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Letter from the President

Dear Friends:



Almost six months passed by since we last met on the pages of this newsletter. The geopolitical situation has been evolving rapidly with a war waging on in a start-stop fashion, conflicts across the globe are growing in general, governments are toppling in parts of the world. No matter how much we argue about the amount of evil and good it carries with it, Artificial Intelligence is surely and rapidly capturing the world of data science and consumerism.

In the midst of all this, IISA is growing in size and scope. It now boasts of a 800+ strong membership and newly formed collaborative ties with other international organizations with the primary goal of making a difference in the developing world. Every day the members of IISA are putting the organization on the map through the recognition of their work and dedication. The organization itself is opening avenues to recognize the contribution of members in teaching and mentoring through a newly instituted award. IISA is putting the finishing touches to create a fantastic conference experience at BHU this December. In addition, we are beginning the organizational effort for the USA edition of IISA conference in June 2027 at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

As an organization, we have come a long way continuously adapting to the changing time. Along with that came the increasing sense of awareness of our responsibilities to use data wisely, honestly, and for the greater good. Every day we are looking to the members for contributions that move our organization in a positive direction. Let us work together!

Cheers

Ananda Sen
President, IISA

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Interview with S Rao Jammalamadaka



Q1 : *Congratulations on your IISA Lifetime Achievement Award , very well deserved and we are honored to host you for this interview. What attracted you to the field of statistics?*

As I may have said in another interview, I am an "accidental statistician" – the opportunity for new degrees (the B.Stat. and M.Stat.) opened up at the ISI in 1960, which was the right time for me since I was considered under-aged for the IITs, where I would have been easily selected. My elder brother, who used to work for the LIC in Bombay, noticed the newspaper advertisement for admission tests for the degrees at the ISI, and suggested that I try. I did and was selected. But at age 15, my parents were justifiably hesitant about sending me all the way to Calcutta. I had the spirit of adventure to try new things and may be part of the drive coming from needing to escape from more courses in shorthand and type-writing!

Q2 : *You have made seminal contributions in the field of directional statistics and have written a monograph. Can you please share your journey in this field of directional Statistics.*

While I was fully prepared and ready to work on highly mathematical and technical areas after having been trained by top Indian statisticians and probabilists such as C R Rao, PC Mahalanobis, D.Basu, VS Varadarajan, KR Parthasarathy, SRS Varadhan, etc., a geologist named Supriya Sengupta brought a problem on paleo-current analysis (deals with directions) to Dr. CR Rao who passes this on to me, and the rest is history. My current book titled *"Topics in Circular Statistics"* has already received several thousand citations. I am actually finishing soon an updated Research monograph titled *"Statistical Methods for Directional Data"*.

Q3 : *We believe that you are the first student to complete BS, MS and PhD at ISI Kolkata. How was your student life in ISI?*

Yes, this interesting fact that I have been the "First B.Stat., M.Stat. and Ph.d. of the ISI" was brought to my attention by a very senior professor at the ISI who wanted me to add further to this description, the title of "Directorship of the ISI" which was vacant at that time (I declined that proposal). Those were wonderful days: my INR 40 or so monthly scholarship took care of my hostel-stay and meals, and almost every month, I would also get an extra INR 10 or multiples thereof (being first in any "periodical exam" which were held monthly in different subjects, earned a cash prize of INR 10). After I returned back from home to the ISI after our first mid-term exams, I received a message that Prof. JBS Haldane, who taught us what was called "General Science", wanted to see me. I was even more scared that I may not have done well in the exams, as I was the youngest student in the class, and several others completed even B.A., B.Sc. before being admitted to the B.Stat. When I went to see him, he invited me to his house for Dinner with him because I came first in almost all the exams, and he said that it was the tradition in the UK where he has been. He also gave me the privilege of accessing his vast Library of books, so that I didn't have to compete with all other students for books in the main library. As the batch of B.Stat. students were the youngest crop that the ISI ever had– we would be invited to small receptions at Amrapali whenever a distinguished visitor came to the ISI. As I finished the 4-year B.Stat., I did so well that the Teachers Committee, I was told, voted to award me a "Fisher Gold Medal" that the ISI wanted to Institute– but former Finance Minister Morarji Desai had just instituted the gold-control act, and so that didn't happen. But I was admitted directly to the second year of M.Stat. Those were wonderful days for which I have fond memories.

