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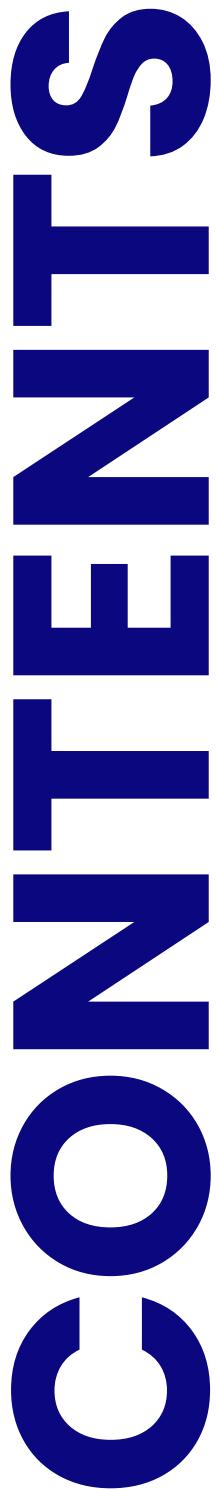
M.A. ECONOMICS (SPECIALIZATION IN TRADE & FINANCE)



NEW DELHI Campus



KOLKATA Campus



IIFT
INSTITUTE
OF
INTEGRATED
MANAGEMENT
TECHNOLOGY

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AN OVERVIEW

ABOUT IIFT

Established in 1963 by the Government of India, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) is a premier autonomous deemed to be University under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. From its inception, IIFT has been singularly focused on nurturing expert human capital in international trade, economics, and global business, earning recognition as a national university with a specialized mandate in this domain.

IIFT is committed to fostering a dynamic and intellectually rigorous learning environment that nurtures future leaders in international business, analytics, data science, and economics. With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary training and experiential learning, the institute aims to cultivate professionals equipped to navigate the complexities of global trade and economic policymaking.

Launched in 2018 at both the Delhi and Kolkata campuses, the M.A. Economics (Trade & Finance) program provides rigorous training for students seeking to excel in economic policy, trade analytics, and strategic leadership in global applied research and analytics.

VISION & MISSION

- IIFT aims to be a globally recognized center of excellence in international trade and business education.
- Its mission is to develop leaders in international business through high-quality education, research, and industry engagement.

RANKINGS & ACCREDITATIONS



AN OVERVIEW —



ABOUT DIVISION OF ECONOMICS

The Division of Economics, IIFT stands as a cornerstone of academic excellence, fostering a profound understanding of economic theory and its practical applications. With a robust curriculum designed to encompass both classical and contemporary economic thought. The division equips students with the analytical tools necessary to navigate and influence the complex global economic landscape.

The M.A Economics program (with specialization in Trade & Finance) is one of the top-ranked MA programs in the country with a good mix of theoretical and empirical knowledge that enables students to kickstart their careers in the fields of academia, research, consulting, policy-making, and various sectors of the industry, including banking, finance, and international trade. With a strong focus on analytical and problem-solving skills, the program aims to develop future leaders and experts in economics and related fields.



The Division of Economics, IIFT is ranked **8th** by **IDEAS-RePEc**, reflecting its robust research output and contributions to the field of economics through impactful publications.

MESSAGE FROM VICE CHANCELLOR

*"It is with great pleasure that I invite you to connect with our talented cohort of **M.A. Economics** students who are eager to bring their skills and insights to your esteemed organization.*

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) stands for academic and professional excellence. Over the past five decades, IIFT has fostered excellence in the fields of international trade and investment. With a modest beginning as a facilitator for external trade in 1963, IIFT has emerged as one of the pioneering institutes in the Asia Pacific, playing the role of a leading B-School in the Subcontinent, besides being a Think Tank Organization for foreign trade and policy matters and also a hub for research and knowledge dissemination.

