the activities carried out throughout the year. If you enjoy this newsletter, please consider forwarding it to a friend and introducing us! This year, we hope to reach and engage even more people with our work!

I take this opportunity to thank the Museum Committee & museum team members for their continued support and Miss Ramyani Sengupta for putting down beautifully my ideas into this newsletter.

Keep reading to discover more about our highlights for 2021!!

Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy

# Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum & Archives

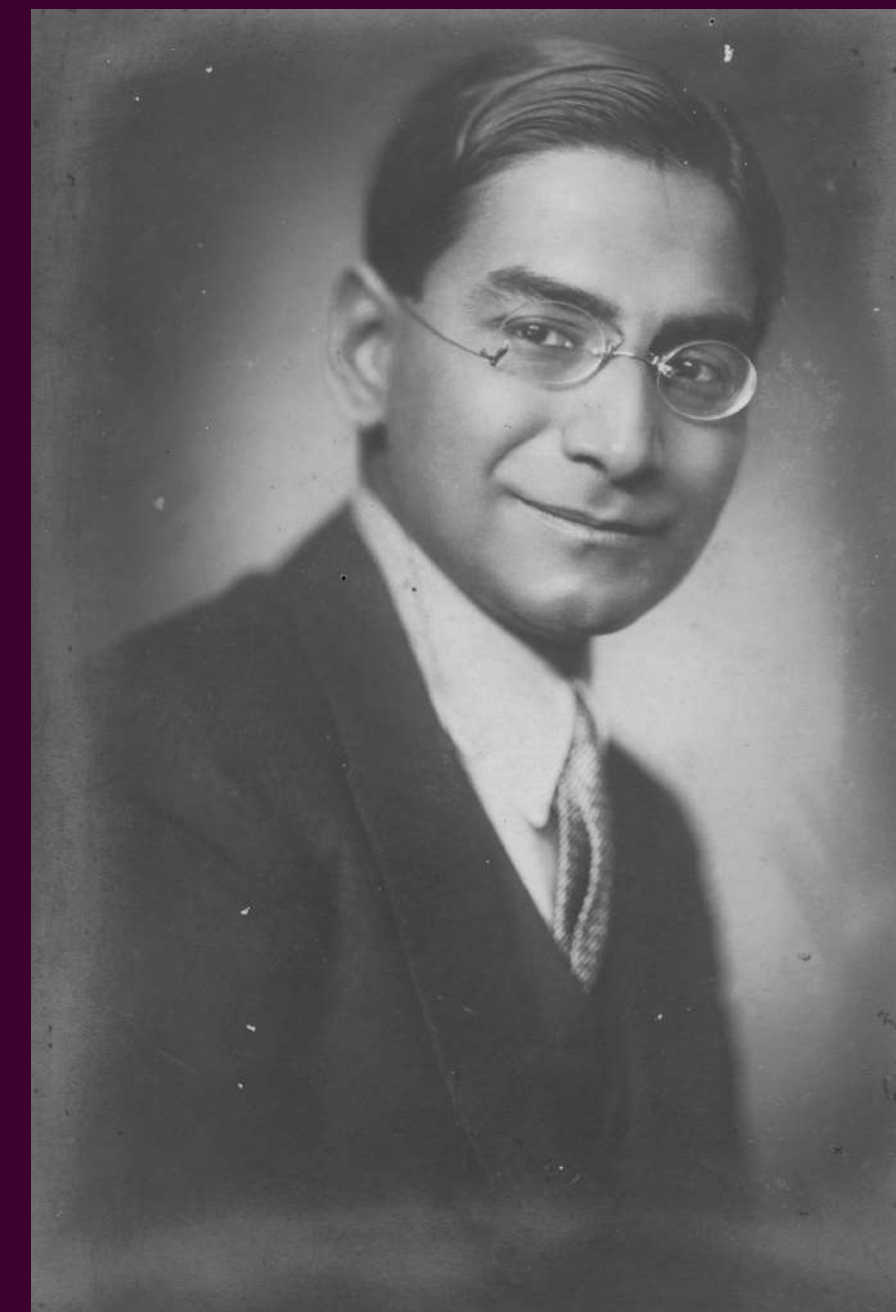
The Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum & Archives (PCMMM&A) was established in 1993 on the occasion of the birth centenary celebration of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (PCM), a pioneering statistician and the founder of the Indian Statistical Institute.