Q4 : You have received mentorship from none other than C R Rao. Can you share some stories about him?

I can't think of many stories, and he introduced me to the topic of directional statistics and helped with the initial steps, he was very busy as the Director of the Research and Training School. But after I finished my Ph.d.; I had the pleasure of inviting him for a semester to the Indiana Univ where I held my first job as an Asst Professor in the Math Department, and later to the UCSB to give lectures and spend time with me and my family. One interesting tidbit: When he wrote excellent letters of reference for my promotions, one time a Dept Chair commented to me that "CR Rao— he writes such great letters for you— may be he is your relative", as my name was J.S. Rao at that time, based on our last names "Rao". When I mentioned this to CR Rao, in his next letter, he said and I quote "J.S. Rao and I could not have been related to each other for the past 5,000 years given the caste system in India!!" Most people don't recognize that in Andhra, "Rao" is mostly a filler—not a very significant part. When I switched my name to S Rao Jammalamadaka, with my family name at the end, C R Rao commented that he would have liked to do that too, but it is too late for him. In another one of his ref letters, he said that I "made both names—J S Rao and S Rao Jammalamadaka, well-known in the field of probability and statistics."

Q5 : During our career, we are influenced by many. Can you please name a few who have influenced you?

Not that many except for Professors C.R.Rao, my Ph.d. advisor and J. Sethuraman with whom I wrote some joint papers— I am almost self-made!!

Q6 : You have a career of more than 50 years. Can you please share some "fun" stories about your research and teaching.

Given my strong overall background in prob and statistics, I helped develop meaningful programs at the Indiana University, and at the UCSB.

Q7 : Can we get to know Dr. J S Rao outside research/teaching and Statistics? Can you share your hobbies with us (or something that you enjoy)?

I love to travel and spend my sabbatical leaves in various parts of the world, sharing my knowledge and guiding students in the places that I visit— thus I have guided Ph.d. students in Malaysia, India, and Sweden, beside the United States.

Q8 : AI is changing the landscape of statistics research. How do you see that affecting the field of statistics in India and world-wide?

The basic first step to artificial intelligence starts with statistics. Seeing the students recognize this foundational power of statistics, and watching them bridge the gap between engineering and statistics makes them leaders in what is known as AI.

Q9 : Any advice you would have for future students and researchers of Statistics.

My general advice to students who want to do a Ph.d. in Stats, is that I tell them that Statistics is the top layer of a 3-layer cake— the bottom layer consisting of mathematics, then probability, and then comes theoretical statistics. So learn as much as you can of the math tools, and take most prob courses, and then come to me to work in statistics.

I would also advise young statisticians to learn the language and lingo of another discipline that you want to help with — be it economics, molecular biology, or finance. Take some related courses even if your degree does not require it. Computing has become an essential part of data analysis these days, so be proficient in that area. Most of the time, it may be enough to learn a package like SAS, R, Matlab etc. but knowing C++ or Java will come in handy if you want to do extensive computations efficiently. Communication is an all-important skill especially since we have to interact with other scientists and perhaps consult on statistical issues.

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¹The interview was conducted via email. We are very thankful to Dr. S Rao Jammalamadaka for sharing his time and opinions with our readers.

JSM 2026

The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) 2026 takes place in the **Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center, Boston, MA** from *August 1–6*. As one of the largest global events for statisticians and data scientists, the conference features over 900 sessions, with a heavy focus on the integration of artificial intelligence in statistical inference, synthetic data generation, and AI bias. IISA is pleased to be the main sponsor for the following sessions:

- **Advances in complex and nonstationary data:** robust Inference, change point detection, and computational limits (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Sun, Aug 2. 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM*
- **Advances in Cure Rate Modeling and Associated Inference** (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Mon, Aug 3. 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM*
- **Network Time-Series:** Modeling, Inference, and Applications (INVITED). *Mon, Aug 3. 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM*
- **From Models to Medicine:** Statistical Methods in Cancer Survival (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Tue, Aug 4. 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM*
- **From Selection to Causality:** High-Dimensional Methods for Biomedical Data (INVITED). *Tue, Aug 4. 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM*
- **Modern Statistical Tools for Understanding Spatially Structured Molecular Data** (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Wed, Aug 5. 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM*

IISA is also co-sponsoring the following sessions:

- **Success Stories in Community-Driven AI and Data Science** (INVITED). *Sun, Aug 2. 4:00 PM - 5:50 PM*
- **Current methodology advances and practice in oncology dose optimization studies** (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Wed, Aug 5. 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM*
- **Statistical Foundations for Generative Models and Bayesian Inference** (TOPIC-CONTRIBUTED). *Thu, Aug 6. 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM*

Boston Insider: Beyond JSM

JSM 2026 promises a week of inspiring talks, stimulating discussions, and opportunities to connect with colleagues from around the world. But once the day's sessions are over, Boston invites you to explore its vibrant food scene, historic neighborhoods, waterfront views, and welcoming cafés. Here are a few recommendations to help you make the most of your visit.