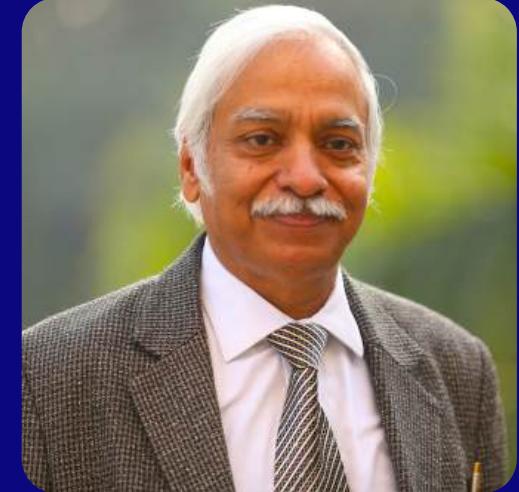
Recognizing its significant contribution to developing skills and knowledge in International, IIFT was granted the status of a "Deemed to be University" in 2002. With campuses in Delhi, Kolkata, Kakinada, and GIFT City, Gujarat, IIFT has established a strong national presence."

"Our unwavering focus on academic excellence is underscored by the 'Grade A' accreditation awarded by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Consistently ranked among the top business schools in India by various reputed surveys, IIFT secured the 15th position in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024. Our global perspective is further enhanced through numerous Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with prestigious international institutions.

The MA (Economics - Specialization in Trade & Finance) Programme offered at IIFT was first launched in 2018 and has become one of the most preferred master's programmes in Economics in India because of its emphasis on applied and policy issues in Economics. The rich experience of IIFT faculty empowers our students with advanced insights into contemporary economics and international trade, preparing them to excel as business analysts, financial and economic consultants, strategy specialists, policy advisors, and key decision-makers across various spheres and industries, including financial institutions, corporates, banks, and the government sector.

I encourage recruiters to collaborate with us at IIFT to leverage the exceptional talent of the M.A. Economics batch of 2026. The rigorous curriculum, coupled with practical training through internships and research projects, ensures that our graduates are industry-ready and capable of adding significant value to your organization.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus and to a successful placement season ahead.
Warm Regards"



Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi

VICE CHANCELLOR

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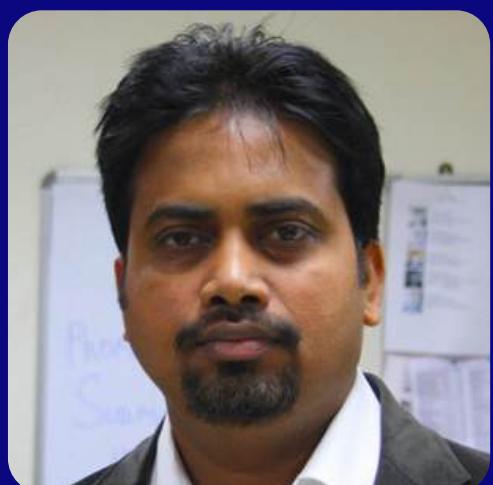
MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF DIVISION

"IIFT's MA Economics program having the distinctive blend of specialization in trade & finance with focus on applied policy research and analysis creates a cohort of young economists who are truly industry-ready and poised for achieving the best. Within short span of time the program has already made its mark as one of the leading master programs in the country".

"Prof. Sahu has more than two and half decades of academic experience in economics and policy research. He has been a Chair Professor (Tel Aviv University, Israel), Visiting Professor (NIFTEM, IIM, NABARD), Fellow (S. Daniel Abraham Centre for International and Regional Studies). He has around hundreds of research publications and his major research areas are Labor Economics, Development Economics, Trade & Policy.



Dr. Basanta K. Sahu
HoD, Economics Division,
Delhi



Dr. Bibek Ray Chaudhuri
HoD, Economics Division,
Kolkata

"At IIFT, we strive to equip our students with the skills needed to become future-ready professionals—whether they pursue careers in academia, corporates, government, or policy think tanks. The curriculum and workshops focus on building relevant toolsets, and the diverse roles held by our alumni reflect the strong industry recognition of these capabilities."

Dr. Bibek began his career at NCAER and was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Manchester (SEED). His research spans empirical trade, microfinance, and political marketing, with publications in journals like Journal of Business Research, EPW, and Journal of Political Marketing. He received the Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (GDN), travel grants from PEP, Canada, and UGC fellowships. He teaches Macroeconomics, Banking, and Development Policy.

