

46th Annual Convention of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS)



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in conjunction with
**International Conference on
Statistics, Actuarial Science and Data Science
Innovations
(IC-SADI-2026)**

(21–23 December, 2026)

and
Pre-Conference Workshop on
**AI & Machine Learning tools for Data Analytics
(20 December, 2026)**

Jointly Organized by

**Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science
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The Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS), established in 1981 at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, stands as the largest statistical community in the country. It is dedicated to advancing statistical education, research, consultancy, and the promotion of statistical science. Over the years, ISPS has significantly contributed to the growth, application, and dissemination of statistical knowledge through its annual conventions held across the nation, from east to west and north to south, at various university centers. These activities are supported by its expanding membership, publications, workshops, seminars, conferences, and advocacy for the importance of statistical education. To meet the demands of modern science and technology, ISPS emphasizes contemporary trends and innovative approaches, particularly in data science, to enhance the study and application of statistics. The society organizes a wide range of workshops, training programs, and annual conventions to achieve these objectives. Furthermore, ISPS publishes its research journal, *Journal of the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics*, in collaboration with Springer, serving as a platform for disseminating cutting-edge research in statistical science.

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CONFERENCE EVENTS

Keynote Address
Plenary Talks
Invited Talks
Memorial Lectures
Endowment Lectures
Contributory Sessions
Panel Discussion

ISPS AWARDS

Fellow of ISPS
Dr. C.R. Gold Medal
Prof. G. Sankaranarayana Centenary Award
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Prof. A.R. Kamat Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Statistics
Best Research Paper Awards/Prizes (06)
ISPS M.Sc. (Statistics) Student Project Competition

About the Conference

The 46th Annual Convention of the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS), in conjunction with the International Conference on Statistics, Actuarial Science and Data Science Innovations (IC-SADI-2026), aims to bring together researchers, academicians, industry professionals, and students to deliberate on contemporary developments in probability, statistics, actuarial science, and data science.

The conference focuses on emerging methodologies, theoretical advancements, and interdisciplinary applications of statistical science in areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, financial risk modelling, health analytics, environmental studies, and industrial quality systems. Special emphasis will be placed on the integration of classical statistical foundations with modern computational and data-driven approaches.

Through keynote lectures, plenary talks, invited talks, endowment lectures, memorial lectures, and contributory presentations, the convention seeks to foster academic dialogue, research collaborations, and meaningful engagement between academia and industry.

The pre-convention workshop on AI and Machine Learning Tools for Data Analytics is designed to provide hands-on exposure to modern analytical frameworks, enabling participants to bridge theory with practice.

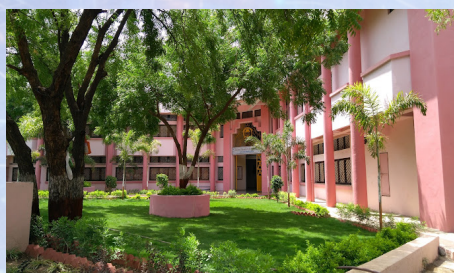
The convention continues the long-standing ISPS tradition of promoting excellence in statistical research and strengthening the national and international statistical community.

About the University (KBC NMU)

The Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon (formerly known as North Maharashtra University) established on 15th August 1990 under the leadership of founder Vice-Chancellor Hon'ble Prof. N.K. Thakare, a well-known Mathematician. The university is located in Jalgaon district, popularly known as the 'Banana District of India' and the 'Gold City of Maharashtra'. The campus is spread over 650 acres of land on hilly terrain and developed with beautiful, spacious, academic, administrative and residential buildings that include the University Institute of Chemical Technology and 14 Schools with various Departments. The University has successfully implemented NEP 2020 under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. V. L. Maheshwari.



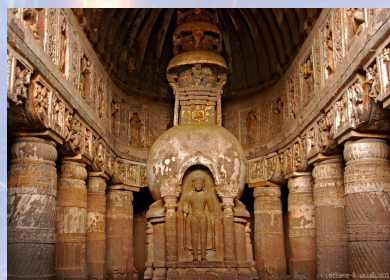
About the School



The School of Mathematical Sciences (SoMS) includes the three Departments Mathematics, Statistics, and Actuarial Science, offering applied programs like M.Sc. Mathematics with specialization in Computational Mathematics, M.Sc. Statistics with specialization in Industrial Statistics, B.Sc. (Hons.) under NEP-2020 in Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science, and Ph.D. programs. The research areas of faculties are Industrial and Health Statistics, Actuarial Science, Quality Control, Statistical Inference, Multivariate Analysis, Applied Statistics, Computational Statistics, Algebra, Analysis, Integro-Differential Equations, Fuzzy Mathematics, Fixed Point Theory, etc.