Start your day with great coffee. Whether you're looking for a cozy café to unwind or a quick espresso before your next session, Boston has no shortage of excellent coffee spots. Favorites include **Elephantine Bakery** and **Tatte Bakery & Café**, both conveniently located near the convention center, as well as **Ogawa Coffee**, **Gracenote Coffee** (a longtime favorite among locals), **Little Wolf**, and **Lakon Parisienne**.

Have a quick lunch close to the Convention Center. The Seaport District surrounding the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center has plenty of options within walking distance. The aforementioned **Tatte Bakery & Café** is a favorite for fresh salads, sandwiches, and soups, too. **CAVA** offers Mediterranean bowls and pitas, while **Sweet-green** is a great choice for fresh salads and grain bowls. If you're in the mood for tacos, **Bartaco Seaport** is a popular spot, and **Yankee Lobster** serves classic New England seafood in a casual setting. For those seeking vegetarian or vegan options, **Life Alive Organic Café** is well worth the short trip. If you have time to venture a little farther, **Burg & Shaw** is well worth the trip for some of Boston's most satisfying gourmet burgers.

Savor Boston's dining scene. For a memorable dinner, consider **Marcelino's**, **Boqueria**, **Contessa** (renowned for its spectacular skyline views), **Carmelina's**, or **Giacomo's**. For more casual fare, **Ba Le Banh Mi** is a local favorite for Vietnamese sandwiches, while **Bova's Bakery** (open 24 hours in the North End) and the tucked-away **Bricco Panetteria** are perfect for pastries, bread, and late-night treats. If you'd like to include Indian flavors in your culinary journey, **Kahaani on Broadway** and **Madras Dosa Company** are both conveniently located near the convention center. For a contemporary take on Indian cuisine, **1947 Norwood** and **Aatma at Widowmaker** offer creative menus that blend traditional flavors with modern influences.

Explore beyond the convention center. Beyond the conference, Boston offers plenty to explore. Visit the magnificent **Boston Public Library** in Back Bay, whose historic reading room is often likened to something out of Harry Potter. Art enthusiasts will enjoy the **Institute of Contemporary Art**, a striking waterfront museum showcasing modern and contemporary works. For history and scenic harbor views, take the **Charlestown Ferry** from the **New England Aquarium** to the Bunker Hill Monument and the charming Charlestown neighborhood. If you have a free afternoon, hop on a **train from North Station** to the picturesque coastal towns of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Rockport, or Gloucester. Nature lovers can escape to the **Arnold Arboretum**, a beautiful urban oasis easily reached by public transportation. Short on time? A leisurely walk to **Fan Pier Park**, just minutes from the convention center, rewards visitors with some of the best panoramic views of Boston Harbor and the city skyline.

Whether you have an hour between sessions or an extra day to explore, Boston offers something for every taste—from exceptional coffee and outstanding cuisine to historic landmarks and scenic coastal escapes. Enjoy your stay, and have a wonderful JSM 2026!

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²Thank you to our insiders who provided the recommendations. Few of them wanted to remain anonymous but we are very thankful to Nairita Ghosal, senior scientist at Merck, who has contributed to this segment and can answer your queries at nairita.ghosal89@gmail.com

Contributed Member News

by IISA MEMBERS

Bibhas Chakraborty

Bibhas Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Duke-NUS Medical School at National University of Singapore, received the **"Global Excellence Award in Research"** at the "Spectrum 2026: 7th International Conference on Current Advancement in Science & Technology" in Kolkata in February 2026 and also received the **"Leadership Excellence Award"** at the "Smart Edge & Neuromorphic Systems Conference (SENSE-SG)" in Singapore in June 2026, along with various other academic and industry leaders from across Singapore. Both these awards were given by the Institute of Engineering and Management - University of Engineering and Management (IEM - UEM) group, Kolkata and the Smart Society (USA- & Canada-based non-profit organization).