FACULTY MEMBERS ECONOMICS DIVISION



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Environmental Economics & Advanced Econometrics



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Microeconomics, Network Economics & Financial Economics



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Professor
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Professor
International Trade



Dr. Taufeeq Ajaz
Assistant Professor
Macroeconomics & Econometrics



Dr. Triptendu Prakash Ghosh
Assistant Professor
Financial Economics

COURSE STRUCTURE

CORE SUBJECTS

Semester-1

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

Semester-2

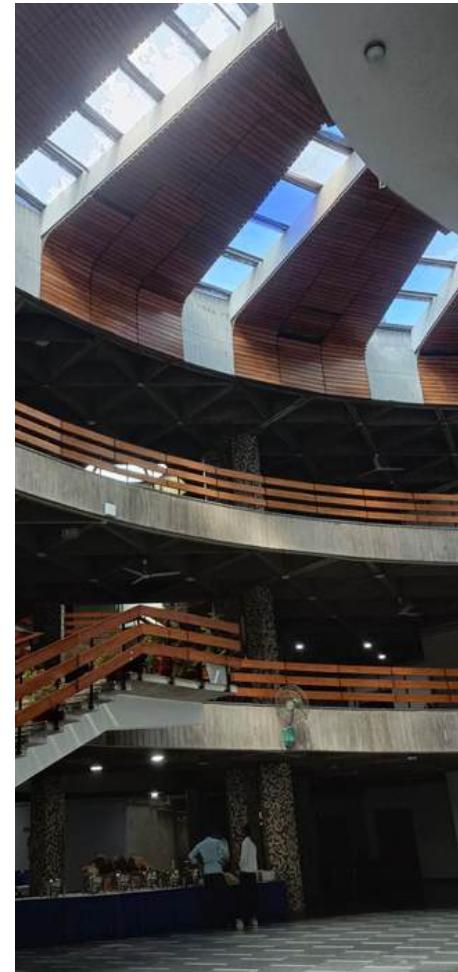
- Microeconomic Theory II
- Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics
- Financial Economics
- International Trade Theory

Semester-3

- Issues in International Macroeconomics & Finance

Semester-4

- Development & Economic Policy in India



ELECTIVE COURSES (Trade & Finance)

Semester-3

- Applied Econometrics
- WTO & Contemporary Trade Issues
- Banking & Financial Intermediation
- Investment Theory
- Trade and Development
- Empirical Issues in Trade
- Law & Economics

Semester-4

- Advanced Topics in Trade Theory
- Computable General Equilibrium Analysis and Applications
- Derivatives & Risk Management
- Economics of Environment
- Economics of Networks
- Financial Modeling
- Labour Economics



COURSE TIMELINE (2024-26)

SEMESTER 1

(AUGUST-DECEMBER)

- Admission
- Course Program Orientation
- Coursework Lectures
- Club Orientation
- Presentations
- Midterm Exams
- Monthly Seminars
- Alumnae Interaction
- End Term Examination

SEMESTER 2

(JANUARY-MAY)

- Summer Internship Programme Orientation
- Internship Registration
- Case Competitions
- Quo Vadis - Cultural Fest
- Mid-Term Examinations
- Monthly Industry Professional Interaction
- End-Term Examination & Projects

SEMESTER 3

(AUGUST-DECEMBER)

