



# MA (Economics)

Specialisation in Trade & Finance

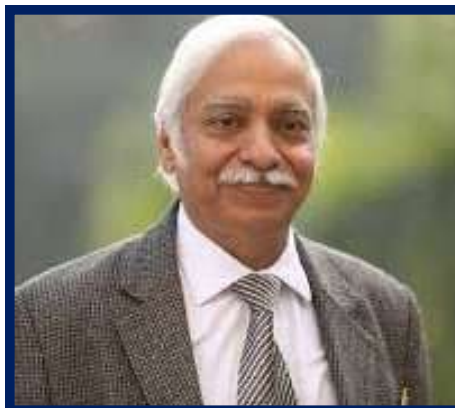
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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE**  
(Deemed to be University)

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Since its establishment in 1963, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has been a pioneer in management and international trade education, earning its status as a Deemed-to-be-University in 2002. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has recognized IIFT as Grade 'A+' institution. The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has been ranked first in the Times B-School Ranking 2026. Additionally, IIFT hold 17th in the NIRF rankings, positioning it among the top management institutes. Our legacy includes shaping generations of leaders through flagship MBA (International Business) and MBA (Business Analytics) programmes, consistently ranking among India's top B-schools. IIFT alumni lead at Reserve Bank of India, World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank, multinational corporations, and India's leading think tanks, while our cutting-edge research influences national trade policy. This rich heritage now extends to our M.A. Economics (Trade and Finance)



**Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi**  
**Vice Chancellor, IIFT**

programme, designed to nurture the next generation of economic policymakers.

The global economic landscape is undergoing unprecedented transformation—reshaping supply chains, digital trade, climate finance, and geopolitical alliances. With India's ambition to become a \$5 trillion economy and lead the Global South, expertise in international economics, trade policy, and quantitative analysis has never been more vital. Emerging challenges like WTO reforms, regional trade agreements (such as India-UK CETA, EU-India FTA, CEPA and others), green transition financing, and digital economy regulation demand economists who can blend rigorous analytics with policy insight, precisely what our M.A. Economics programme delivers.

Research at IIFT occupies a distinctive position, distinguished by our institutional commitment to bridging theory and practice through rigorous inquiry. Our research spans in-house projects and commissioned studies for prominent clients, including Central and State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, and leading international organizations such as the World Bank, FAO, International Trade Centre, UNCTAD, WTO, UNIDO, UNESCAP, and DFID. IIFT faculty regularly contribute to academic and policy discourse, presenting and publishing their work in prestigious forums worldwide.

The M.A. (Economics - Trade & Finance) programme, launched at IIFT in 2018, has rapidly become one of India's most sought-after master's programmes in Economics. Its distinctive focus on applied economic analysis and policy-relevant issues combined with IIFT's renowned faculty expertise in international trade and finance prepares graduates to excel as trade policymakers, corporate strategists, and leading academicians. Whether shaping India's global trade strategy or advancing cutting-edge economic research, our alumni are at the forefront of both policy and academia.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rakesh Joshi" with a horizontal line underneath.

**Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Mohan Joshi**  
**Vice Chancellor, IIFT**

## VISION



To create and foster a learning environment that enables participants to be leaders in international business with sensitivity towards society.

## MISSION



To be an academic center of excellence in international business research, training and education.

## ACCREDITATIONS

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was granted “Deemed to be University” status in 2002. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has recognized IIFT as **Grade ‘A+’** Institution. Over the years, IIFT has emerged as a national university with focus on International Business Management and Strategy, and such focus is reflected in all three major activities of the Institute: Research, Training and Education.



# RANKINGS

IIFT's MA(Economics) Programme has been ranked 9 in India, as of January 2026, in ranking of <https://ideas.repec.org/top/top.india.html>.

**IIFT has participated in the following B-School rankings (2025)**



# ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to contribute in the skill building for the external trade sector of India. It has come a long way to successfully develop into a unique institution involved in imparting knowledge through research and training in international business and trade. The Institute was granted “Deemed to be University” status in 2002. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has recognized IIFT as Grade ‘A+’ Institution. Over the years, IIFT has emerged as a national university with focus on International Business Management and Strategy, and such focus is reflected in all three major activities of the Institute: Research, Training and Education.

## OBJECTIVES

IIFT was set up with the following objectives:

- Impart professional education in modern management techniques relevant to international business. Enable the participants to appreciate the interrelationship between the diverse and complex tasks of international business.
- Develop capacities among business executives for improved understanding of various trade and economic issues.
- Conduct high quality research that addresses domestic as well as world trade and business issues.