The major objectives are collection, preservation, restoration, display, communication and documentation of personalia, memorabilia as well as rare source materials connected with the life and legacy of Mahalanobis, which also encompass the historical growth of the Institute and of statistical science in India.

*Statistics is the universal tool of inductive inference, research in natural and social sciences, and technological applications.*

*Statistics, therefore, must always have purpose, either in the pursuit of knowledge or in promotion of human welfare.*

*P. Mahalanobis*

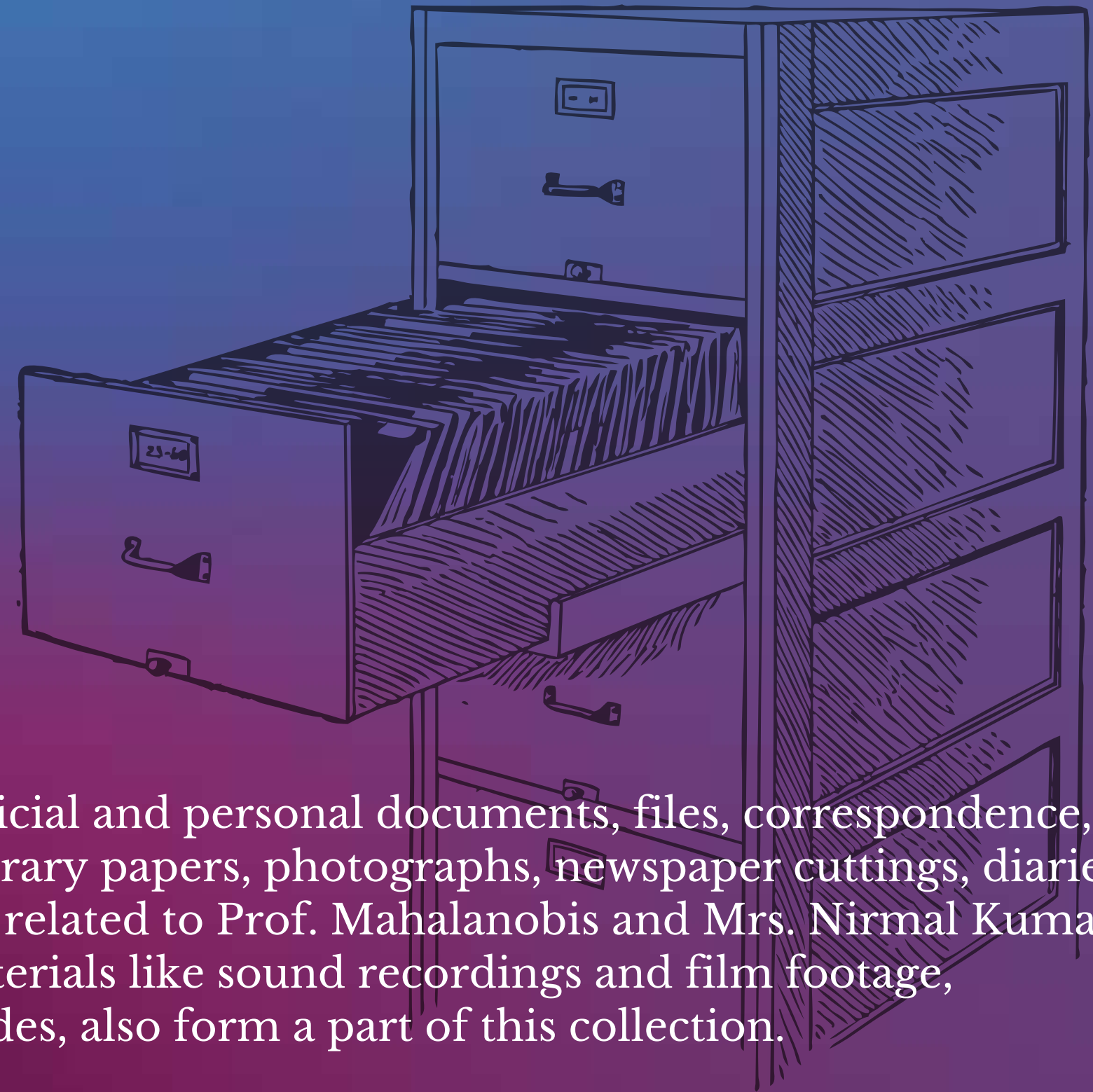




# The Archives



The archival materials trace the history of the development of statistics in the Indian sub-continent during his lifetime and beyond, with special reference to his outstanding contributions in this area.