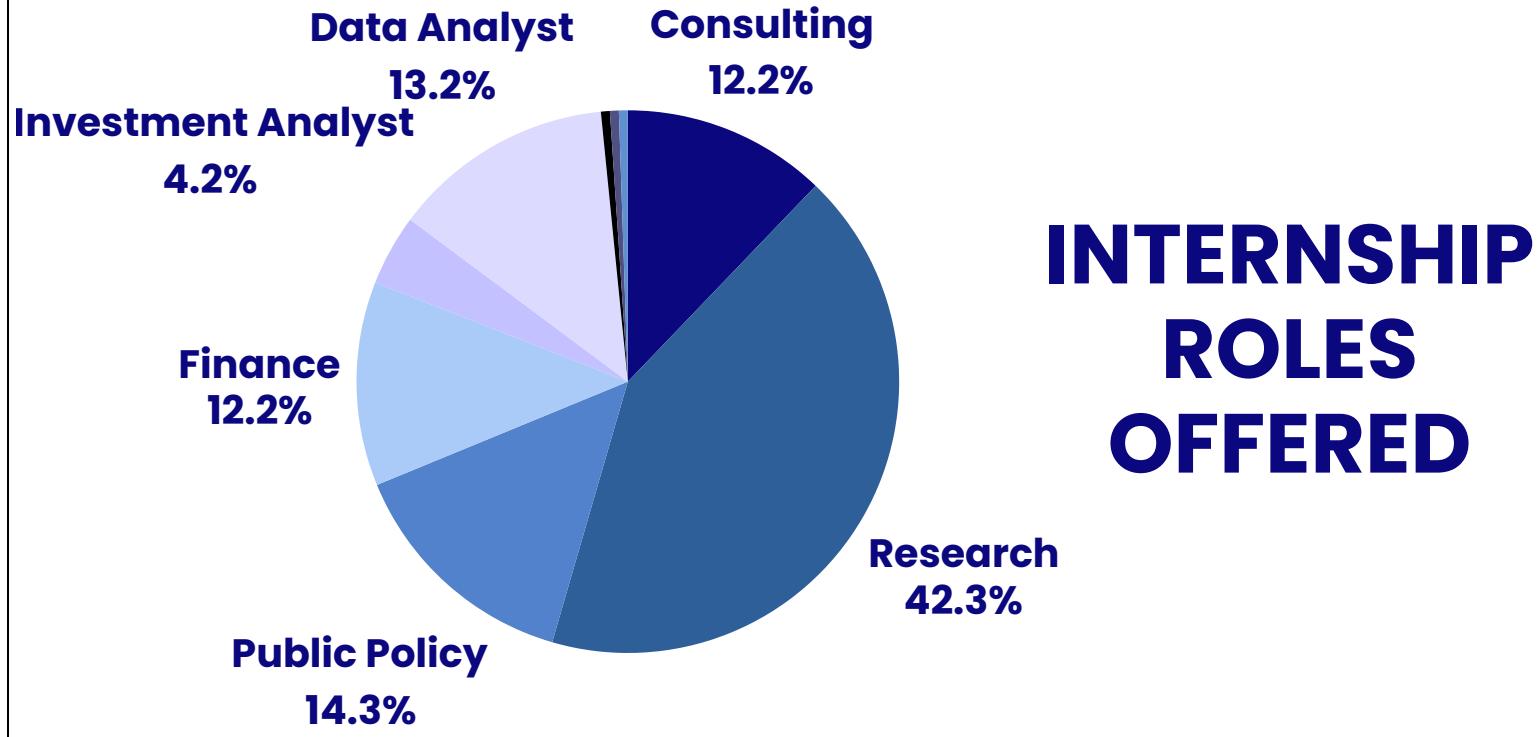
- Placements Orientation
- Selection of Electives
- Dissertation topic selection
- Classroom Teachings
- Commencement of Placement Drive 1
- Mid-Term Projects and Exams
- Monthly Seminars and trainings
- End-Term Examination

SEMESTER 4

(JANUARY-JUNE)

- Commencement of Placement Drive - 2
- Industry Professionals Trainings & Interactions
- Alumnae Connect
- Quo Vadis - Cultural Fest
- Mid-Term Projects and Exams
- Dissertation Submission & Viva
- End-Term Examinations

