

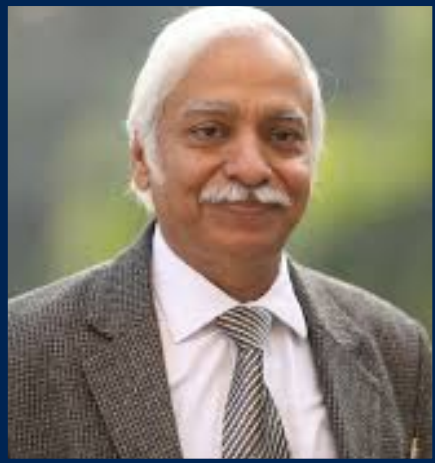


# Ph.D. (ECONOMICS) Programme 2026 PROSPECTUS



**भारतीय विदेश व्यापार संस्थान**  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE**  
(Deemed to be University)

# FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DESK



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

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India is a unique institution that is closely associated with formulating international trade policies as well as focusing on academic rigor and innovative research.

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.

Over the last six decades, IIFT has nurtured talent in the arena of international business and trade and has a strong alumni base in India and abroad.

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 such as WTO reforms, regional trade agreements (including India–UK CETA, the proposed EU–India FTA, CEPA and others), green transition financing, and digital economy regulation call for economists who can combine rigorous analytical skills with deep policy understanding which has been the strength of our Ph.D. Economics programme.

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 five-year Ph.D. in Economics Programme offered at IIFT is one of the most preferred research degree programmes available in Indian and overseas Universities/ Institutes. It is heartening to note that many IIFT Ph.D. scholars are publishing regularly in refereed national and international reputed journals and other forums. Some of IIFT's successful research scholars are occupying high positions in academic and research institutes, government departments and leading corporate groups.

**I welcome you to become a part of IIFT's Ph.D. programme and join a growing knowledge network that thrives on supporting your pursuit of research.**

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

# VISION

To be an academic Centre of Excellence in international business research, training and education.



IIFT, New Delhi

# MISSION



IIFT, Kolkata

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



DELHI



KOLKATA



KAKINADA



GIFT CITY

# 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 & ACTIVITIES

**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.
- 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:
  - Ph.D. (Economics) Programme at Delhi and Kolkata.
  - Ph.D. (Management) Programme at Delhi and Kolkata.
  - Two-year MA Economics (Specialization in Trade & Finance) at Delhi and Kolkata.
- Two-year MBA (International Business) at Delhi, Kolkata, Kakinada & GIFT City.
- Two-year MBA (Business Analytics) at New Delhi.
- Five years Integrated programme in Management (Business Analytics and International Business) at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) campus
- Two years & six months MBA (International Business) Weekend at Delhi and Kolkata.
- Post Graduate Diploma in Management (International Business) at Delhi and Kolkata.
- Post Graduate Certificate in Management (International Business) at Delhi.
- Post Graduate Diploma in Management Human Resource Development Management (On-campus) at Delhi.
- Executive Post Graduate Diploma in International Business (Hybrid).
- Executive Post Graduate Diploma in International Business Strategy (Hybrid).
- Certificate Programme in Export Import Management.

## About IIFT Economics Division

The Economics Division of the IIFT is 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.

# How to Apply

Please visit the IIFT website, i.e., [www.iift.ac.in](http://www.iift.ac.in), and search for the Ph.D. ADMISSIONS 2026 under the latest updates. Submit the online form along with the necessary enclosures as per the details given on the website.

The cost of the Application Form is a one-time payment of 2,500/- ( 1,250 in respect of SC/ST/PwD candidates and US\$120/8,500/- for NRI / Foreign Nationals). The Fee is payable online while submitting the Application Form. The candidates are not required to pay any other fee.

## All communication may be sent to:

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

## For Academic Query (Ph.D.)

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# Important Dates

Last date of submission of application Letter of recommendation and statement of purpose	30th June, 2026
Declaration of shortlist candidates	July 1st Week, 2026
Personal Interview (offline)	July 2nd Week, 2026
Declaration of Final Results	July 3rd Week, 2026
Commencement of the Programme	First week of August 2026

## Important Enclosures to be uploaded with Online Application Form

1. Copy of “Statement of Purpose” for the proposed Ph.D. Programme, clearly indicating the Research Interest/ Discipline/Area objective, etc. (4-5 pages).
2. Self-Attested copies of certificates & mark-sheets of qualifying degrees and other certificates (from SSC level).
3. One letter of recommendation (in the format provided in the Application Form).
4. Example of scholarly research or professional writing (Preferable though not mandatory)
5. SC/ST/OBC (NCL)/GEN (EWS)/PwD category candidates need to attach category certificate.

