

### 6.3.2 Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum And Archives (PCMMM&A)

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Year of Establishment	29th June, 1993
Museum Committee	1. Professor Dhurjati Prasad Sengupta (Chairman) 2. Dr. Paramita Das (Member) 3. Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy (Convenor)

#### Brief Overview of the Museum and Archives

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum & Archives (PCMMM&A), founded in 1993, commemorates the life and contributions of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis to statistics, economics, and planning. Originally housed in his former residence, “Amrapali,” on the Indian Statistical Institute’s Kolkata campus. The museum and archives highlight PCM’s life and works, including his contributions to the fields of statistics, economics, and planning in India. In addition, it contains his private collection of books and an assortment of rare photographs and documents. Primary objectives of the Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum & Archives are to collect, preserve, restore, display, disseminate, document of personal, administrative, and rare source materials associated with the life and legacy of Prof. Mahalanobis and the establishment of the Indian Statistical Institute, as well as the development of the Institute and statistical science in India. The museum holds belongings of PCM and his wife Nirmal Kumari Mahalanobis and the archival materials include official and personal documents, files, correspondence, scientific and literary papers, photographs, newspaper cuttings, diaries, and manuscripts related to Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis and Nirmal Kumari Mahalanobis. These collections also includes audio-visual materials such



as sound recordings, film footage, negatives, and slides. There are approximately 3 lakh documents, with approximately 1.9 lakh having already undergone preservation treatments, depending on their condition. The digitization of documents began in 2007.

Presently the Museum & Archives has been shifted to the third floor of the library building temporarily for the renovation work of the existing museum building (Amrapali). The physical museum space is closed for the time being for the general visitors. With prior permission serious visitors can access the museum and archives. Also, PCMMM&A has a presence on virtual platforms (Instagram, Facebook & Twitter). General visitors can be reached through digital medium.

PCM Memorial Museum and Archives: Major Collections	
Name of Collection	Brief Overview of Collection
Manuscripts	3,00,000 Manuscripts (Typescript/ Handwritten)
Books	850
Records	89 (Accessioned & Digitized)
Spool	93 (Accessioned & Digitized)
Cassettes	101 (Accessioned & Digitized)
Photographs	7000 approx.
Negatives	7000 approx.
Slides	1236 (Documented & Digitized)
Artifacts	1464

\* These numbers are subject to change as more photographs and other items are being found from the files during sorting.



Researchers Consulted PCMMM&A	
Name of Activity	Affiliation
<b>Reference Services for Researchers and Scholars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sutapa Malakar, Assistant Professor, Economics, East Calcutta Girls' College</li> <li>Prof. S. Ghosh, WBSES, Maulana Azad College</li> <li>Arka Ghatak, Research Scholar, IIT Guwahati</li> <li>Uttam Kumar Roy, DPD, NSSO Kolkata</li> <li>Koyel Chakraborty, DPD, NSSO Kolkata</li> <li>Atanu Hait, EnSD, NSSO Kolkata</li> <li>Dr. S. Barnreuther, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Lucerne, Switzerland</li> </ul>

Visitors of PCMMM&A	
Name of Activity	Name & Affiliation
<b>Special Visitors of PCMMM&amp;A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Viraj Singh, Additional Secretary, MEA, GOI.</li> <li>Swami Uttmamananda, Ramkrishna Mission.</li> <li>Representatives from Wipro Archives.</li> <li>Faculty members, Computer and Informatics Centre, IIT, KGP.</li> <li>Dr. Amitava Ray, Neurosurgeon, Apollo Hospital.</li> <li>Dr Maroona Murmu, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.</li> <li>Dr. Ashwani Kumar Mishra, Professor of Biostatistics (NDDTC) AIIMS, New Delhi</li> <li>Professor Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, HOD, Dept. of Survey Research &amp; Data Analytics, IIPS, Mumbai.</li> <li>Shri Arun Singhal (IAS), DG, National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, GOI.</li> <li>Shri Naoroibam Raju Singh, DDG, National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, GOI.</li> <li>Dr. Debanjan Chakrabarti, Director, East &amp; NE India, British Council.</li> <li>Dr. Amrita Roy, Assistant Professor &amp; Staff Physician, Dept. of Family Medicine, Queen's University.</li> <li>Professor Rajagopal Chattopadhyaya, Former Professor, Bose Institute.</li> <li>Dr. Guoying Zhao, Academy Professor of Computer Sc. &amp; Engineering, University of Oulu, Finland.</li> <li>Professor Eryk Dutkiewicz, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, University of Technology, Sydney.</li> </ul>
<b>School/Colleges/ Universities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and faculties from Sikkim University.</li> <li>Students and faculties from Royal Global University, Guwahati.</li> <li>Library Sc. students from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.</li> <li>Students from Baranagar Vidyamandir.</li> <li>Students from GD Goenka school.</li> <li>Students Chittaranjan Colony Hindu Vidya Mandir.</li> <li>Library Science students and faculties from Manipur University.</li> <li>Students and faculties from NSOU.</li> <li>Faculty members of Computer &amp; Informatics Centre, IIT KGP.</li> </ul>