About the Jalgaon City and Surrounding

The city is located in North Maharashtra and is a part of the subregion of Khandesh. Jalgaon district is colloquially known as the "Banana Hub of India" as the region's farmers grow approximately two-third of Maharashtra's banana crop production and more than three percent of world's banana crop production. *Ajanta Caves* which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, universally regarded as masterpieces of Buddhist religious art, are located 60 km away from the university campus.



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Call for Papers

IC-SADI-2026 invites high-quality, original research contributions from academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students. The conference will focus on the following themes (including, but not restricted to):

- Actuarial Modeling
- Actuarial Statistics
- Agricultural Statistics
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Statistics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Banking Applications
- Bayesian & Fuzzy Statistics
- Big Data Analytics
- Bio-Statistics
- Causal Inference
- Computational Statistics
- Data Science
- Deep Learning
- Design of Experiments
- Distribution Theory
- Econometrics
- Environmental Statistics
- Epidemiology
- Financial Economics
- Financial Risk Modeling
- Financial Statistics
- Forecasting Methods
- Industrial Statistics
- Insurance Analytics
- Life/ General Insurance
- Machine Learning
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- Statistical Learning
- Statistical Quality Control
- Stochastic Modeling
- Stochastic Processes
- Survey Sampling
- Survival Analysis
- Time Series Analysis

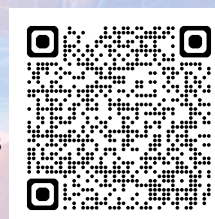
The abstract should concisely present the key aspects of the study, including its objectives, methodology, principal findings, significance, and scope. It should provide a clear and coherent summary that enables readers to understand the purpose, approach, and contributions of the research. The abstract must be written in a structured and precise manner, and should not exceed 150 words.

Pre-Conference Workshop

The pre-conference workshop on **AI & Machine Learning Tools for Data Analytics** will offer great exposure to modern analytical techniques. Sessions, led by invited experts from academia and industry, will focus on key concepts and real-world applications through interactive demonstrations and discussions. Young researchers and postgraduate students are encouraged to participate. No paper presentation will be allowed for workshop participants.

Registration and Payment Links

- First, sign up on the registration portal: [Register Here](#)
- Then, log in and complete the required registration details.
- For more information, visit the official conference website: [Conference Website](#)
- Select the appropriate participant category by referring to the registration fee details section provided in this brochure.
- Registration fees will be waived to invited speakers.



Details of Registration Fees

Participant Category	Workshop Registration fee			
	ISPS Life Members		Non Members	
	before 15.11.26	after 15.11.26	before 15.11.26	after 15.11.26
Faculty / Scientists / Industrial	₹ 800	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,000	₹ 1200
Research scholars / Students	₹ 500	₹ 700	₹ 600	₹ 800
Foreign delegates	₹ 8,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 11,000
Accompanying person	₹ 500	₹ 700	₹ 600	₹ 800

Participant Category	Conference Registration fee			
	ISPS Life Members		Non-Members	
	before 15.11.26	after 15.11.26	before 15.11.26	after 15.11.26
Faculty / Scientists	₹ 3,000	₹ 3,500	₹ 3,500	₹ 4,500
Industry Personnel	₹ 4,000	₹ 4,500	₹ 4,500	₹ 5,500
Research scholars / Students	₹ 1,500	₹ 2,000	₹ 2,000	₹ 3,000
Foreign delegates	₹ 15,000	₹ 25,000	₹ 20,000	₹ 30,000
Accompanying person	₹ 2,000	₹ 2,500	₹ 2,000	₹ 3,000

Note: Accompanying person will not be provided the conference kit.

Last Dates

Workshop Registration with Early bird Registration Fees: Nov 15, 2026

Abstract Submission for Conference with Early bird Registration Fees: Nov 15, 2026

Accommodation

Limited accommodation will be available in the University Guest House, Shikshak Bhavan and hostels on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are advised to indicate their University Campus accommodation requirements at the time of registration. Fees for University Campus Accommodation should be paid on arrival.

Several hotels of different categories are also available in Jalgaon city, located within convenient distance from the university campus. If interested, participants are encouraged to make their own arrangements well in advance due to peak travel season.

How to Reach KBCNMU, Jalgaon

Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University (KBCNMU), Jalgaon is located approximately 10 km from Jalgaon city in North Maharashtra. The city is well connected by rail and road networks, making it easily accessible from major parts of the country. From Jalgaon city, the university campus can be reached conveniently by local transport such as auto-rickshaws, taxis, and city buses.