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

# About Ph.D. Economics

The Institute invites applications for its Ph.D. in Economics Programme from both domestic and overseas candidates for the year 2026.



## Objectives

One of the primary purposes of the Ph.D. programme is to encourage scholars to undertake research and in-depth analysis and enrich knowledge in their chosen field. It includes the ability to independently apply methodologies of scientific research as well as to create new scientific knowledge. Further, the scholars are expected to demonstrate an ability to critically analyze research findings and to understand their importance in the wider contexts and effectively communicate and disseminate research results.

date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. (3) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave. This will be updated from time to time as per the UGC Rules.

During the first year, selected scholars need to complete the course work at the Institute covering two semesters. On successful completion of the course work including Seminar Paper and approval of the proposed research topic (Synopsis Confirmation), a confirmation certificate will be issued along with the name of Ph.D. Supervisor. A three-member Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) will be set up for each scholar for his / her doctoral research. The scholar has to present his/her research progress to the DAC at least two times a year. There is a minimum period of 2 years from the date of receiving the synopsis confirmation certificate after which the doctoral thesis can be submitted for external evaluation.

A maximum of 6 students in Delhi (only Full time) and 8 students in Kolkata (Full time: 7 and Part time: 1) will be admitted to the PhD (Economics) programme of the institute this year subject to suitability of the candidates. However, the reservations will be as per the Government of India rules.

## Duration & Process

Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme. (2) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re- registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the



## Course Structure

Selected scholars are required to attend course work at IIFT during the first year of the Programme. The total course work is of 19 credit hours. The course work is divided over two semesters: Semester 1 and Semester 2. Total credit hours are 190. All full-time PhD classes will be held between Monday and Friday.

In addition to the coursework, all Ph.D. Scholars including UGC (JRF) holders at the Institute will be involved in various teaching, research and other academic activities (e.g., offering tutorials, case presentations, etc.), helping faculty in teaching and evaluations.



## Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for applying to IIFT's Ph.D. Programme (Economics) are the following:

### Indian Scholars: Ph.D. (Economics):

#### 1. Candidates who have completed:

- a. 1-year/2-semester master degree programme in Economics after a 4-year/8- semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in Economics after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution. The courses must be as per the Equivalence Granted by AIU to the Institute / University during that duration.
- b. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- c. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme with Economics major should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

2. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which

is approved, recognized, or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Economics. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- Candidates who are in the final year of the above-mentioned degree programme(s) are also eligible to apply. However, if selected, their admission will be on a provisional basis. Admission of such candidates who joins the Ph.D. Programme on a provisional basis but fails to obtain minimum percentage in the as defined above is liable to be cancelled forthwith. Such candidates should immediately inform the Institution of the declaration of her / his results. Admission of candidates who do not inform the Institute of such situation will automatically stand cancelled on 15th December 2026. No request for extension of time for re-evaluation, etc. will be entertained.



## Overseas Scholars

- Overseas candidates who have a Master's/M.Phil. degree in any discipline from a recognized university with at least 55% marks or a CGPA equivalent to B Plus in aggregate can apply only to IIFT's full-time Ph.D. programme in Economics.
- Minimum knowledge of spoken and written English is essential.
- There is no scholarship, or residential / hostel facility available for overseas scholars in the Institute.

**Age Limit:** There is no age limit.

## Admission Process

In accordance with the UGC guidelines, admission to the Ph.D. (Economics) Programme for the academic year 2026 will be based on UGC NET scores in Economics only. There shall be no separate entrance test.

### **Admission Criteria:**

- Candidates who have qualified UGC JRF in June 2023, December 2023, June 2024 and December 2024 are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. Programme.
- Candidates who have qualified UGC NET or JRF in June 2025 and December 2025 are eligible to apply under the following three categories:
  - Category 1: Eligible for (i) admission to the Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
  - Category 2: Eligible for (i) admission to the Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
  - Category 3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

### **Selection Process**

- Shortlisting of candidates for interviews will be based on the number of available Ph.D. seats.
- The weightage for the selection process will be:
  - 70% based on UGC NET scores
  - 30% based on performance in the interview.

# Centres for Ph.D. Economics Programme

A Candidate must clearly mention in the online application, whether he /she is applying for admission to Ph.D. in Economics (Full- time or Part- Time) Programme, 2026 for Delhi Campus or Kolkata Campus.