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2024-26



INTERNSHIP BY SECTORS

CORPORATE &
STARTUPS
50+

GOVERNMENT &
PSU's
10+

THINK TANKS
15+

EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTES
5+



SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2024-26

CORPORATE



GOVERNMENT



PSU's



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

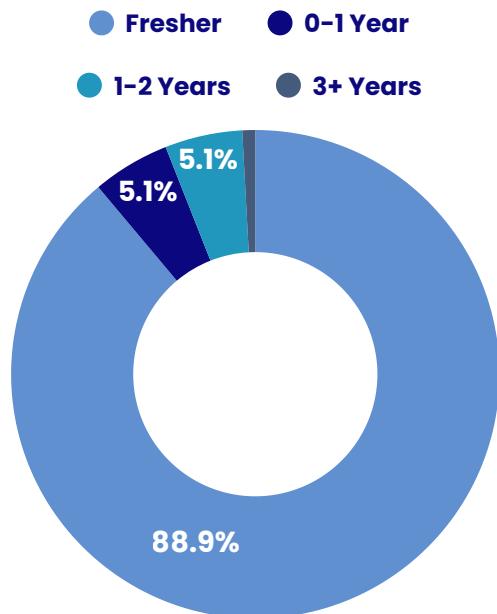


THINK TANKS

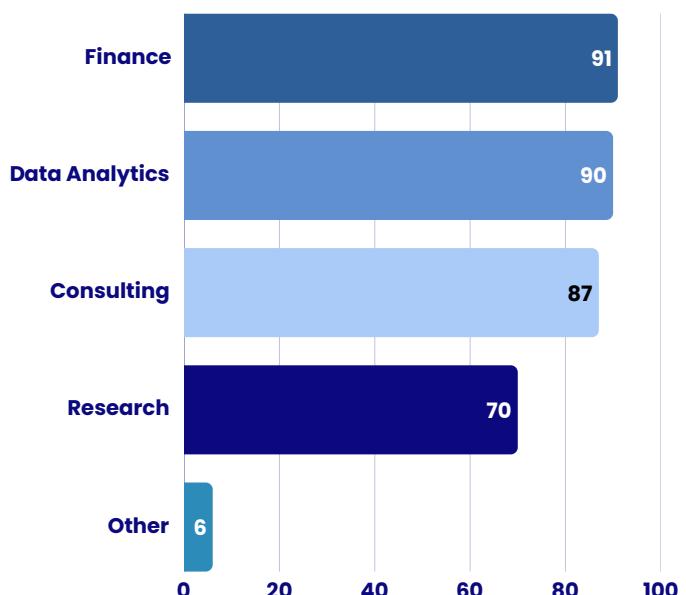


BATCH STATISTICS 2024-26

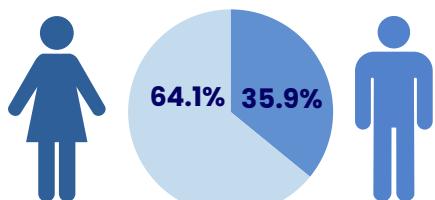
WORK EXPERIENCE



DOMAIN STRENGTH



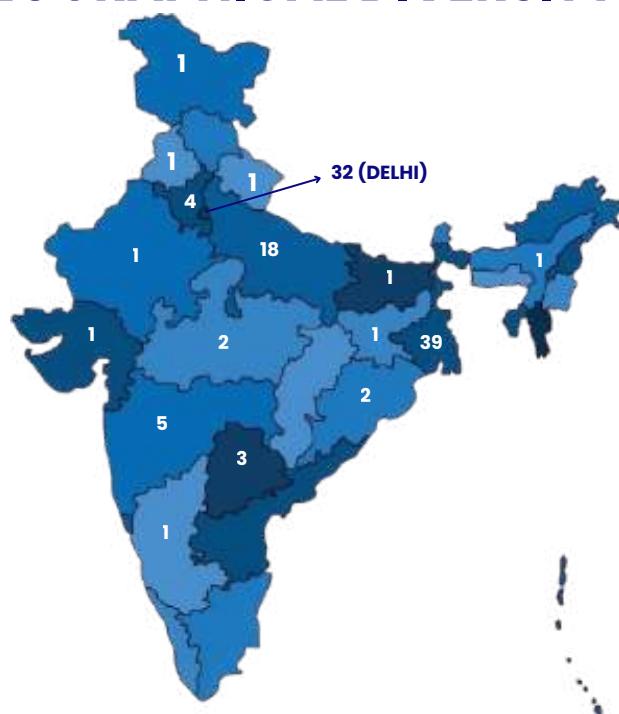
GENDER RATIO



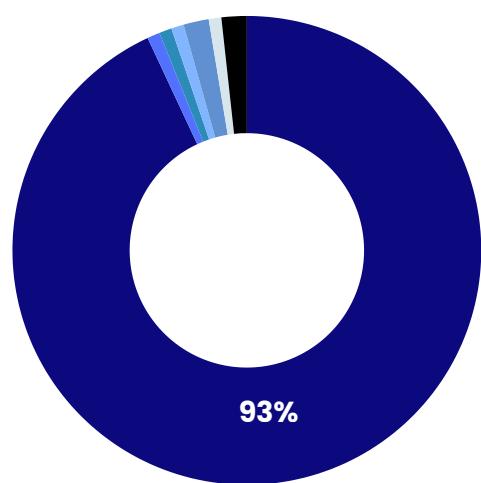
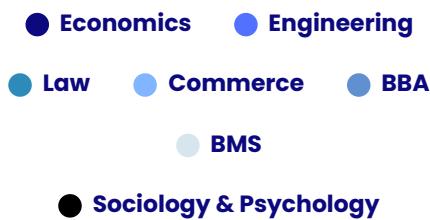
CAREER DOMAINS



GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY



ACADEMIC BACKGROUND



BATCH PROFILE

CASE & BUSINESS COMPETITIONS WON



SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

CERTIFICATIONS ACHIEVED



RECRUITMENT PROCESS

01. OUTREACH & SCHEDULING

- The Placement Committee initiates contact with potential recruiters.
- **Pre-placement talks & webinars** are organized to provide students with insights into the company's work culture, roles & expectations.

02. CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

- Interested students register for the recruitment drive by **submitting their resumes**.
- This allows companies to shortlist candidates based on their profiles, academic backgrounds, & areas of interest.

03. SCREENING & ASSESSMENT

- Companies may conduct **aptitude tests, case studies, or group discussions** to shortlist candidates for interviews.
- These assessments are tailored to test technical knowledge, problem-solving skills, and communication abilities.

04. INTERVIEWS & INTERACTIONS

- Shortlisted candidates participate in **1 or more rounds of interviews**.
- Depending on the organization's structure, these can be conducted **virtually or on campus**.

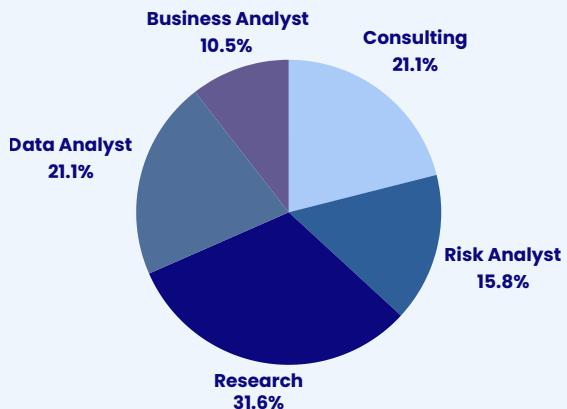
05. FINAL OFFERS & ONBOARDINGS

- Selected candidates receive **offer letters**, which are coordinated through the Placement Committee to ensure transparency.
- Recruiters may also provide **timelines for onboarding** and any required formalities post-selection.

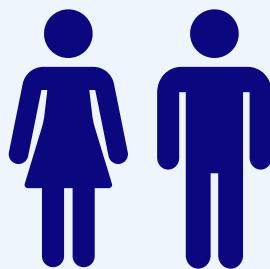
PLACEMENTS 2023-25



ROLES OFFERED



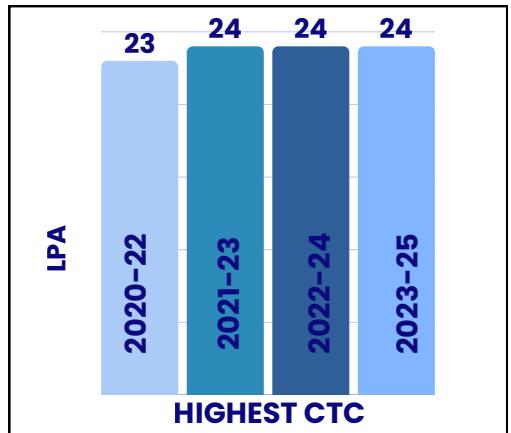
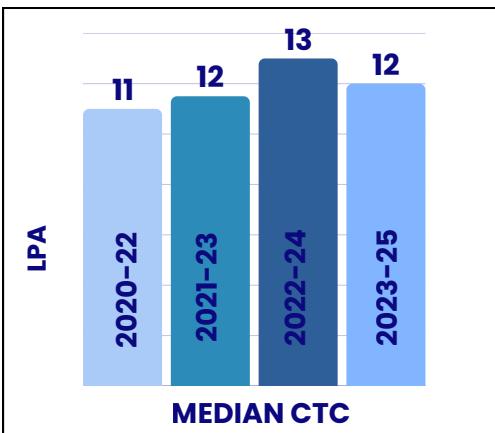
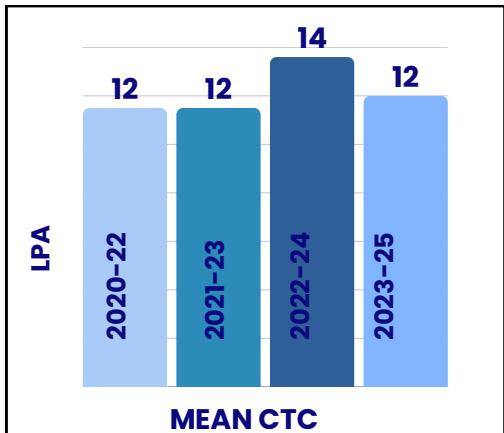
GENDER RATIO