## PROGRAMMES

The Institute’s portfolio of long-term programmes is diverse, catering to the requirements of aspiring international business executives and mid-career professionals alike. These are:

- **Two-year MA Economics (Specialization in Trade and Finance) at Delhi and Kolkata.**
- **Ph.D. (Economics) Programme at Delhi and Kolkata.**
- Ph.D. (Management) Programme at Delhi and Kolkata.
- Two-year MBA (International Business) at Delhi, Kolkata, GIFT city, and Kakinada campuses.
- Two-year MBA (Business Analytics) at Delhi.
- Two years & six months MBA (International Business) Weekend at Delhi and Kolkata.
- 5 years Integrated Programme in Management (Business Analytics and International Business) at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) Campus
- Post Graduate Diploma in Management (International Business) for working executives at Delhi and Kolkata.

## ABOUT IIFT ECONOMICS DIVISION

The Economics Division of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) is a focused primarily on teaching, training and research in Economics with an emphasis on international economics, trade policy, and finance. The Division offers M.A. (Economics) with specialization in Trade and Finance, and Ph.D. (Economics) Programmes and has been consistently ranked in top 10 Economics Departments in India by IDEAS REPEC. The faculties regularly publish in A\*, A, and B category journals listed in the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) like *Development*, *the Economic Journal*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *International Journal of Agricultural Science Research*, *International Review of Financial Analysis*, *Journal of Policy Modelling*, *Research in Economics*, *World Development*, etc.

## MASTERS IN ECONOMICS PROGRAMME

The M.A. Economics Programme is a cutting-edge two-year postgraduate degree specializing in Trade and Finance, offered by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade—a premier institution renowned for its expertise in international economics and policy research. Developed to address the growing demand for skilled professionals in global economic policy, trade strategy, and financial markets, the programme provides students with a rigorous blend of theoretical foundations and applied analytical tools. The vast experience of IIFT faculty in this domain are preparing academicians with a clear knowledge of the latest developments in Economics as well as trade policymakers and key strategists on trade issues in the corporate sector or bloom as full-time academicians in future.

The Post-Graduate Programme in Economics was started in 2018-19. The MA (Economics-Specialisation in Trade and Finance) Programme has a total capacity of 200 students, 100 of whom are admitted in both Delhi and Kolkata Campuses respectively. The Programme assimilates curriculum and teaching pedagogy from the best universities of the world. Emphasis is laid on the latest developments in the field of Economics. In addition to classroom interactions, careful attention is provided to each and every student in tutorial as well as group classes along with invited and specially arranged classes and seminars.

## OBJECTIVES

- To prepare students to become excellent policymakers and key strategists on issues in the corporate sector, involved directly or indirectly in international trade and financial transactions.
- To equip students with a set of tools, which would help them to solve real world problems.
- To prepare students to be full-time academicians, with specialized knowledge in international trade and finance.

During the Programme, practical training is provided in the most recent econometrics and statistical software, so that the students are well- equipped both for the higher studies as well as for the job market in academic and non-academic fields. IIFT's Economics programme is now part of the Erasmus Mundus Programme of the European Union. IIFT is now associate partner of EGEI which opens up avenue for collaboration ([https:// www. master-egei.eu/ egei-associate- partners/](https://www.master-egei.eu/egei-associate-partners/))

# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

MA Economics programme is well structured and the first two semesters in the coursework are at par with the standard Post-Graduate Programmes in Economics. Theoretical models in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematical Economics and Econometrics are taught. Two specific courses on International Economics and Financial Economics in second semester are introduced as a prelude to the Trade and Finance Specialization under the curriculum. The last two semesters focus on International Economics and Finance. Relatively advanced topics on theoretical model-building as well as empirical and policy analysis are integral part of the courses during these semesters. In order to encourage constructive original thought process, students are required to write a Dissertation based on theoretical and empirical knowledge in the last semester.