Major Activities during 2024-25	
Brief Overview	
<b>1. Visitor Service</b>	Apart from the special guest, a significant number of students and faculties from different school, colleges and universities visited PCMMM&A. Guided tour has been provided to a total number of 579 visitors.
<b>2. Verification of Museum objects</b>	Physical verification of museum object is completed.

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<b>3. Digitisation</b>	Total no. of 4500 pages of archival files have been digitised.
<b>4. In-house Exhibition</b>	Commemorating Professor P.C. Mahalanobis' 131st birth anniversary on June 29th, 2024, an exhibition was designed to showcase lifelong relationship of mutual admiration between PCM and Rabindranath Tagore.
<b>5. Reference Service</b>	Provided archival materials to Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM) under the aegis of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, GOI, for the National Science and Technology Digital Archive of eminent Indian scientists of the pre- and post-colonial era.
<b>6. Public Lecture</b>	Dr. Sayori Ghoshal, Research Scholar, Dept. of Knowledge Systems & Collective Life, Max Planck Institute, Germany for the History of Science, Germany, delivered a talk on " <i>The Indian Expert: Statistics and Anti-colonialism in Late Colonial India</i> " on 23 July, 2024.
<b>7. Stakeholders' Meeting</b>	A stake holders' meeting titled "Archives in Action" was organised by PCMMM&A from 27th to 28th January, 2025 with collaboration of National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The meeting was attended by 50 archivists from 15 states, representing prominent institutions of India.
<b>8. Outreach Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum &amp; Archives (PCMMM&amp;A) in collaboration with the Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) curated "Verses and Variables", an exhibition showcasing rare photographs and letters exchanged between Rabindranath Tagore and Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis as part of Celebrating Tagore, a three-day tribute to his legacy.</li> <li>2. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum &amp; Archives (PCMMM&amp;A) participated in the exhibition-cum-seminar on the theme "From Fields to Folk: A Journey through Rural Heritage" at the Indian Museum, Kolkata, during the AMI Arts Festival 2024 to celebrate "World Heritage Week" from 22nd to 29th November 2024 organized by Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) in collaboration with the Indian Museum and the Paschimbanga Sangrahalaya Samiti.</li> </ol>

## 6.4 Scientific Assignments

### ABHIK GHOSH, ISRU, Kolkata

1. Invited Talk, Organizing an invited session & Chairing sessions, International Conference, 7th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2024), Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China (Jul 16, 2024 to Jul 19, 2024).
2. Research Collaboration with Prof. Leandro Pardo, UCM Madrid, Research Collaboration, University Visit, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain (Nov 29, 2024 to Dec 07, 2024).

### ABHIROOP MUKHOPADHYAY, EPU, Delhi

1. Science on the Move-Experiential Learning, Keynote, LEO Conference, Mohali, India (Apr 27, 2024).
2. Golden Jubilee distinguished Lecture, Human Capital in India: Lenses Old and New, Hyderabad, India (Aug 19, 2024).
3. Human Capital in India Lenses Old and New, International Conference on Economics and Public Policy (ICEP-II), Shillong, India (Oct 04, 2024).

4. Investing in "New" Human Capital for Transforming India, Vinod Chowdhury Memorial Lecture, Delhi (Oct 24, 2024).
5. The Paradigm of Economics in the Contextual World, 2nd Meeting of Young Minds in Frontier of Economics, Mumbai (Feb 19, 2025).
6. The "new" Human capital to leverage the demographic dividend of India, Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture, Mumbai (Feb 27, 2025).
7. Public Lecture, The "new" Human capital to leverage the demographic dividend of India, Chennai (Mar 28, 2025).

### ANISH SARKAR, SMU, Delhi

1. First Collision Time of simple symmetric random walks, IISA 2024, Kochi (Dec 30, 2024).
2. Convergence to Brownian web for a drainage network model on a perturbed lattice, Recent Advances in Probability & Statistics, Mumbai (Jan 04, 2025).
3. Application of first collision time of random walks - convergence to the Brownian web, ISI-ISM-ISSAS 2025 Joint Conference, Tokyo (Mar 07, 2025).