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Central Statistics Office

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Subject: Celebrating Statistics Day on 29th June, 2018 with 'Quality Assurance in Official Statistics' as theme - Papers invited.

The Government of India has been observing the 29th of June every year as 'Statistics Day' to commemorate the birth anniversary of late Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis. This Day is being celebrated throughout the country for creating public awareness, particularly among the younger generation, for drawing inspiration from the notable contributions of late Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis and in recognition to the contribution made by him in the fields of Economic Planning and Statistics etc. This year, the Statistics Day would be celebrated by this Ministry on 29th June, 2018, the 125th birth anniversary of Prof. Mahalanobis.

2. Since quality aspect of Official Statistics is increasingly gaining importance in the present times, this Ministry has notified guidelines on 6th April, 2018 to promote implementation of the Generic National Quality Assurance Framework endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission. To take this agenda further, **"Quality Assurance in Official Statistics"** has been selected as the **theme** for discussion on Statistics Day this year. For this purpose, it is proposed to bring out a 'Commemorative Brochure' on this theme on the Statistics Day. The Brochure will include Papers contributed by the Statistics fraternity on quality aspects pertaining to the statistical products, produced and/ or used by them.

3. In view of the above, **all the producers and users of statistics within and outside the Government are invited to contribute technical Papers on the above theme.** An Expert Committee will select Papers for inclusion in the 'Commemorative Brochure'. It may also invite authors of a few selected Papers to

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make presentation on the Statistics Day. For facilitating easy compilation of the Brochure, **authors are requested to send their Papers** in typed format in MS Word with Times New Roman font (font size 12, 1.5 line spacing) through email at rajesh.singhwaya@gov.in and capcso-mospi@gov.in **latest by 31.05.2018.**

4. All the Central Ministries/ Departments, the Departments in the States/ UTs, reputed Research Institutions and autonomous bodies are requested to give wide publicity to this communication so as to provide opportunity to potential paper writers.



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