Bibhas Chakraorty in both award ceremonies (Left: Kolkata, Right: Singapore)

Rituparna Sen

Rituaprna Sen, Associate Professor at Indian Statistical Institute, has been **elected to the council of the International Statistical Institute (ISI)** for the 2027-31 term. She has thanked all IISA members who voted for her!

Bodhisattva Sen

Bodhisattva Sen, Professor and chair of Statistics at Columbia University will be giving an **IMS Medallion Lecture** this year. Further details is available in the following link:
<https://imstat.org/2026/05/16/ims-medallion-lecture-preview-bodhisattva-sen>.



Bodhisattva Sen

Snigdhanshu (Ansu) Chatterjee

Ansu Chatterjee, Professor at the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at UMBC, and past President at IISA, has been **elected an ASA Fellow in 2026**. The designation of ASA Fellow has been one of the highest honors in the statistical profession for nearly a century, recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to statistical science and its applications. Ansu's achievements in research, education, mentorship, and service to the statistical community have had a lasting impact across academia and beyond. This recognition is a testament to his dedication, leadership, and contributions to advancing the field of statistics.



Ansu Chatterjee

Bani Mallick

Dr. Bani Mallick, head of the Texas A&M University Department of Statistics, was presented with the **2026 Don Owen Award** by the San Antonio Chapter of the American Statistical Association. The award recognizes members of the statistical community for their contributions and embodiment of the threefold characteristics of Dr. Donald B. Owen, formerly a distinguished professor of statistics at Southern Methodist University before his passing in 1991. Nominees for the Don Owen Award are evaluated for their excellence in research, statistical consultation and service to the statistical community. Mallick is a University Distinguished Professor, Regents Professor, the Susan M. Arseven '75 Chair in Data Science and Computational Statistics, and the director of the Center for Statistical Bioinformatics at Texas A&M.



Dr. Bani K Mallick with 2026 Don Owen award

Sounak Chakraborty

Sounak Chakraborty, Professor in the Department of Statistics and Data Science at University of Missouri has been inducted as an **Elected Member of the International Statistical Institute** in April 2026.

Dr. Chakraborty has also been appointed as the **Faculty Fellow for AI Innovation at the Teaching for Learning Center** at the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA, June 2026.

Prayas Sharma

Dr. Prayas Sharma delivered an invited talk at the International Conference on Mathematical Sciences and Computational Intelligence (ICMSCI-2026), held at P.G.D.A.V. College, University of Delhi, during February 20–22, 2026. On this occasion, he was honored with the **Young Researcher Award** in recognition of his contributions to research in Statistics and related interdisciplinary areas. This prestigious recognition serves as a source of motivation to continue pursuing high-quality research and contributing to the advancement of Statistical Sciences. Dr. Sharma expresses his sincere gratitude to his mentors, collaborators, colleagues, students, conference organizers, and well-wishers for their unwavering support, encouragement, and guidance throughout his academic journey.

Dr. Sharma delivered invited presentations at two academic events in 2026. At the International Conference on Statistics, Optimization, and Machine Learning (ICOSOM 2026) held at MANIT, Bhopal, he presented his research on Extended EWMA estimators for population mean estimation, emphasizing their performance through simulation studies. He also gave an invited webinar talk in the Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice Webinar Series on handling time-dependent variability in sampling theory.

Dr. Sharma was also honored with the **Editor of Distinction Award- Editorial Contribution Award 2026** in recognition of his editorial contributions to the International Journal of System Assurance Engineering and Management and Discover Applied Sciences by Springer Nature.



Dr. Prayas Sharma with the Young Researcher Award

Updates from IISA

Outreach

In an outreach effort, IISA has recently joined hands with the International Statistical Institute (ISI) in launching a collaborative capacity development project in India. The project's focus is on early career researchers and junior faculty from colleges and universities in India with limited resources who are engaged in teaching/mentoring Bachelors and Masters level students. The scope includes but is not limited to offering collaborative mentoring of PhD students in Indian Universities, teaching short courses/workshops primarily intended to "train the trainers", sharing online course material. We shall update you later in the year regarding the activities. In the month of June, IISA has also become an affiliate member of ISI making the partnership official.