## Semester-I

- Microeconomic Theory-I
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Mathematics for Economics
- Basic Econometrics

## Semester-II

- Microeconomic Theory-II
- Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics
- International Trade Theory
- Financial Economics

## Semester-III

- International Macroeconomics and Finance
- Elective-1
- Elective-2
- Elective-3

## Semester-IV

- Development and Economic Policy in India
- Elective-1
- Elective-2
- Elective-3

## Elective Courses

- Advanced Topics in Trade Theory
- Applied Econometrics
- Banking and Financial Intermediation
- Derivatives and Risk Management
- Economics of Environment
- Economics of Networks
- Empirical Issues in Trade Theory
- Financial Modelling
- Investment Theory
- Labour Economics
- Law and Economics
- Trade and Development
- WTO and Contemporary Trade Issues

# ADMISSION PROCEDURE

## Eligibility

### (For General/Reserved Category Candidates)

- Minimum qualification for admission to the MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance) Programme is: Bachelor's degree in any discipline with (a) at least 50 per cent marks in aggregate [45 percent in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Persons with Disability (PWD) categories] and (b) mathematics at the higher secondary or higher level.
- No Age limit.
- Candidates who are in final year of graduation are also eligible to apply.
- Admission of the candidates who joins the MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance) Programme on provisional basis but fails to obtain minimum percentage in the Bachelor's degree examination is liable to be cancelled forthwith. Such candidates should immediately inform the Institute on declaration of her / his results. Admission of candidates who do not inform the Institute of such situation will automatically stand cancelled on 31st October 2026. No request for extension of time for re- evaluation, etc. will be entertained.

### (For Foreign Nationals / NRIs)

- Minimum qualification for Foreign Students / NRIs is a CGPA of 4 in a 5-point scale or 8 in a 10- point scale (or equivalent) Bachelor's degree in any discipline with mathematics at the higher secondary or higher level.
- No Age limit.
- Candidates who are in final exams are also eligible to apply.
- Admission of the candidate who joins the MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance) Programme on provisional basis but fails to obtain minimum CGPA in the Bachelor's degree examination is liable to be cancelled forthwith. Such candidates should immediately inform the Institute on declaration of her / his results. Admission of candidates who do not inform the Institute of such a situation will automatically stand cancelled on 31st October 2026. No request for extension of time for re- evaluation, etc. will be entertained.
- A maximum of five seats are allocated to the Foreign Nationals /NRIs. No separate admission test would be conducted. The admission will be offered on the basis of academic records [CGPA] at graduation level. A selection committee will scrutinize the application and will accordingly prepare the merit list.

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*As per the order of the honorable Supreme Court dated 4.5.2001, ragging is banned in the Institute and anyone found indulging in ragging of any form is likely to be punished appropriately, which may include expulsion from the Institute. The students selected through the Admission process and opting to join the Programme will be required to submit two affidavits as per the format given by UGC in their website [www.ugc.nic.in](http://www.ugc.nic.in) to this effect.*

## Admission Test

An Objective Aptitude Test (based on Basic Mathematics and Statistics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Economics, Public Finance, Econometrics, Development, Indian Economy, etc., the syllabus of which will be of undergraduate level Economics Programme). The duration of the exam will be for a maximum of 120 minutes.

## Mode of examination

Entrance Exam in physical mode shall be conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in 7 cities i.e., Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad. Interview of shortlisted candidates will be conducted in physical mode.

## Application Fee

For General/ OBC/ EWS Category	Rs. 2000/-
For SC/ST/PWD Category	Rs. 1000/-
For Foreign Nationals/ NRIs	\$80 / Rs. 7200/-

## Documents to be Uploaded while Applying Online

- Self-Attested copies of certificates & mark- sheets of qualifying degrees.
- SC/ST/OBC (NCL)/PWD/GEN-EWS candidates need to upload the requisite certificate.

*\*\* Any change in the admission schedule would be notified to all candidates through announcements in the IIFT web-page.*

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Release of Application Forms</b>	<b>23rd April 2026</b>
<b>Last Date of Submission of Application</b>	<b>20th May 2026</b>
<b>Date of Entrance Examination</b>	<b>7th June 2026</b>
<b>Declaration of Result of Entrance</b>	<b>Third week of June 2026</b>
<b>Interview of Short-listed Candidates</b>	<b>First week of July 2026</b>
<b>Commencement of the Programme</b>	<b>Mid week of August 2026</b>

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In case of any query related to admission, the candidates can contact Section Officer (Admissions Cell). They must indicate their Application No. in their communications to IIFT [Tel. Nos. 011-39147213(Direct), 39147200-05 PBX (Extn. 621); E-mail: [ecoadmission@iift.edu](mailto:ecoadmission@iift.edu)].
- There are Hundred (100) seats each for Delhi and Kolkata Campuses. Seats are reserved as per Government of India norms.
- Application fee once paid will not be refunded.
- The Institute reserves the right to change the campus of candidate if the total number of candidates are less than 10 in any of the campuses.
- All disputes would be subject to the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts only.
- Applications incomplete in any manner shall be summarily rejected.

