



# **CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**(Under the aegis of Govt. of Kerala & ICSSR, Govt. of India)**



## **Placement Brochure 2024-26**



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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS), with a distinguished history spanning over five decades, stands as a beacon of excellence in economic research and development studies. As Director of this esteemed institution, I am pleased to introduce our dynamic Master's Programme in Applied Economics.

Launched in the academic year 2012–13, the programme has consistently produced graduates who excel across a range of sectors—academia, corporate enterprises, research institutions, and public policy. It has swiftly gained recognition as one of the premier postgraduate economics programmes in India. Since 2017–18, following the introduction of the SAARC scholarship by the Government of Kerala, we have welcomed students from SAARC countries as well.



**Prof. C. Veeramani**

Affiliated with Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, the programme blends academic rigour with practical application. A defining feature of our training is the careful and theoretically informed analysis of empirical data. This equips our students to conduct evidence-based research on key aspects of the Indian and global economy.

At CDS, we cultivate a deep understanding of economic theory, quantitative techniques, and their application to real-world development challenges. Our diverse, international student community benefits from an inclusive learning environment enriched by seminars, lectures, workshops, and short certificate courses, all guided by a highly experienced faculty.

Original research is a cornerstone of our programme. In their final semester, students undertake a dissertation project that reflects their capacity to analyze real-world economic issues and devise innovative solutions. This experience strengthens their analytical and problem-solving skills and prepares them for the demands of both professional and academic careers.

The achievements of our alumni stand as testimony to the quality of education and mentoring they receive. From securing admission to top universities like Oxford and Chicago to contributing significantly in leading corporations and think tanks, our graduates have consistently set high benchmarks.

The 2024–26 cohort—an exceptional pool of talent—earned their place through a rigorous nationwide selection process. They have already demonstrated resilience, academic commitment, and a collaborative spirit. I am confident they will uphold the CDS legacy and contribute meaningfully to their chosen fields.

To prospective employers, I assure you that our graduates are exceptionally well-prepared, equipped with both deep economic insight and hands-on research experience. We invite you to engage with this outstanding group of students—each of whom brings intellect, skill, and untapped potential.

# PROGRAMME COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

The MA Programme at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), affiliated with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), offers rigorous training in Applied Economics. Known for its distinctive approach and pluralistic orientation, the Centre encourages critical analysis of development issues through a multidisciplinary lens that integrates history, politics, and local context.



**Prof. Thiagu Ranganathan**

The programme is built on three core pillars: analytical rigor, theoretical pluralism, and careful empirical investigation. Faculty at CDS emphasize a well-rounded understanding of development, promoting thoughtful engagement with diverse perspectives. The student body, drawn from across India and representing varied socio-economic backgrounds, further enriches the learning environment through meaningful peer interaction.

Launched in 2012–13, the MA programme continues the Centre's long-standing tradition of excellence in development studies, established over more than five decades. Alumni from CDS have gone on to occupy key positions in academia, government, the corporate world, non-profits, and the development sector — including several who have served as state finance ministers.

Structured over four semesters, the MA curriculum comprises sixteen courses. The first year offers foundational training in Development Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics, and the Contemporary Indian Economic Development. Building on this base, subsequent electives cover a range of topics such as Labour Economics, Agricultural Economics, Behavioural Economics, Gender & Development, Environment, Project Evaluation, and International Trade. Courses in Economic History and History of Economic Thought further encourage pluralistic inquiry.

In the final year, students undertake an original research thesis under faculty supervision. They may also opt for short-term certificate courses in specialized areas, including Financial Econometrics, Python, R Programming, Advanced Economic Theory, Game Theory, and Ethnography. Regular seminars featuring renowned scholars from India and abroad provide additional opportunities for academic engagement.

The current cohort (2024–26) exemplifies the phenomenal calibre of students at CDS. This group of talented and committed individuals has responded to the challenges of a demanding academic programme with determination and resilience. Their dedication to scholarly excellence bodes well for their future contributions in various professional spheres. I am confident that they will carry forward the legacy of the Centre with distinction.

# PLACEMENT CELL COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's placement brochure of the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram. CDS has always stood for academic excellence and a deep commitment to studying development issues. Our students come from diverse backgrounds and are trained to think critically and work with dedication.



**Dr. Amartya Paul**

This brochure reflects the talent, hard work, and aspirations of our students. I warmly invite companies, research organisations, NGOs, international agencies, and all other potential recruiters to explore the profiles of our students. I am confident that they will prove to be valuable assets to your organisations. To our students, I wish you all the very best as you prepare to step into the next phase of your professional journey. To our alumni and well-wishers, thank you for your continued support and guidance, strengthening our efforts. I also extend my sincere gratitude to our faculty and staff for nurturing our students and preparing them to face new challenges. We look forward to building strong and lasting partnerships with all our stakeholders. Together, let us create more opportunities for growth and meaningful contributions to society.