## Indian Scholars

### Full-Time Ph.D. Scholars

There is no programme fee for Indian Full- Time Ph.D. Scholars. However, they have to pay Library Security Deposit (Refundable) of Rs. 5,000/-.

### Part-Time Ph.D Scholars

Part-Time Scholars have to pay following Programme Fee:

- 1st Installment (At the time of joining) : Rs. 2,00,000/-
- 2nd Installment (January 2026) : Rs. 67,500/-
- 3rd Installment (January 2027) : Rs. 67,500/-
- 4th Installment (January 2028) : Rs. 67,500/-
- 5th Installment (January 2029) : Rs. 67,500/-

Student Activities Fee to be paid at the time of joining (for three years): Rs. 15,000.00

Alumni Fee to be paid at the time of joining – Rs. 10,000/-

Library Deposit (Refundable) to pay at the time of Joining – Rs. 5,000/-

Examination Fee to be paid by June 2029 or at the time of thesis submission – Rs. 35,000/-\*

There will be relaxation of 50% fee in Programme Fee & Examination Fee (except Library Fees, Alumni and student activities fee) for SC/ST/PWD students.

Additional fees to be paid at the time of re-registration and thesis submission or delay in payment will be decided as per the Institute's rules at the time.

# Candidates need to confirm the Synopsis and Title of the Thesis within one year of the completion of course work. For details, see the Rules for the Ph.D. Programme.

*\*There will be relaxation of 50% fee in Programme Fee & Examination Fee (except Library Fees, Alumni and student activities fee) for SC/ST/PWD students.*

*\*IIFT reserve the right to change the mode of conduct of Ph.D. Programme according to its rules.*

**Please note: If a scholar drops a year with due approval, she has to submit the fee as per the fee schedule mentioned above.**

## Fellowship for Indian

### Full-Time Ph.D. Scholars

An amount of Rs. 37000/- plus HRA is payable for Ph.D. scholars for first two years and Rs. 42,000/- p.m. plus HRA for remaining three years on the basis of performance of students. The amount is subject to revision by the Institute. For continuation of scholarship in the second phase, performance evaluation will be done on half-yearly basis. The Ph.D. scholars are given the opportunity to participate in ongoing research projects of the Economics Division and assist faculty members in conducting tutorials.

## Overseas Scholars

The total programme fee for Foreign Scholars is US\$10,000 (US\$2,000 per year)

### Refund of Fee

**If a student opts to withdraw from the programme, the institute shall follow the guidelines issued by UGC for refund of fee.**

Note: The Institute reserves the right to charge any other fees from the scholars or increase the fees if considered necessary. In case of making such changes, due notice would be given in advance. For any matter relating to the conduct of the programme, the decision of the authority as per IIFT Rules will be binding.

## Doctoral Scholars at IIFT

- The doctoral scholars at IIFT Ph.D. Programme regularly participate in national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and other events such as Doctoral Consortium organized by Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI).

Research scholars regularly publish research papers in reputed referred academic journals (ABDC /SCOPUS Ranked), policy papers, working papers and others. In recent years, IIFT research scholars have published in reputed journals such as: Energy Policy (Elsevier), Journal of Policy Modelling (Elsevier), Foreign Trade Review, Global Business Review, South Asia Economic Journal, Journal of Emerging Markets Finance, The Indian Economic Journal(Sage), International Journal of Enterprise Network Management, Journal of Financial Economic Policy, International Journal of Emerging Markets, European Journal of Health Economics, Applied Economics, Indian Growth and Development Review etc.



### The Approved Course Structure of IIFT Ph.D. Economics Programme (Full/Part Time) is as follows:

Name of Course	Credits	
First Semester	Econometric Theory and Practical Applications	3
	Advanced Microeconomic Theory	3
	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	3
	Research Methodology	3
	Research and Publication Ethics	2
Note: In the second semester, Seminar paper is compulsory. Additionally, students must opt for one course from the six elective courses mentioned below.		
Second Semester	Seminar paper	2
	Topics in Microeconomics (Elective)	3
	Topics in Macroeconomics (Elective)	3
	Advanced Trade Theory (Elective)	3
	Empirical Trade (Elective)	3
	Development issues in India (Elective)	3
	Applied Topics in Econometrics (Elective)	3

*\*Course structure is subject to revision from time to time.*

# Economics Faculty

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

# CAMPUS AND FACILITIES AT IIFT



## 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. Another residential facility has been created for the students 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 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.