## All communication may be sent to:

The Admissions Cell  
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade  
B-21 Qutub Institutional Area  
New Delhi-110016  
E-mail: [ecoadmission@iift.edu](mailto:ecoadmission@iift.edu)  
Tel: 91-11-39147213(Direct),  
91-11-39147200-205 (Extn. 621)

## For any Academic Query relating to the MA(Economics) Programme, write to:

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Indian Institute of Foreign Trade  
IIFT Bhawan, B-21,  
Qutab Institutional Area, Delhi-110016.  
E-mail: [maeco@iift.edu](mailto:maeco@iift.edu)  
Ph.: 011-39147200 (Extn-116)



# FACULTY (ECONOMICS)

A.K. Srustidhar Chand, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Quantitative Economics and Investment Theory</i>	Kanupriya, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>International Trade</i>
Anchal Arora, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Environmental Economics and Econometrics</i>	Muhammed Rafi OPC, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Macroeconomics, International Finance and Econometrics</i>
Anirban Biswas, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>International Trade</i>	Oindrila Dey, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Applied Micro Theory and Development Economics</i>
Basanta K. Sahu, Ph.D. Professor <i>Development Economics, Labour Economics and Trade and Policy</i>	Papiya Ghosh, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Microeconomics and Network Economics</i>
Bibek Ray Chaudhuri, Ph.D. Professor <i>Macroeconomics, Banking and Finance</i>	Ranajoy Bhattacharyya, Ph.D. Professor <i>International Trade and Microeconomics</i>
Biswajit Nag, Ph.D. Professor <i>Trade, Industrial Economics and Organization and GVC Integration</i>	Rashmi Rastogi, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>International Trade, Foreign Direct Investment and Environment</i>
Debashis Chakraborty, Ph.D. Professor <i>International Trade and World Trade Organization</i>	Taufeeq Ajaz, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Macroeconomics and Econometrics</i>
Divya Tuteja, Ph.D. Assistant Professor <i>Macroeconomics, Financial Markets and Econometrics</i>	Triptendu Prakash Ghosh, Ph.D. Associate Professor <i>Financial Economics</i>

# ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMICS DIVISION

Apart from regular activities of the Programme in the past year, a number of Guest lectures and workshops were also conducted to facilitate the real-world understanding of the students on areas of contemporary research on one hand and strengthening their technical tool-kit on the other. The topics covered during these lectures and workshops ranged from RBI monetary policy operations, risk management methods used by Financial Institutions as well as operational knowledge of econometric software like R, E- Views, STATA etc. Dignitaries from both academic and research institutions as well as corporate world have visited the Institute for delivering lectures under this series.

## IIFT ECONOMICS CONCLAVE

The Economics Division organized an Economics Conclave on “India in the New Economic Order: Adapting to Macroeconomic Uncertainties and Global Trade Shocks” on 5th December 2025. A keynote address by Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, distinguished fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress and former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission offered a comprehensive analysis of India’s macroeconomic evolution, the country’s resilience amid global disruptions and the structural reforms essential for sustaining long-term growth.

The conclave featured eminent speakers including Prof. Chetan Ghate, Member, Economics Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Prof. Ashima Goyal former Member, Monetary Policy Committee, Reserve Bank of India, Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Prof. Pami Dua, Member Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Prof. Sudipto Mundle, Chairman, Board of Governors, Centre for Development Studies, Prof. M. Govinda Rao, former Member Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Prof. Manoj Pant, former Vice Chancellor, IIFT, Prof. Dibyendu Maiti, professor, Delhi School of Economics and Prof. C. Veeramani, Director, Centre for Development Studies.

The Conclave featured two sessions. The first one focused on India’s exposure to global trade shocks and challenges from new protectionist measures and the second one discussed macroeconomic strategies for economic resilience, policy agility, trade partnership diversification, and global economic governance participation. The conclave attracted participants from across India, underscoring IIFT’s role as a premier platform for economic policy discourse.



## WORKSHOPS

The Economics Division organizes Research Methodology Workshops for participants from around the country.