They include official and personal documents, files, correspondence, scientific and literary papers, photographs, newspaper cuttings, diaries, and manuscripts related to Prof. Mahalanobis and Mrs. Nirmal Kumari. Audio-visual materials like sound recordings and film footage, negatives and slides, also form a part of this collection.

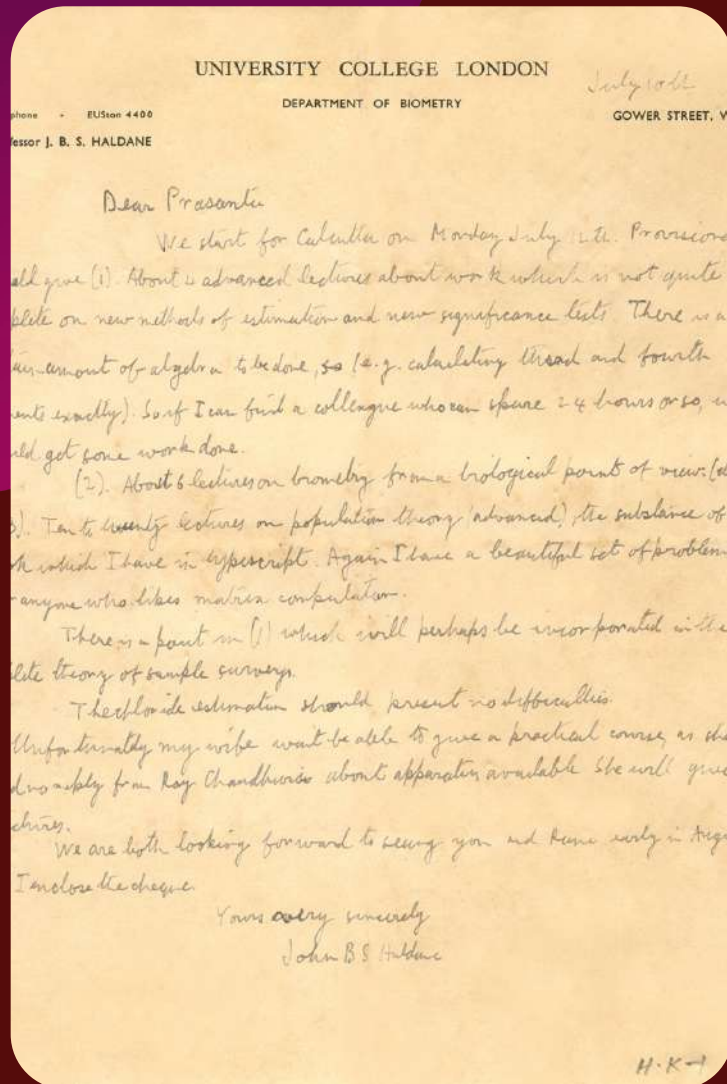
# Activities

## Reference Services

Reference services are provided for researchers and scholars who desire to avail the archival collection for reference purposes. Due to pandemic research work has been done and online reference services provided to users.

## Digitisation

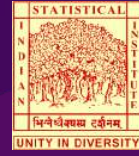
There are roughly 3 lakh documents. Digitization of the documents commenced in 2007. Till date around 35,000 documents have been digitized and metadata of approximately 30,000 documents have been saved on a customized server, while around 2000 documents have been uploaded to the D-space server. During the year 2021 around 2150 archival documents were digitized.



