Noted statisticians honoured at AU

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Statistics and stochastic modelling are the hub of current research: expert

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scholarly gathering: C.R. Rao, considered a doyen of statistics, S. Rao Jammalamadaka of University of California (right) and J. Lakshminarayana of Andhra University after they were felicitated during the international conference on statistics at the university in the city on Monday.

VISAKHAPATNAM: Many prominent statisticians were present as the five-day international conference on "statistics, probability, operations research, computer science and its allied areas" commenced at Andhra University on Monday.

The conference coincided with the eighth International Indian Statistical Association's joint statistical meeting and the 29th annual convention of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) and is being organised by AU Department of Statistics.

Ninety-year-old Prof. C.R. Rao of Penn State University (US), considered a doyen of statistics, in his keynote address said that statistics and stochastic modelling were the hub of present research for which data mining, data interpretation and data intelligence were essential.

Vast potential

Director of Genetic and Molecular Epidemiology (US) Robert C. Elston said the genetical algorithms were essential for molecular biology and cell engineering and also epidemiology dynamics.

The probability with optimisation theory provided vast openings for technocrats.

Later, the organising committee felicitated Prof. C.R. Rao and his wife Bhargavi, Prof. Jammalamadaka and his wife Vijayalakshmi and a senior professor of AU J. Lakshminarayana and his wife Vijaya Ratna, who is a professor of pharmacy. Vice-Chairman of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority B. Sreedhar felicitated them on behalf of organising committee. Principal of AU College of Science and Technology P. Rajendra Prasad presided. Prof. K. Srivivasa Rao, Prof. Tiwari, Prof. C. Uma Shankar of Rayalaseema University, Prof. Sastry Pantula, Prof. Peri Srinivasa Rao and Prof. K. Venkatasubbalah and others participated.

Prof. Ashish Sen Gupta announced that a volume with 19 topics was being brought out on the occasion of Prof. Jammalamadaka completing 65 years.