### Research Methodology Workshop on “Data Analysis using Statistical Software”

The Economics Division organized a Five-Day Research Methodology workshop on “Data Analysis using Statistical Software” during 10th to 14th February 2025. This workshop was conducted for young faculty-Economics, Social Sciences, Management, Research Scholars and practitioners from industry. Around 50 participants attended the workshop. The workshop was a success and participants provided positive feedback about their experiences indicating that they found it valuable and informative.



## Research Methodology Workshop on “Time Series Analysis”

The Economics Division organized a Five-Day Research Methodology workshop on “Time Series Analysis” during 30th June – 4th July 2025. A total of 24 participants attended the workshop out of which 19 were from other institutions. The workshop was successfully conducted and received positive feedback from the participants. The sessions were well-received with the attendees appreciating both the content and delivery.



## Research Methodology Workshop on “Primary Survey and Data Analysis”

The Economics Division organized a Five-Day Research Methodology workshop on “Primary Survey and Data Analysis” during 19th– 23rd January 2026. A total of 23 participants from other institutions attended the workshop. The workshop was successfully conducted and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants. Attendees particularly appreciated both the content quality and engaging delivery of the sessions.





## RESEARCH

Research holds great significance in the growth of the Institute as it provides a strong pervasive interface between creation of knowledge and training. It has developed substantial consultancy capacity in analyzing international business scenario and developing appropriate corporate strategies. The Institute has also been successfully bidding for both national and international projects. The Division keeps organizing crucial national and international conferences on contemporary themes from time to time, which brings together eminent resource persons both from multilateral bodies, government sector and renowned academic institutions.

### Major Research Projects

The following Research Projects were in progress during the last two years:

1. Increasing Exports as a Driver of Economic Growth : Walmart's Effort in India.
2. Brand Promotion in Footwear and Leather Sector sub-scheme of IFLDP (2021-2026).
3. Vulnerability of India.
4. Rules of Origin.
5. The Future of UK-Indian Trade and Cross Border Investment in a Changing Global Environment (Sponsor: ICSSR-ESRC-UKRI).
6. An Evaluation of the ECGC's MLT Business with a view to improve the Export; Performance of India (Sponsor: Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India).
7. Ease of Doing Business and the Performance of Indian Firms: A Firm-Level study across Industries and States (Sponsor: Ministry of Corporate Affairs).
8. Brand Promotion in Footwear and Leather Sector sub-scheme of Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) (Sponsor: Ministry of Commerce).

## Ph.D. Programme in Economics

The Ph.D. (Economics) Programme of the institute provides opportunities to carry out doctoral research in a variety of areas of Economics discipline including international trade and business. The programme is targeted towards fresh graduates, members of teaching faculty in universities and institutes of higher learning and professionals from private, public and government sectors. Major areas of Ph.D. research include trade, energy, labour economics, financial markets and network theory among others.

## Software Training in Economics

Programmes at IIFT are receiving hands-on training on various methodologies by the experts of different fields to enrich their skills as well as to prepare them to cope up with both the national and international work environments. In the recent past, IIFT has delivered training on Stata and R respectively to enhance data analysis skills of the students. In addition, Special Seminar Series also been initiated by the Institute, under which the following seminars have taken place in the academic year 2025-26.

## Student Activities in M.A. Economics

The students of the Programme publish an annual magazine “Ecolibrium”. The student organizations IIFT Economics Society (IES) and Student Placement Cell organizes regular seminar series, leadership talk series, and preplacement talks with distinguished speakers from industry and academia. Under the aegis of the IIFT Economic Society the Analytics Club i.e. Analytix conducts regular leadership talk series.



# SEMINARS AND LECTURES

Topic	Speaker
Imperatives for Honesty and Temptation to Lie for a Moral Cause	Dr. Jaideep Roy, University of Bath
Ethnic Politics and the distributional Effects on Free Trade: Evidence from India	Dr. S.K. Ritadhi, Ashoka University/ Occidental College, Los Angeles
Income Transfer Policies and Aggregate Welfare: Evidence from India	Dr. Samarth Gupta, IIM Calcutta
Maximal and Stable Proper Sub-coalitions in TU Coalitional Games	Dr. Tilak Sanyal, Shibpur Dinobundhoo Institutions
Local and Multinational Comparative Advantage in the Global Mining Industry and The Clockwork of Democracy: Welfare, Strategy and Electoral Temporality.	Ms. Utsoree Das, University of Geneva
Luck or merit? Inequality and punishment in a public goods game	Dr. Ananish Chaudhuri, University of Auckland
AI Literacy and Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Middle Schools in Rural India	Dr. Upasak Das, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester
Panel Discussion on Union Budget	Dr. Divya Srinivasan, Economist; Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Former Professor ISI Delhi; Dr. Himanshu, Associate Professor, JNU

# PLACEMENT

The Placement cell, run and managed by students of MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance), Programme has been conducting seminars by inviting leading practitioners on regular basis to improve corporate interaction. The cell has conducted 20+ seminars in the last two academic years, and the global majors visiting IIFT campus for such seminars include Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Google, CRISIL, HDFC Bank etc. After completion of the First-Year coursework, some students have also undertaken Internship in Research Institutes and Corporate Bodies.