## Conservation

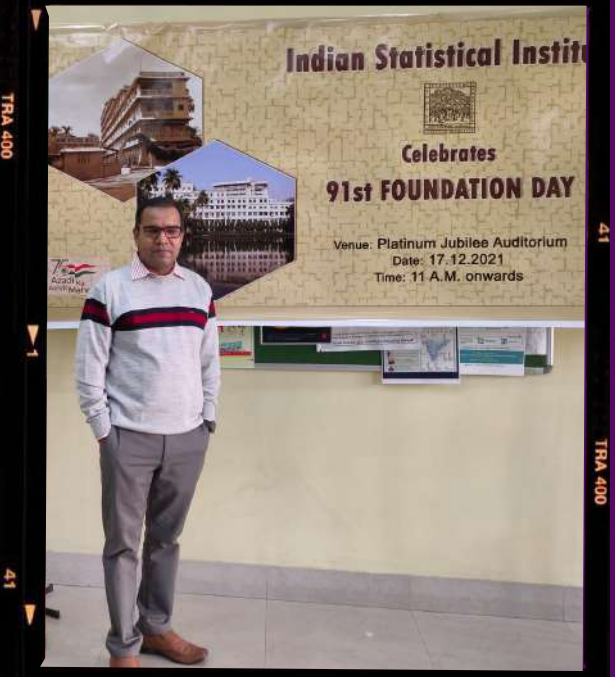
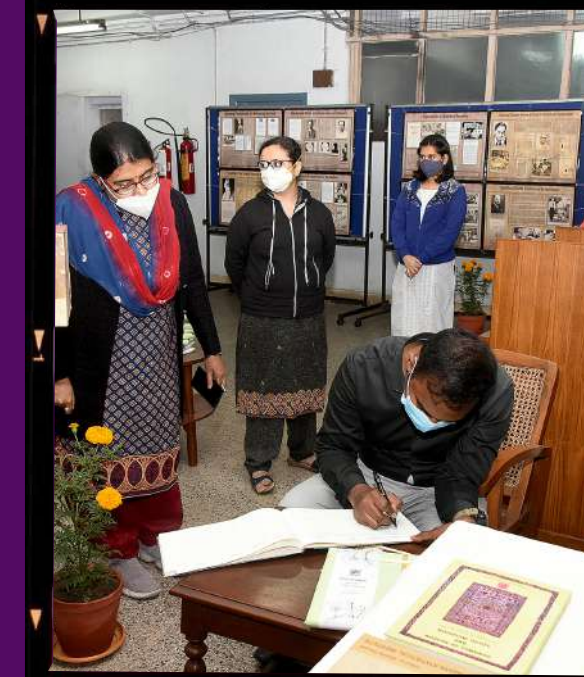
Conservation and Preservation of collections are carried out on a regular basis to ensure availability of collections to the present and future researchers. During this financial year, 1100 nos. of archival documents were treated.





# Outreach Activities

Outreach programs and other activities were conducted to facilitate the development of a positive, mutually beneficial relationship between both the community and the museum.



# Partnerships



**KOLKATA CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY**  
Media Partner: **The Telegraph**

Third Edition of KCC's Annual Conference  
**VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM**  
The Freezing Moment - 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March '21  
An International Online Conference on Art, Education, Mental Health, Commerce & Environment

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Raghvendra Singh**  
Secretary, Ministry of Culture (Govt. of India)

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**  
**Dr. Ganesh Devy**  
Literary Scholar, Cultural Activist  
**Dr. Venu Vasudevan**  
Addl Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala

**INVITED SPEAKERS**

Adoline Ooi	Dr. Amit Ranjan Biswas	Anders Peterson	Dr. Andraz Szanto	Arundhati Ghosh	Cynthia Stephens
Dakshin Chhara	Dora Garcia	Janne Villadsen	Jesse Ringham	Dr. Jhuma Basak	Dr. Shirisha Sathya
Prof. Shyam Menon	Sujata Sen	Trina Chakraborty	Vinay Kumar		

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Outreach Partners:

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum and Archives participated as an outreach partner in the Annual International Conference of Kolkata Centre for Creativity - 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam III', organised during 6th-7th March 2021.




# Collaboration



25+ SESSIONS | 80+ VOICES  
5+ COUNTRIES

JUNE 7-13 2021 3:00 - 8:00 PM

 **INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES WEEK**  
MILLI SESSIONS 2021  
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CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE • QAMRA • CSSS KOLKATA • ARCHIVES & ACCESS • BAJAJ ARCHIVES  
DRAMA QUEEN • ANGLO-INDIAN ARCHIVES • FRENCH INSTITUTE OF PONDICHERY • KERALA STATE  
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OF INDIA • ST JOHN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE • NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DESIGN • GREEN HUB • DESIGN BEKU  
AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY LIBRARY • MUSEUM OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY • 1947 PARTITION ARCHIVE • WHOLE  
LIFE ACADEMY • CURATING FOR CULTURE • LUMS LAHORE • MADAN PURASKAR PUSTAKALAYA • LIVE HISTORY  
INDIA • COMMUNITY COOKBOOKS ARCHIVE • ASHOKA ARCHIVES • DELEK ARCHIVES • GODREJ ARCHIVES • ISI  
ARCHIVES • PRESIDENCY PLAQUES PROJECT • EPHEMERIAD PROJECT • DECCAN HERITAGE • HAKARA  
BRIGHTON DESIGN ARCHIVES • KEYSTONE FOUNDATION • ARCHIVES AT NCBS • JANASTU • IIT JODHPUR  
DIGITAL HUMANITIES • ADHARSHILA SHIKSHAN KENDRA • IFA ARCHIVES • MISSING BASTI PROJECT • IISC  
ARCHIVES • EKA ARCHIVING SERVICES • ROJA MUTHIAH RESEARCH LIBRARY • CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HISTORY  
... AND MORE ...