# From Vision to Institution: The CDS Journey

**Prof.  
K.N. RAJ**



The Centre for Development Studies (CDS), established in 1971 in Thiruvananthapuram, reflects the visionary ideals of its founder, Dr. K. N. Raj, one of India's most influential economists. Conceived as a space where academic research meets real-world policy, CDS was founded to address the pressing challenges of development through rigorous, socially relevant research and advanced training in economics.

Dr. Raj, a close advisor to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, was instrumental in shaping India's economic trajectory. He played a key role in drafting the First Five-Year Plan, and in establishing the Delhi School of Economics. His deep engagement with issues of poverty, planning, and regional development—particularly Kerala's model of development—laid the intellectual foundation of the Centre.

Today, CDS is funded by the Government of Kerala and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), with additional support from the Reserve Bank of India and the erstwhile Planning Commission for specific research areas.

With a degree awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, the M.A. course is taught by prolific faculty associated with stellar institutions such as World Bank, UN, Planning Commission, RBI and the like.

With a legacy grounded in visionary economic thinking, CDS continues to contribute meaningfully to policy, scholarship, and inclusive development in India and beyond.

# Why CDS Stands out

## 1. Stringent Admission Process (Nationwide)

Only 3% of total applicants selected for MA programme.

## 2. Excellent Faculty And Masters Degree From JNU

Faculty associated with institutions like RBI, world bank, UNDP, etc.

## 3. Strong Foundation In Economic Analysis Training In

Forecasting And Modelling. Exposure To Stata, Eviews, R, Python.

## 4. Electives And Research Experience

Wide variety of electives and certificate courses. Proficiency in multiple areas.

Compulsory research thesis in 3th semester.

## 5. Multicultural Environment

Students from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Promotes character growth and intellectual development.



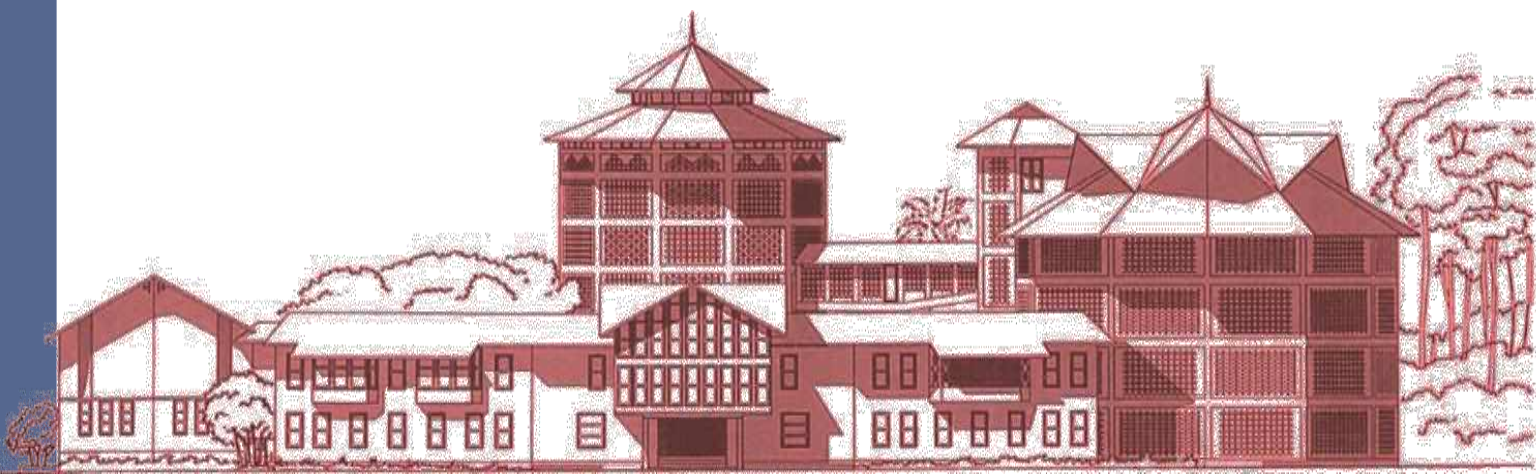
# MA APPLIED ECONOMICS PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

**The programme seeks to equip students with knowledge of analytical frameworks and empirical methodologies required for the study of contemporary issues in Economics with specific relevance to development. This is made possible by well planned programme structure spread across 4 semesters.**

**1st & 2nd semester – Rigorous training in core courses of Economics and quantitative methods. Provides in depth knowledge in economic theory and econometric methods.**