The companies visiting IIFT for offering placement/ internship to the MA Programme students include: National Stock Exchange, Exim Bank, Intuери, Dunnhumby, Ken Research, Mahindra, Deloitte, Atria.

Students are offered valuable internship opportunities with reputed corporates, government organizations, and institutions, ensuring 100% internship placement. These internships help students gain hands-on experience and industry exposure, enhancing their academic learning with practical insights.

Prestigious organizations that have offered internships include the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), NABARD, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ernst & Young (EY), Yes Bank, American Express, Ministry of Commerce, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). These opportunities contribute significantly to students' career development and readiness for the professional world.



## Major Corporate Interactions in 2025-26

Topic	Speaker
Navigating the Interview Process: Tips on Guesstimates, Case Studies, and Beyond	Ms. Arushi Gupta, Bain & Company
Interaction with IES Officer	Mr. Rohit Chawla, Indian Economic Service
Numbers Behind Narratives: Data-driven Analysis of the Impact of Trump Tariffs on the Indian Economy	Ms. Mitali Nikore, Founder & Chief Economist, Nikore Associates
Crafting a Strong Resume: Insights from an IIFT Alumnus	Mr. Samarth Khurana, Mckinsey & Company
Boom in the stock market: should we be happy with hot money	Mr. Shishir Sinha, Associate editor, Businessline

# SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

## New Scholarship Scheme (NSS)

The Institute offers a Scholarship on the basis of Merit-cum-Means. Under this scheme, 20% of the tuition fee of the programme will be disbursed to 10% of admitted students in all Full Time/ Regular programmes offered by IIFT.

The scholarship is granted after the successful completion of each year. Any student whose family income is less than Rs.8.00 lakh per year can apply under this scheme. The upper ceiling of Rs. 8 lakhs is subject to revision.

## Scholarships Offered by the Government of India

The government of India offers various central and state-level scholarships to students. Complete details about the available scholarships and the process for applying for those scholarships are available on the National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>).

The Institute retains the right to add or delete any scholarship scheme or change the existing clause(s) as and when required.



# FEE STRUCTURE

Total fees for the batch of MA Economics 2025-27 programme is as under:

Campus	Total Fee*	Refundable Security
Delhi and Kolkata (Tuition Fees)	Rs. 3,50,000/- US \$ 11,000/- (For Foreign Nationals and NRI)	Rs.5,000/-
*Other Charges (Library, Computer & Internet facility, Medical Insurance, Alumni & Students body)		Rs. 51,506/-

- The fee may be revised by the institute. The exact amount of total fee, applicable for MA Economics 2026-28 batch will be informed to the students at the time of sending the offer letters.*

## Fee Concession

The students of SC, ST and PWD category are given 50% concession in tuition fee only.

## Refund of Fee

In case of withdrawal from programme, fee will be refunded as per guidelines of UGC. Refund process will take atleast 2 months.



# DIVISIONS

**Corporate Relations and Career Advancement Division:** The Corporate Relations and Career Advancement Division (CRCAD) is dedicated to fostering strong, sustainable partnerships with the corporate sector and civil society — both in India and internationally.

**Division of Alumni Affairs:** The Division of Alumni Affairs at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) serves as the vital link between the institute and its diverse global alumni community. It is dedicated to fostering lifelong connections by providing a dynamic platform for networking, professional growth, and continuous engagement.

**Economics Division:** The Economics Division of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Delhi is a specialized academic unit focused primarily on teaching, training and research in Economics with an emphasis on international economics, trade policy, and finance. The Division offers M.A. (Economics) with specialization in Trade and Finance, and Ph.D. (Economics) Programmes and has been consistently ranked in top 10 Economics Departments in India by IDEAS REPEC.

**Executive Management Programmes Division:** The Executive Management Programmes Division (EMPD) is committed to fostering excellence in leadership and management. Our mission is to equip mid to senior-level professionals with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills, empowering them to excel in today's dynamic global business environment.