<b>JUNE 7</b> EMPOWER ARCHIVES SPEED DATING • SOCIAL JUSTICE • HISTORY • RESEARCH	<b>11</b> EXPLORE SPACES • CITIES • MIGRATIONS • SOUTH ASIA • REPATRIATION
<b>8</b> INCLUDE KNOWLEDGE • COMMUNITY • ORAL HISTORY • MEMORY	<b>12</b> LEARN COVID-19 • CARE • VISUALIZING ARCHIVES • DIGITAL HUMANITIES
<b>9</b> ACCESS GOVERNANCE • LAW • DESIGN • ETHICS	<b>13</b> NARRATE LANGUAGE • ART • DIGITAL ADAPTATIONS • STORYTELLING
<b>10</b> CONNECT QLAM • NETWORKS • ANNOTATE • STANDARDS • DIGITAL ARCHIVING	<b>ALL READ WEEK</b> LITERATURE • ARCHIVES

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THE GLADIOLUS FLOWER ON THE POSTER SYMBOLIZES STRENGTH AND POWER, A NOD TO THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES WEEK  
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PCMMM&A collaborated and participated in MILLI SESSIONS 2021 during International Archives Week.

## Our Collaborators



# Exhibition on the occasion of World Heritage Week



Showcased P.C.Mahalanobis' life, contributions, Research output and glorious past of ISI Kolkata in the Exhibition titled "Cluster of Museum".

The theme of the exhibition was "The Future of Museum: recovered and re-imagined" organized by the Kolkata Centre for Creativity & Paschimbanga Sangrahalay Samiti on the occasion of World Heritage Week from 19th to 25th November 2021.



# Exhibition held on the 91st Foundation Day

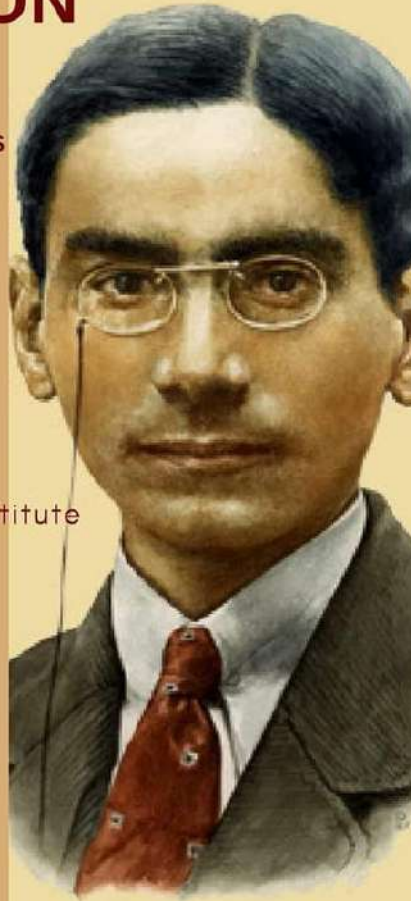


**EXHIBITION**  
ON  
THE LIFE AND  
CONTRIBUTION OF  
PROF. P.C.MAHALANOBIS

ORGANIZED BY  
PRASANTA CHANDRA MAHALANOBIS  
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LIBRARY DIVISION, ISI KOLKATA