64.2%

35.8%

PLACEMENT RECORDS



PAST RECRUITERS

RISK ANALYST | CONSULTANT | DATA ANALYST
DATA SCIENTIST | BUSINESS ANALYST | RESEARCH ASSOCIATE



Social Impact
Through Data



KEN RESEARCH
YOUR SEARCH ENDS WITH OUR RESEARCH



MOODY'S
RATINGS



CUTS®
International



Crisil
a company of S&P Global

Deloitte. dunnhumby



Confederation of Indian Industry

WHY US?



**EMPIRICAL RESEARCH, ECONOMETRICS
& FINANCIAL MODELLING**



**HANDS-ON TRAINING IN R, PYTHON &
ADVANCED DATA PACKAGES**



**EXPOSURE TO TRADE POLICY, STRATEGY
& POLICY ADVOCACY**



**SPECIALIZATION IN FINANCE,
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT**



**ROBUST DISSERTATION, TECHNICAL
TRAINING & INDUSTRY READINESS**



**TIME MANAGEMENT, TEAMWORK &
LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



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The rigorous course structure at IIFT has been extremely beneficial. All the subjects had brainstorming assignments, which helped us think analytically. The dissertation has been a significant advantage, requiring us to apply knowledge learned in statistics and econometrics and work on real-time databases or collect surveys on our own for individual study. This provided individuals with exposure to how these concepts can be applied to real-world problem statements.

Richa Gulwani | Batch 2018-20
Manager - Model Risk | Synchrony



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My time at IIFT was pivotal in shaping both my professional and personal growth. Being around such driven peers and the academic rigor helped me build confidence and adaptability early on. The exposure to real-world business problems pushed me to think beyond the textbook, and that mindset stayed with me, giving me the foundation to pivot confidently from a core analytics role at Dunnhumby to a consulting role at Bain & Company.

Arushi Gupta | Batch 2020-22
Associate | Bain & Company



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IIFT has been a transformative journey that I will always cherish. The quality of peers you find here constantly challenges you to think sharper and strive harder, a key driver of my personal and professional growth. The faculty members, with their deep industry insights and unwavering support, played a pivotal role in shaping my perspective. IIFT doesn't just prepare you for the industry, it builds you into a professional who's ready to lead.

Vineet Anand | Batch 2021-23
Financial Services Consultant | Grant Thornton Bharat



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My time at IIFT played a key role in shaping my growth. The rigorous environment and diverse perspectives strengthened my ability to think critically and approach problems with clarity, building a strong foundation in economics with a quantitative and mathematical focus that shaped my data-driven, analytical mindset. These learnings continue to guide me and give me the confidence to handle new challenges in my career.

Ruchira Dutta | Batch 2021-23
Data Scientist | EXL



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IIFT sparked my transformation, confidence, and broadened my perspective with its rigorous, internationally focused curriculum and real-time case studies. The institute's sterling brand brought that extra trust and gave me the privilege to represent it at Amex. The student-led placement cell, industry interactions, taught me resilience, teamwork, and corporate finesse. Today, every day at Amex, I carry forward IIFT's ambition, integrity, and readiness to shape global business.

Dipannita Nath | Batch 2022-24
Risk Analyst | American Express



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My experience at IIFT Delhi was fulfilling and holistic. The two years not only shaped me into a more confident and well-rounded individual but also equipped me with invaluable skills and perspectives. The rigorous environment, peer interactions provided learning that contributed to my personal growth and career success. Every experience at IIFT, in some way or the other, has left a lasting impact on my professional journey.

