



To

The Admission Committee

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Admission Committee Members,

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Ashrika Gupta, who was a student in the MBA (Analytics) program (2021-2023) at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kashipur. As Head of the Economics Department, I had the opportunity to closely observe her academic excellence, leadership abilities, and commitment to both analytical and extracurricular pursuits. Given her exceptional capabilities, I strongly support her application for masters at your esteemed institution.

Ashrika was among the top 15% of the Analytics Batch and demonstrated a remarkable ability to grasp and apply complex economic and statistical concepts. I had the privilege of teaching her Applied Econometrics for Managers (Term IV), where she consistently showcased an advanced understanding of quantitative methods. Her work on the prediction of state-wise juvenile crime propensity in India, using binary discrete choice models such as logit and probit models, was particularly impressive. She approached the project with meticulous attention to detail, innovative thinking, and a data-driven mindset, ultimately delivering an outstanding analysis that extended beyond coursework expectations.

Beyond academics, Ashrika played a pivotal role in fostering intellectual engagement within the IIM Kashipur community. As President of the Economics Club, she worked closely with faculty members, including myself, to enhance student-professor interactions. She took the initiative to organize industry discussions, knowledge-sharing sessions, and informal networking events, with faculty and students, which significantly strengthened relationships within the department. Her ability to lead and collaborate effectively made a lasting impact on the club's growth and student engagement.

In addition to her coursework and leadership roles, Ashrika actively participated in case study competitions, showcasing her analytical rigor and problem-solving skills in real-world financial and economic challenges. Her enthusiasm for learning extended beyond the classroom—she attended lectures by Dr. Debarshi Indra (Ph.D.), an economist at Amazon, further broadening her perspective on applied economic analysis.

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Ashrika's intellectual curiosity, strong analytical foundation, and leadership acumen make her an excellent candidate for a rigorous masters program. I have no doubt that she will excel in her graduate studies and make meaningful contributions to the field. She possesses the rare ability to combine quantitative expertise with strategic thinking—an essential trait for success in financial analytics and risk management.

I strongly recommend Ms. Ashrika Gupta for admission to your program and believe she will be a valuable addition to your academic community.

I appreciate your consideration for Ashrika's candidature. Kindly feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Thanks & Regards,

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