### 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, and Industry Outlook and Economic Outlook), Commodity Price Bulletin, Direction of Trade Statistics, EIU Online, EBSCO, Emerald Management Extra, e-pharma, IFS, Indiatat.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 Rs. 5,000/- for Library membership, which is Refundable at the end of the Programme.

## Computer Facilities

The IIFT Computer Centre in Delhi provides comprehensive, robust IT infrastructure for academic excellence, featuring 99% uptime, 24x7 computer labs, and a 1000 Mbps leased line for seamless connectivity. To support research and online education, it operates a specialized Data Analytics Lab and utilizes the Moodle LMS for faculty-student interaction.

### Core IT Infrastructure

**Internet & Connectivity:** A robust 1000 MBPS leased line connected via two different ISPs on load balancing ensures uninterrupted connectivity. The entire campus is fully Wi-Fi enabled with a Layer 3 network infrastructure.

**Uptime Guarantee:** Targets a 99% uptime rate for seamless hardware, network operations, and data recovery.

### Dedicated Computer Labs

**Main Computer Lab:** Open for students, equipped with an adequate number of desktops fully loaded with necessary application software.

**Data Analytics Lab (DAL):** Tailored for high-dimensional statistics and functional data analysis, featuring 40 computers with specialized software such as SPSS, Hadoop, and SAS.

### Online Education & Digital Support

**Moodle LMS:** Implemented the Moodle LMS to facilitate day-to-day faculty-student interactions

**Video & Web Conferencing:** High-quality conferencing facilities link campuses for meetings, training, and placement activities.

**Virtual Learning:** Advanced IT support allows IIFT to host real-time broadband sessions for its expanding suite of online education programs.

**VPN Facilities:** Provides VPN facilities for accessing Journals and Databases.

# 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 foster 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.

# KAKINADA CAMPUS



A land measuring 25 acres has been allotted to the Institute for setting up a full-fledged campus at Kakinada, a beautiful coastal town and a smart city in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

For the present batches of Integrated Programme in Management (Business Analytics and International Business), Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada has permitted IIFT to utilize a part of its campus and facilities for the purpose of conducting the Integrated Programme in Management. The University has state of art infrastructural facilities like Internet connectivity, library, playgrounds, auditorium, canteen and medical services. The classrooms are fully air conditional with modern audio-visual aids.

# GIFT CITY CAMPUS

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), a premier B-School under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, has extended its presence to GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), Gandhinagar. This marks a strategic milestone in IIFT’s vision to expand its academic and research footprint in the western region of India. Located in GIFT Tower-2, across the 16th and 17th floors, the IIFT GIFT City facility reflects the Institute’s commitment to aligning with India’s evolving trade, finance, and economic priorities. The GIFT City environment brings together world-class infrastructure, regulatory innovation, and a growing ecosystem of 700+ companies including banks, fintech firms, insurance companies, clearing corporations, shipping, logistics, IT and ITeS and global institutions. IIFT’s presence at GIFT City signifies a dynamic fusion of academic excellence with industry relevance, offering students and professionals direct exposure to India’s evolving international trade and financial landscape.



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## JOURNAL DIVISION

The Journal Division brings out IIFT Journals, Newsletter, Working Papers, and Seminar Series. Foreign Trade Review (FTR) is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal having more than four and half decades of existence in the academic research fraternity. The journal is published by SAGE Publications India. This journal is included in the following abstracting and indexing databases: SCOPUS, Chartered Association of Business Schools (ABS); ABDC-B, Clarivate Analytics: Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). The Journal intends to serve as a comprehensive forum for theoretical and empirical research on International Trade and Business. Focus WTO, another peer-reviewed quarterly journal published by the Institute. The objective of this interdisciplinary Focus WTO is to encourage applications of conceptual ideas and research methods in international business and management. “Focus WTO is indexed under the Directory of Research Journals Indexing (DRJI), Indian Citation Index (ICI), and J Gate. The papers are published online and uploaded on the IIFT website. The Publication Division also publishes an in-house quarterly newsletter and hosts working papers and conducts seminar series.

## CENTRES AT IIFT

IIFT has following centres dedicated to respective focus areas, which contribute significantly to research, training and consultancy.

- Centre for WTO Studies
- Centre for Trade Facilitation and Logistics
- Centre for Regional Trade
- Centre for Trade & Investment Law
- Centre for North Eastern Studies (CeNEST)
- IIFT Case Study
- Centre for International Negotiations

## Software Training in Economics

Students enrolling under the Ph.D. (Economics) and MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance) Programmes at IIFT are receiving hands-on training on various methodologies by the dignitaries 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 the data analytics skills of the students.

# 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.





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