Community News: Late Breaking session at JSM

As many of you are aware, the University of Nebraska, Lincoln has decided to fold its statistics department with effect from May 14, 2027. The department has deep connections with IISA as several of its faculty members as well as students are members of IISA. There is a LATE BREAKING session at the Joint Statistical Meetings on Tuesday, August 4 at 10:30 AM where several faculty members will be participating to discuss the elimination. If you are interested to attend, please check out the following link for details:

<https://ww3.aievolution.com/JSMAnnual2026/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=9380>

Announcing A New Award

IISA is pleased to introduce a new award called **Teaching and Mentoring (T&M)** award to recognize outstanding contributions made by a member in teaching Statistics/Biostatistics/Data Sciences and is seeking nomination for the same. There will be multiple awards depending on the quality and quantity of applications. While not restricted to a particular region in the world, applicants from the Indian subcontinent are especially encouraged to apply, as a special emphasis will be on applications from the developing countries. Only the life-members are eligible for the award. The awards will be conferred at the IISA conference in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in December. The deadline for submission of the nomination is **August 31, 2026**. Please check out the guidelines and nominate your candidate at

<https://forms.gle/5M8iyEXqMhQ3tUai8>

Congratulations

IISA would like to send heartiest congratulations to all statisticians who have won accolades this year. In addition, we would like to congratulate:

- **Dr. Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla** (Carnegie Mellon University) and **Dr. Pragya Sur** (Harvard) for **Gottfried E. Noether Awards** award.
- **Dr. Nalini Ravishanker** (UConn: for **Karl E. Peace Award** by ASA).
- **Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh** (NCSU), **Dr. Sounak Chakraborty** (Mizzou), **Praveen Gupta Sanka** (Meta), **Dharmateja Priyadarshi Uddandara** (Amazon), **Dr. V. S. Vaidyanathan** (Pondicherry University), **P J Mannepal** and **Dr. Diganta Mukherjee** (Indian Statistical Institute) for being **elected ISI members** in 2026.
- **Dr. Bharath Kumar Sriperumbudur Vangeepuram** (Penn State), **Dr. Aditya Guntuboyina** (UC-Berkley), **Dr. Vivek Sripad Borkar** (IIT-Mumbai) and **Dr. Bhaswar Bikram Bhattacharya** (U Penn) for being awarded **IMS fellowship** in 2026.
- **Dr. Dootika Vats** (IIT-Kanpur) who received **COPPS Emerging Leader Award in 2026**; recognized for her research in MCMC, vision and leadership, facilitating reemergence of Indian statistics in the world.

- **Dr. Sohom Bhattacharya** (UF) and **Dr. Soham Bonnerjee** (U Chicago) for being awarded the **New Researcher Travel Award** from IMS.
- **Ujjayini Das** (University of Maryland: for the **Edward C. Bryant Scholarship** from ASA).
- **Rajdeep Bramha** (UIUC), **Onrina Chandra** (Rutgers), **Shubhangi Ghosh** (Columbia) and **Somjit Roy** (TAMU) for receiving Hannan Graduate Student Travel Award by IMS.

In Focus: Department of Statistics, Savitribhai Phule Pune University



The Department of Statistics at Savitribhai Phule Pune University (then the University of Poona) traces its origins to 1953-54. The M.Sc. (Statistics) programme was started that year under Professor V. S. Huzurbazar. He had come to Poona with a Ph.D. from Cambridge (under Professor H. Jeffreys) and prior teaching stints at Gauhati and Lucknow. It began as a single-room unit with, Prof. Huzurbazar, a clerk, and a peon who doubled as the caretaker of the Department's hand-operated Brunsviga/Facit calculating machines. The very first batches included students of the calibre of K. Joag-Dev, G. P. Patil, S. Sukhatme (Chivate), J. V. Deshpande, and S. W. Dharmadhikari. For its first two decades, the Department was run jointly with Mathematics. It moved to its present home, the "Wrangler Paranjapye Ganit ani Sankhyashastra Bhavan," in 1962, and was formally separated into an independent Department of Statistics in 1978, with Professor S. R. Adke taking over as the head.