**Graduate Studies in Management Division:** The Graduate Studies in Management Division of the Institute is the nodal division for full time MBA (IB), MBA(BA) and Weekend programmes.

**International Collaborations and Capacity Development Division:** The International Collaborations & Capacity Development (ICCD) Division of IIFT undertakes activities to build the institute's global networks by collaborating with institutions across the world for carrying out a wide spectrum of academic arrangements. Student and faculty exchanges form the key pillar of IIFT's academic collaborations.

**Management Development Programmes Division:** Management Development Programmes Division is one of the major divisions of the institute which conducts various long duration and short duration training programmes for Industry, Govt. offices and export promotion bodies.

**Publication Division:** The Publication-Journal Division of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) plays a crucial role in disseminating knowledge, promoting intellectual discourse, and fostering thought leadership in the domains of international trade, business, and management. It manages and publishes three prestigious and flagship journals Foreign Trade Review (FTR), IIFT International Business and Management Review (IBMR), and FOCUS WTO.

**Research Division:** The Research Division forms the intellectual backbone of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), reflecting the Institute's long-standing commitment to integrating rigorous research with professional training and policy engagement. Since its inception, the Division has played a pivotal role in advancing IIFT's mandate of generating high-quality, evidence-based insights that strengthen India's trade policy ecosystem and enhance global business competitiveness.

# CENTRES

**Centre for Distance and Online Education:** The Centre is tasked to empower individuals to explore new domains, enhance their knowledge, and up-skill themselves—anytime, anywhere. The programmes are thoughtfully designed for working professionals and lifelong learners who seek to grow academically and professionally without compromising on convenience or quality.

**Centre for International Negotiations:** CIN is a specialized unit of IIFT established to enhance India's capacity in international trade negotiations across bilateral, regional, plurilateral, and multilateral forums by imparting negotiation skills to those who engage in them.

**Case Research Centre:** The Case Research Centre (IIFT-CRC) at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is a dedicated academic platform focused on advancing knowledge in international business and trade through high-quality, practice-driven case studies.

**Centre for Research on International Trade:** Under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) Statement 2015-20 there was a need to create an institution at the global level which can provide a counter-narrative on key trade and investment issues from the perspective of developing countries like India. To fill this vacuum a new institute namely the Centre for Research on International Trade (CRIT) was set up in 2016. The Centre for WTO Studies which is a constituent centre of CRIT, pre-dates the CRIT since it was created in 1999. The vision and the objective of the CRIT was to significantly deepen existing research capabilities and widen them to encompass new and specialised areas amidst the growing complexity of the process of globalisation and its spill-over effects in domestic policymaking.

# CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

## Delhi Campus

Located in Qutub Institutional Area, overlooking green ridge and historical Qutub Minar, the IIFT Campus is considered to be one of the finest in the country. The campus spread over 6.5 acres of land houses two academic blocks and two residential blocks for students and visiting faculty. One more residential facility for the students has been created a few steps away from the main campus. Be it the imposing structure of the “atrium”, the mystic beauty of the architectural design called “eye of the universe”, or the splendor of the campus in full bloom in winter, it never fails to impress the visitors.

The campus itself is a very picturesque with artistically designed buildings and well-maintained plush gardens. The facilities available on the campus include, fully air-conditioned lecture halls with modern audio-visual aids, conference halls for round-table conferences, an auditorium of 450 seating capacity, two computer labs, indoor games, sports ground, besides excellent residential facilities for the students. The campus is fully wi-fi enabled. Another campus of the Institute spread over 5.6 acres, located at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi is also under construction and will be operationalized very soon.

### Computer Facilities

For its internet requirements, the IIFT avails 150 MBPS leased line from two different ISPs on load balancing. The computer lab for the students is open 24X7 with adequate number of desktop computers. These are fully supported with application software such as SPSS, EViews, SAS, etc.

India Trade & Prowess databases from CMIE are also available on the Institute’s network. Comprehending the recent advances in functional data analysis and high-dimensional statistics, IIFT, besides the Computer Lab, has an exclusive Data Analytics & Simulation Lab (DASL) with 40 computers with software such as SPSS, Hadoop, SAS, etc for Data Analytics and Simulation Courses.

Apart from this, IIFT also uses video conferencing facility for training, research activities besides connecting IIFT Delhi & Kolkata for internal meetings, etc.