- **By Train:** Jalgaon Railway Station, located about 10 km from KBCNMU, is a major station on the Central Railway line and is well connected to prominent cities including Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bhopal, Ahmedabad, and Surat. From Jalgaon station, the university campus can be reached by road transport.
- **By Road:** Jalgaon is well connected by an extensive road network. The city lies on National Highway 6 (NH-6). Regular bus services operated by MSRTC and private operators are available from major cities such as Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, and Nagpur. Taxis and private vehicles also provide convenient access to the Jalgaon city and KBCNMU.
- **By Air:** The nearest airport is Jalgaon Airport (approximately 20 km from the university campus), with limited connectivity like Pune, Mumbai, Indore, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Goa. For better air connectivity, Sambhajinagar Airport (approximately 150 km away) is a preferred option, offering regular flights to major cities.

Tourist Attractions Near Jalgaon

Jalgaon is strategically located amidst several sites of profound historical, cultural, and natural significance, offering participants an enriching experience beyond the conference.

- **Ajanta Caves** (approx. 60 km): A UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its exquisite rock-cut Buddhist caves dating back to the 2nd century BCE. The caves are celebrated globally for their intricate murals and sculptures, representing masterpieces of ancient Indian art and religious expression.
- **Ellora Caves** (approx. 160 km): Another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ellora exemplifies remarkable rock-cut architecture featuring Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain monuments. The iconic Kailasa Temple, carved from a single rock, stands as an extraordinary engineering and artistic achievement.
- **Grishneshwar Temple** (approx. 160 km) Located in the serene village of Verul, the Grishneshwar Temple stands as a remarkable blend of spiritual significance and architectural heritage. Revered as the twelfth and final Jyotirlinga of Lord Shiva, it holds a distinguished place among India's most sacred pilgrimage sites.
- **Shirdi** (approx. 250 km) Shirdi, situated in the Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra, is a prominent pilgrimage destination associated with the revered 19th-century saint, Sai Baba. It attracts devotees from across the country, offering an atmosphere of deep faith and spiritual reflection.
- **Gandhi Research Foundation** (approx. 15 km): One of the premier institutions dedicated to the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, this center houses an extensive collection of archival material, manuscripts, and exhibits, making it a significant site for academic and historical engagement.

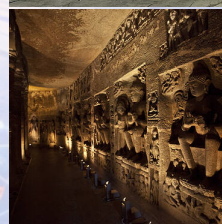
Participants are encouraged to explore these destinations to experience the rich cultural heritage and historical legacy of the region.

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Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS)

Notice about the Competition Events for the Year 2026

(Only for Life or Annual Members of ISPS)



Last Date of Application/Nomination: 31.08.2026

The Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) invites applications/nominations for the following competitions from member of ISPS (life members or annual-members) during its 46th Annual convention to be held at Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra during 21-23 Dec, 2026 and a Pre-Annual convention workshop on 20.12.2026.

a) The ISPS invites Research Papers for the following Annual Research Awards/Prizes for the year 2026 from Research Scholars and Doctorates working in Statistics / Applied Statistics.

1. ISPS Young Statistician Award (Sponsored by Dr. J. Sethuraman Gold Medal)
2. Dr. A.M. Mathai Cash Prize
3. Dr. M.N. Gopalan Prize
4. Dr. B.K. Kale Prize
5. Prof DK Ghosh Cash Prize (Specialization: Design of Expts/ Operations)
6. Prof David D Hanagal Cash Prize (Specialization: Reliability/Survival Analysis)

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Research Criteria:

- The contestant should be member of ISPS and under 35 years of age as on 31.12.2026.
- Paper should be single authored or first authored in joint authorship and not have published or communicated to any journal.

An updated CV and soft copies of the research paper (one blinded and one with name and affiliation) may be sent to Prof. V.S. Vaidyanathan on or before 31.08.2026. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their papers in the ISPS annual convention. These candidates will have to pay registration fees and accommodation charges of the conference.

b) Prof. A.R. Kamat Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Statistics, 2026 Sponsored by Late Prof. Jaganath Wani

The ISPS invites entries for Professor A.R. Kamat Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis from the researchers working in Statistics / Applied Statistics in India / Abroad.

- Contestants should be member of ISPS and under 35 years of age as on 31.12.2026. Thesis should be submitted to the University on or after 01-07-2024. Old thesis will not be considered. Those who applied previous year shall not apply.
- A soft copy of the blinded version of Ph.D. thesis along with biodata should be sent to email address of Prof. R.L. Shinde on or before 31-08-2026.
- Three shortlisted applicants will be invited for thesis presentation in the ISPS annual convention conference.
- Awardee will receive certificate & cash prize of ₹ 40,000 & TA (up to ₹ 5000)

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The shortlisted candidates will have to pay registration fees and accommodation charges of the conference.

c) ISPS M.Sc. Student Project Competition (ISPS Membership is not mandatory.)