The intervening years brought several structural changes of the kind that periodically reshape a teaching department. The semester system was introduced in 1969. In 1983, the Department adopted a system of prerequisite courses, unique within the University, under which a student who fails a course that is a prerequisite for a later one must sit through it again rather than merely appearing for the re-examination. This rule serves students' long-term interest even though it can extend the time taken to complete the degree. The same year, the Department was granted academic autonomy, allowing it to set and moderate its own question papers and to blend theory examinations with numerical or computer-based assessment. From around 1990, as India entered the era of desktop computers, the Department progressively rebuilt its syllabus around hands-on statistical computing. The Department also briefly ran an interdisciplinary M.Sc. in Biometry (drawing students from biology, mathematics, and statistics backgrounds), and later an M.Sc. in Actuarial Statistics.

The Department has held UGC's Special Assistance Programme (SAP) grant continuously since 1972, and in 1998 was elevated to Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS) status. It has retained that status across three consecutive phases (1998, 2004, and 2012, the third phase running 2012-2017), making it the first and only Centre for Advanced Studies in Statistics in India. Alongside the UGC-CAS support, the Department has also received infrastructure funding from the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under its FIST (Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure) programme, which has gone toward keeping the Department's computing facilities for students and faculty up to date.

Over the years the Department has built up a wide network of collaborations and MoUs with research institutes and universities, both for joint research and for student projects, workshops, and internships. Past and ongoing engagement includes interaction with institutions such as the Wildlife Institute of India, the National Institute of Virology, the Indian Statistical Institute, and the IITs, among others, along with periodic industry-linked training/internship arrangements for M.Sc. students. Faculty and students also regularly interact with statisticians and scientists visiting from India and abroad, a practice going back to Huzurbazar's own time, when the Department's early visitors included figures such as R. A. Fisher, J. Neyman, Harold and Bertha Jeffreys, C. R. Rao, and C. V. Raman.

The Department currently runs its M.A./M.Sc. Statistics programme under the National Education Policy (NEP) framework, effective from 2023-24, as an 88-credit, four-semester, Choice-Based Credit System programme with a built-in exit option (a Post-Graduate Diploma in Statistics after two semesters). The course begins with foundational courses drawn from Mathematics and statistics such as Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Probability Distributions and goes on to cover classical theoretical and applied statistics courses such as Probability Theory, Inference (Classical and Bayesian), Regression, Multivariate Analysis, Stochastic Processes, Time Series, and Sampling. Elective courses such as Actuarial Statistics, Micro-array Data Analysis, Data Mining, Computer Intensive Statistical Methods, and Financial Statistics are also offered. Every major course carries a built-in practical/data-analysis component, and students may, with permission, substitute an elective with a supervised reading course. Students get hands-on experience through On-the-Job Training and the two semester-III/IV research projects. The Department retains the same kind of academic autonomy that has marked it since 1983, and continues to add new need-based electives as faculty expertise and market demand evolve

In addition to the standalone two-year M.A./M.Sc., the Department offers a Ph.D. programme and, historically, has also offered an M.Phil. In the past, the Dept also offered certificate courses in introductory statistics for students from other departments on the campus. Through the Pune University Statistics Association, the Department has supported affiliated colleges in promoting statistics at the undergraduate level through outreach activities.

The M.Sc. (Statistics) cohort, typically numbering around 50 students a year, has for decades fed directly into both industry and public-sector statistical services. Graduates have gone on to careers as officers in the Reserve Bank of India, the Indian Statistical Services, and the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Maharashtra, reflecting the Department's long-standing emphasis on rigorous inference and applied methodology alongside computing skills. On the industry side, the Department's placement record spans pharmaceutical and clinical-research firms such as Pfizer and Novartis; analytics, statistical-software, and IT services companies including SAS, SPSS, Systat, Cytel, TCS, Ideas, and consumer and finance sector employers such as Hindustan Lever, GE Finance, Bajaj Insurance (Life, General). A number of graduates have also pursued doctoral and research careers abroad, particularly in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, alongside those who have stayed on within the Indian statistical research ecosystem, including as faculty in the Department itself.

Aren't you a member of IISA yet?



Join Us!

Become a Member of our Exclusive Community

Are you ready to be a part of something extraordinary?

We are thrilled to announce that membership is now open for IISA! As a member, you'll have access to a wide range of benefits and opportunities. Join us and be a part of the extraordinary Statistics community!

Student membership is FREE!

Whether you are a professional looking for networking opportunities, an enthusiast passionate about Statistics, or someone seeking personal growth and development, our community welcomes you with open arms.

Don't miss out on this incredible chance to make a difference!

Visit our website at www.intindstat.org to learn more about our organization, the membership benefits, and how to join. Together, let's create a brighter future!

Join now and be part of something extraordinary!