IIFT’s recent foray in the online education platform has been possible with the state-of-the-art IT infrastructure support being provided for the conduct of online programmes, which has enabled IIFT to conduct online sessions on a real time basis using broadband facility. The Institute has a multi-tiered network infrastructure in place. Buildings inside the campus are well connected with fiber network. The network infrastructure is at layer 3 switching level that helps to interconnect all components together on one platform. Institute’s network is also supplemented with managed WiFi supporting 802.11n and standards. Over 1000 users have access to this network. Apart from this, classrooms are adequately equipped with LCD projectors and PCs. IIFT also has a fully integrated in-house developed platform, named ‘Campus360’ (<http://campus360.iift.ac.in>) that provides convergence facility to the faculty with the students and the programme office. The Campus 360 enables online attendance, sharing of courseware, result processing, online quiz, opinion polls, assignment submission, dissertation/research project submission, elective selection, port visit option, language selection and many more related activities.

## Library Facilities

The Institute's has a well-equipped Library with updated knowledge. It has a collection of latest books by eminent authors on Trade, Economy, Management and WTO related issues. It also has a collection of journals, research reports, company reports, CD-ROMs, videocassettes, International Trade Statistics and Databases. Apart from books on traditional Management and Economics related areas, the Library has huge collection of books on upcoming areas like WTO, Intellectual Property Rights, Services Management, Mergers & Acquisitions, Trade Finance, e-Business, Global Business Strategies, International Business Law, and Information Technology, etc. The Library also subscribes to over 235 Journals and Periodicals and has enriched itself with publications of prestigious national and international organizations such as UN, ITC, UNCTAD, WTO, IMF, World Bank, Ministries and Departments of Government of India.

In order to facilitate online access to information, Library has also subscribed to trade related online and offline databases like Blackwell Synergy (28 e- Journals), Balance of Payment, CMIE databases (Commodities, Prowess, India Trade, Industry Outlook and Economic Outlook), Commodity Price Bulletin, Direction of Trade Statistics, EIU Online, EBSCO, Emerald Management Extra, e- pharma, IFS, Indiatstat.com, Inside Trade.com, JSTOR, OECD e- library, Proquest, Science Direct, Suns Magazine, Trade Map, World Bank Online Database, World Trade Atlas and WITS etc.

IIFT subscribes to Bloomberg, which offers a dynamic network of information for decision- makers. Bloomberg is of great value to B-School students seeking fast access to accurate business and financial information, news and insight around the world. Students are also offered training to familiarize them with this powerful resource. Library facilities are open to participants. The participants are required to deposit of 5,000/- for Library membership which is refundable at the end of the Programme.



# Kolkata Campus



IIFT's Kolkata Campus is located at the picturesque East Kolkata off EM Bypass in a sprawling area of around 7 acres, where the lush greenery and serenity fosters a great learning environment. The campus is developed as a green and fully integrated campus with independent blocks for academic, administration and student living areas with all modern amenities. The campus also houses three water bodies to

maintain ecological diversity with enough greenery. There are centrally air- conditioned modern lecture halls, syndicate rooms, common area, auditorium, open air theatre, common courtyard in its academic and administration blocks on exemplary designs to create a great learning environment. The campus is fully wi- fi enabled.

## The Library

The library at Kolkata Campus is gradually growing with resources and other electronic and virtual information. It is presently equipped with the collection of around 5000 books, 90+ printed national and international journals, 5,000 national & international journals (including e- journals) in the field of International Business management and related areas, such as International Trade, Statistics, Economics, Mathematics, Marketing, Psychology, Operation Research, Business Communication, Advertising and others and thesis and reports in the field of global economics and related facets.

On-line databases (accessible from the campus) are one of the most important and valuable resources of the library. The library provides access to over 200+ full text e-journals on economics, and databases like Economist Intelligence Unit, CMIE Prowess, Industry Outlook, and EPWRF India Time Series. Bloomberg, which is the premier source for global business and financial information, is also installed in the library.

## Computer Centre

Kolkata Campus is having 100 mbps for its Internet requirements besides 20 mbps NLD between Delhi & Kolkata campuses. WiFi services are also made available to the students in the campus. Libsys, Prowess, India Trades, Bloomberg Terminals, World Trade Atlas services have been facilitated locally from IIFT Kolkata Digital lab at IIFT Kolkata is well equipped with 30 latest model computers for student access. Kolkata campus also has an online classroom studio to conduct online certificate and executive programmes.



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