Neha Gupta | Batch 2022-24
Credit Risk Analyst | Citibank

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

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My M.A. in Economics from IIFT, specializing in Trade and Finance, built a formidable analytical foundation. The program's deep dive into statistics, econometric modeling, and financial analysis cultivated my love for data and a data-driven approach. This rigor was pivotal during my time at Dunnhumby. Now, as a Data Scientist at Oliver Wyman, I continue to apply that analytical precision to drive data-driven decisions on multifaceted problems.

Sankalp Nayak | Batch 2020-22
Data Scientist | Oliver Wyman

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IIFT's M.A. in Economics program gave me a strong analytical foundation and a deep understanding of global trade and finance. The mentorship of professors who genuinely invested in our growth shaped my critical thinking. It was this grounding that helped me thrive at Dunnhumby, where I worked at the intersection of data science and retail strategy, and now at Alvarez & Marsal in consulting.

Khushi Arya | Batch 2020-22
Senior Associate | Alvarez & Marsal

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My time at IIFT was a deeply enriching experience. The mix of rigorous coursework and practical learning helped me build a strong foundation in economic analysis and strategic thinking. The faculty placed a strong emphasis on applying concepts to real-world situations, which helped bridge the gap between theory and practice.

Samarth Khurana | Batch 2020-22
Research Science Analyst | McKinsey & Co

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My years at IIFT were instrumental in helping me identify my core interests and develop a sharper, more analytical way of thinking. The academic exposure and intellectual environment laid a strong foundation in economics and critical reasoning, which still continue to shape my professional journey.

Uttiya Majumdar | Batch 2021-23
Research Analyst | CRISIL

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My time at IIFT laid the groundwork for my career. The rigorous curriculum provided a strong analytical foundation, while diverse projects and case studies sharpened my problem-solving skills. The technical depth of the courses, especially in finance, gave me a distinct edge in my current role in banking. The mentorship from faculty created a vibrant ecosystem of learning and growth. IIFT was not just about earning a degree; it provided a mindset that remains invaluable to my professional - personal success.

Ruparna Gupta | Batch 2023-25
Liquidity Analyst | Standard Chartered

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My time at IIFT was shaped not only by its rigorous academic environment but also by the many real-world lessons it offered. But above all else, what I remain most grateful for is the diverse group of peers and mentors at IIFT who have taught me to see problems from multiple perspectives, communicate with empathy. These experiences have left a lasting imprint on my outlook, shaping not just how I work, but also how I engage with the world around me.

Sayantani Sarkar | Batch 2023-25
Associate | PwC

CLUBS AT IIFT

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IIFT ECONOMICS SOCIETY

A student-led body that promotes economic awareness by connecting classroom concepts with real-world applications through events, discussions, and publications.

Selected events organized:

- **Trumponomics and Tariffs**
- **Union Budget Panel Discussion.**

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PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Facilitates career opportunities by linking students with top recruiters, organizing training sessions, and ensuring a smooth placement process.

Selected events organized:

- **Basics of Investing and Riding the Market Rollercoaster**
- **Navigating through Corporate Realities**

03

IIFT ANALYTIX CLUB

The data and analytics club of IIFT that hones analytical thinking and data-driven decision-making through case competitions, workshops, and industry sessions.

Selected events organized:

- **Role of Economists in Banking and Financial Institutions**
- **Transforming data into business insights**

04

ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Acts as a bridge between students and IIFT's alumni network, fostering engagement through mentorship, guest talks, and flagship events.

Selected events organized:

- **Roadmap from IIFT to Indian Economic Service**
- **Panel Discussion on Scaling Start Ups in India**

05

IFSA IIFT

The IIFT chapter of the International Finance Student Association that encourages student interest in global finance through research and competitions.

Selected events organized:

- **Navigating BFSI Labyrinths: Scenarios and Macro Insights**
- **A Hands-On EMIS + CEIC Workshop**

STUDENT CORNER



INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONAL
INTERACTION



SEMINARS

CASE/DEBATE
COMPETITIONS



SPORTS & EXTRA CURRICULARS



STUDENTS AWARD | RANK HOLDERS – MERIT | Dr. Swarna Khuntia Gold Medal Award



GRAND ALUMNI REUNION



EIITF CONFERENCE



PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

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