**3rd & 4th semesters- Understand real world issues via diverse set of electives. In the 4th semester prepare a research thesis under faculty supervision. This enables students to apply economic theories in real world issues. Certificate courses gives an edge to their training..**

**The hallmark of this programme is a balance between theory and application. Trained as applied economists, the students are well prepared for career in academia, corporate sector, research institutions, development agencies and the media.**





## Evaluation Techniques

CDS follows relative grading system. The M.A. Programme is divided into four semesters, each semester has a demanding evaluation process which consists of the following

- Bi-semester Examinations
- Presentations
- Term Papers Assignments requiring application of
- theory and econometric tools

## Skill set

### Quantitative skills

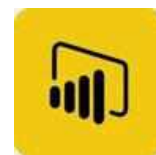
- Forecasting, Time Series analysis, Panel analysis and other econometric methods
- Exposure to Statistical Packages R, Stata, EViews, SPSS

### Analytical Skills

- Application of Economic Theory to Real Issues
- Hypothesis building and testing
- Rigorous data analysis

### Soft skills

- Excellent Communication & Interpersonal Skills
- Leadership and teamwork
- Presentation skills





# CURRICULUM

*The programme has a total of 23 courses: 4 courses per semester. Semesters I & II comprise of 4 core courses each. Semester III comprises of 4 elective courses. Semester IV comprises of 3 electives and a dissertation.*

## CORE COURSES

- Fundamentals of Microeconomic Theory
- Fundamentals of Macroeconomic Theory
- Mathematical Methods
- Statistics
- Econometric Methods
- Economic Development
- International Economics
- Indian Economic Development

## ELECTIVES

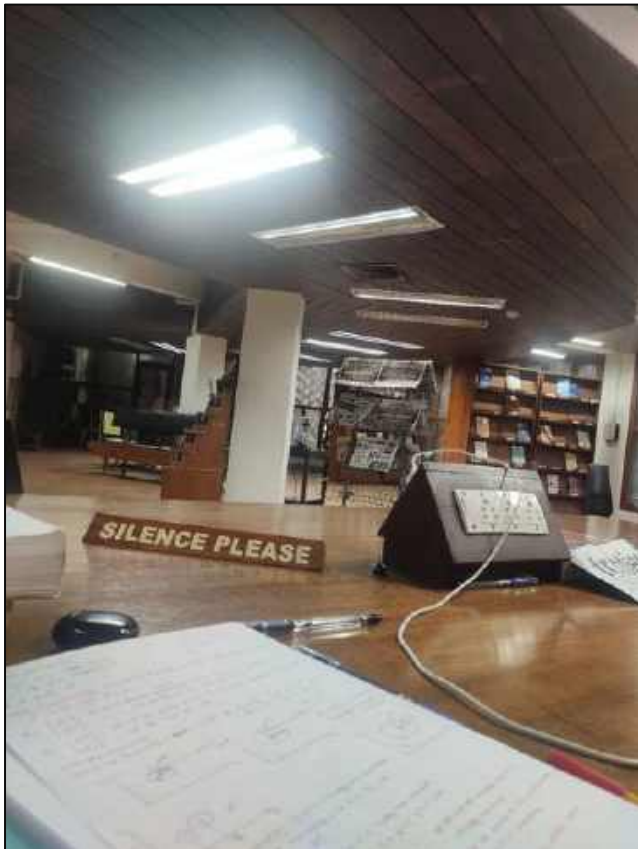
- Public Economics
- Industrial Organisation
- Topics in Trade and Development
- Economics of Technology and Innovation
- Population and Development
- History of Economic Thought
- Economic History of Modern India
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Gender and Development
- Labour and Development
- Law, Economics and Development
- Issues in Indian Agriculture
- Issues in Indian Industry
- Political Economy, Development and Governance
- Economics of Project Evaluation
- Behavioural Economics
- Macroeconomic Stabilization in Open Economy
- Financial programming

## CERTIFICATE COURSES

- Advanced Economic Theory
  - Game Theory
  - Data Analysis with Python
  - Financial Econometrics
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# INFRASTRUCTURE





# EVENTS



## **Prof. K. N. Raj Centennial Conference**

*October 19–22, 2024*

Held to commemorate the birth centenary of CDS founder Prof. K. N. Raj, the conference brought together leading economists, policymakers, and alumni. It featured keynote lectures, thematic panels on poverty, labor, trade, and governance, and showcased cutting-edge research by CDS scholars. The event celebrated Prof. Raj's enduring legacy in shaping India's development thinking.