Topic for Project: A Study on the Growth Pattern of GDP of India during the Last Decade

- **Eligibility:** A team of 3 students studying M.Sc. (Statistics/Applied Statistics). Only one team is eligible from each University to apply.
- **Entries:** A soft copy of the Project (in MS word) shall sent to Prof. C Satheesh Kumar on or before 31.08.2026, with the permission of their HoD.
- Three shortlisted teams will be invited to present their projects. ISPS will provide T.A. (sleeper class by train). The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers to all shortlisted teams.

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ISPS Research Awards

Applications/Nominations for the following awards may be sent along with an updated CV on or before 31.08.2026 to the respective conveners.

Dr. C.R. Rao Gold Medal

Nominations/applications are invited for “C. R. Rao Gold medal in Statistics for 2026”. Fund for the medal was donated by Late Professor C. R. Rao to recognize the young researchers in Statistics who made significant contributions.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be an active researcher in theoretical or applied areas of Statistics,
2. be member of ISPS and below 45 years of age as on 31.12.2026 ,
3. have made significant contributions in applied/theoretical statistics,
4. have acquired a degree of Ph.D. and published at least 15 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics, of which at least five must be published in last five years,
5. should have successfully guided at least two students for their Ph.D. in topics of Statistics.

Eligible candidates can submit their application/nominations with all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. Somesh Kumar by 31.08.2026. Professor C.R. Rao award carries a gold medal along with a citation. The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers.

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Prof. G. Sankaranarayanan Centenary Award - Young Mathematical Statistician of the year 2026.

(Donated by Family Members of Late Prof. G. Sankaranarayanan on the eve of Birth Centenary Celebrations)

Eligibility Criteria:

- be a member of ISPS and below 45 years of age on 31.12.2026
- have specialization in any branch of Mathematical Statistics, both pure and applied.
- have acquired a degree of Ph.D and published at least 15 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics/Applied Statistics.

A cash award ₹ 40,000 and ₹ 5,000 for travel support shall be given to Award winner. An appropriate citation will be presented to the award Winner.

The eligible candidates can submit their application/nomination with CV and all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. N. Balakrishna by 31.08.2026. The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers for the awardee.

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Distinguished Statistician Award

The ISPS invites applications/ nominations for Distinguished Statistician Award 2026 among eminent Statisticians from Indian Universities / Institutions or Abroad. He/She must be a Senior Life Member of ISPS and should be below 65 years of age.

Award includes certificate, citation, shawl and memento.

The eligible candidates can submit their application/nomination with CV and all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. Debasis Bhattacharya by 31.08.2026.

The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers.

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Prof. M.N. Deshpande Memorial Award

Prof. M.N.Deshpande memorial award for Best Young Researcher in Statistics carries a cash prize of ₹ 10,000 along with a citation.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be a life member of ISPS.
2. be a researcher in Statistics with age not exceeding 40 years as on 31.12.2026.
3. have made significant and outstanding contributions in applied/theoretical statistics, significantly benefiting advancement of knowledge in Statistics.
4. have acquired a degree of Ph.D/D.Sc and published at least 10 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics of which at least THREE are published within the last five years.

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Submission of applications/nominations: The eligible candidates can nominate themselves or the names can also be proposed by their institutions / ISPS life members. Applications/nominations of the eligible candidates should be submitted along with a recent CV and best three publications within the last five years to Prof. Sharada V Bhat by 31.08.2026.

The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers for the awardee.

Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao ISPS Best Researcher Award

In recognition of the outstanding contribution of Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao, a renowned statistician and distinguished researcher, to the subject of Statistics and its allied fields, the ISPS has instituted "Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao Best Researcher Award in Statistics" to honor researchers for their significant contribution in the field of Statistics. Nominations/applications are invited for "Prof. K.Srinivasa Rao, Best Researcher Award in Statistics for 2026". The award and eligibility criteria are as under.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be a member of ISPS and a Statistician in the age group of 45 years to 60 years as on 31.12.2026.
2. have made significant and outstanding contributions in applied/theoretical statistics, significantly benefiting advancement of knowledge in Statistics,
3. have acquired a degree of Ph.D/D.Sc and published at least 25 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics,
4. have successfully guided at least 4 students for their Ph.D. degrees in Statistics (or) successfully completed 4 research Projects/consultancy projects of not less than ₹ 5 Lakhs each funded by reputed funding agencies.

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Procedure for selection of awardee

- a) The selection of awardee will be done based on applications/nominations received.
- b) The Award Committee of ISPS for each award can also identify and nominate candidates.
- c) No award will be given in case the award committee does not identify a suitable candidate for that particular year.
- d) The decision of the award committee will be final.