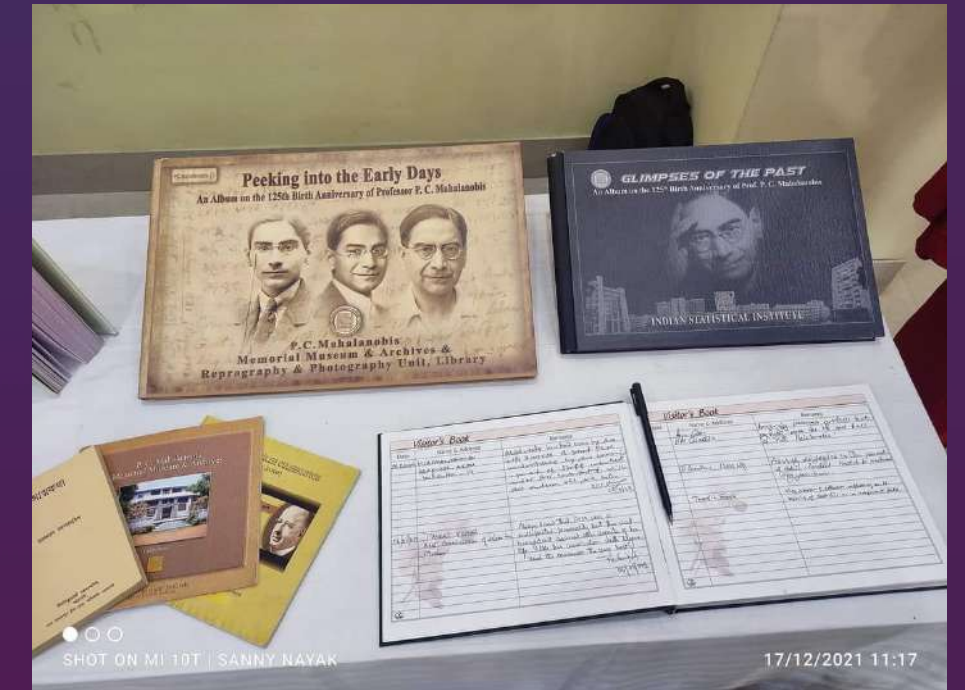
On the occasion of  
91st Foundation Day  
Indian Statistical Institute

17 DECEMBER 2021  
ON THE GROUND FLOOR  
PJA BUILDING  
ISI KOLKATA



Curated an exhibition on life and Scientific contributions of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis's on the occasion of 91st foundation Day of Indian Statistical Institute on 17 December, 2021 at PJA building, ISI Kolkata.

# Theme : The Life & Contribution of Prof. P.C.Mahalanobis

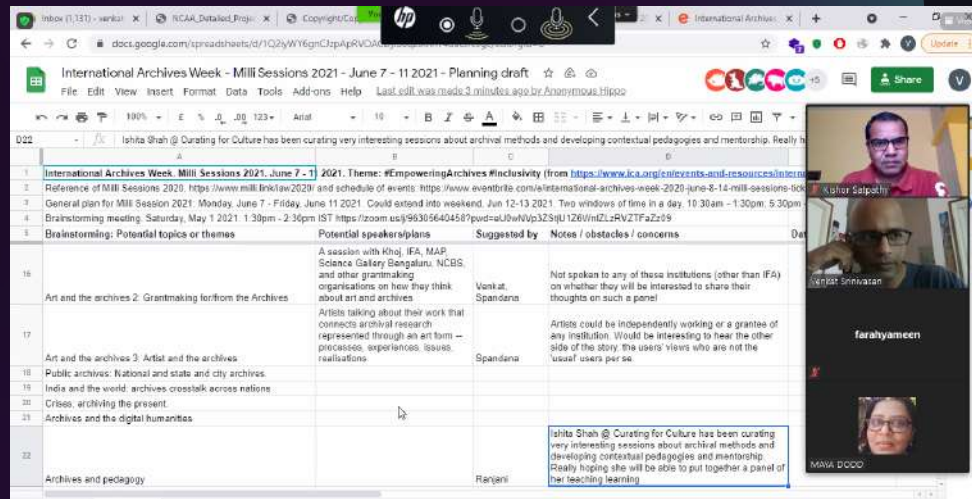


# Exhibition for IAS Officers Trainees



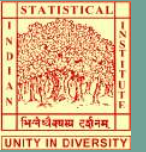
A group of IAS officers trainees from LBSNAA visited the Library and Museum on 27th December 2021. A special exhibition was organized to showcase Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis's contribution to build the nation. A rare collection of the archives was displayed on this occasion.

# Lectures & Panel Discussions



Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Incharge delivered few lectures and participated in some panel discussions representing PCMMM&A.

# Museum Committee



**PROF. SANGHAMITRA  
BANDYOPADHYAY**

Mentor



**PROF. ANJANA DEWANJI**

Chairperson



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SATPATHY**

Member Convener



**PROF. PREETI PARASHAR**

Member



**PROF. DHURJATI PRASAD  
SENGUPTA**

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# Our Team



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