## **CDS Foundation Day Lecture**

*December 11, 2024*

To mark its Foundation Day, the Centre for Development Studies hosted the eminent economist Prof. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog and Columbia University professor, for a special lecture titled "The Nehru Development Model: History and Its Lasting Impact." Drawing on extensive archival research, Prof. Panagariya traced Jawaharlal Nehru's evolving economic philosophy, critiqued its bureaucratic legacy, and reflected on its long-term effects on India's growth and labor inclusion. This lecture reaffirms CDS's stature as a premier centre for advanced social science research and policy dialogue in India.



# EVENTS



## **The first RBI-sponsored Workshop**

*March 13-18, 2025*

**RBI-sponsored Workshop** on Open Economy Macroeconomics and Economic Integration in Emerging Market Economies brought together scholars and participants from premier institutions such as IIT Madras, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kharagpur, GIPE Pune, BITS Pilani, and IGIDR Mumbai.

The workshop featured insightful lectures by leading experts, including Dr. Rajeswari Sengupta (IGIDR) on exchange rate dynamics, and served as a vibrant academic platform showcasing CDS's commitment to research-driven policy dialogue.



## **The Wayanad Resilience Series**

*January 3, 2025*

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) organized the seventh session of The Wayanad Resilience Series on "Thinking Future Kerala: Demographic Transition and Digital Transformation". The session featured Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy, Director, G20 Global Land Initiative and UNCCD expert, who discussed Kerala's demographic shifts and the role of digital transformation in fostering resilience and sustainable development. The seminar was chaired by Dr. Jyothi Krishnan from Loyola College of Social Sciences, noted for her work on disaster management and livelihood vulnerabilities. This event reflected CDS's commitment to addressing climate challenges and shaping Kerala's future development discourse.

# OUR ESTEEMED FACULTY

## PROFESSORS



**Prof. C. Veeramani**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University



**Prof. Suraj Jacob**  
Ph.D., Stanford University



**Prof. J. Devika**  
PhD in History, Mahatma  
Gandhi University



**Prof. Vinoj Abraham**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University



**Prof. Thiagu Ranganathan**  
Ph.D., Indian Institute of  
Technology, Bombay



**Prof. Beena P L**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University



**Prof. Praveena Kodoth**  
Ph.D., University of  
Hyderabad



**Prof. M. Parameswaran**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS



**Dr. Chidambaran G.  
Iyer**  
Ph.D., Indira Gandhi  
Institute of Development  
Research



**Dr. Ritika Jain**  
Ph.D., Indira Gandhi  
Institute of Development  
Research



**Dr. Rajit Biswas**  
Ph.D., Indian Statistical  
Institute, Kolkata

## ASSISTANT PROFESSORS



**Dr. K. Chandra Shekar**  
Ph.D., Centre for  
Development Studies



**Dr. Abhilash T**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University



**Dr. Amartya Paul**  
Ph.D., Centre for  
Development Studies



**Dr. Gogol Mitra Thakur**  
Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru  
University



# VISITING FACULTY

## **Prof. Ravi Kanbur**

*Home Institution:* Cornell University *Areas of specialization:* Development Economics

## **Prof. Krishnendu Ghosh Dastidar**

*Home Institution:* JNU, New Delhi  
*Areas of specialisation:* Game Theory

## **Prof. Frances Stewart**

*Home Institution:* Oxford University *Areas of specialisation:* Development Economics

## **Prof. R. Nagaraj**

*Areas of specialisation:* Indian Economy  
*Home Institution:* IGIDR

## **Prof. Sudip Chaudhury**

*Home Institution:* IIM–Kolkata  
*Areas of specialisation:* Macroeconomics/Industrial Economy of India

## **Prof. Tirthankar Roy**

*Home Institution:* London School of Economics and Political Science  
*Areas of specialisation:* Economics History

## **Prof. Sebastian Morris**

*Home Institution:* IIM, Ahmedabad  
*Areas of specialisation:* Infrastructure Financing/ Applied Macroeconomics/ Indian Economy

## **Dr. Dilip K Dutta**

*Home Institution:* University of Sydney  
*Areas of specialisation:* Econometrics, Macro Economics

## **Prof. Madhura Swaminathan**

*Home Institution:* ISI, Bangalore Centre  
*Areas of specialisation:* Agriculture Economics

## **Mr. R Mohan**

*Home Institution:* Indian Revenue Service (Retd)  
*Areas of specialisation:* Public Finance

## **Dr. K. Ravi Raman**

*Home Institution:* Kerala State Planning Board  
*Areas of specialisation:* Political Economy

## **Prof. Pulapre Balakrishnan**

*Home Institution:* Ashoka University, Haryana IIM – Kozhikode *Areas of specialisation:* Applied Macroeconomics

## **Prof. Sukhpal Singh**

*Home Institution:* IIM, Ahmedabad  
*Areas of specialisation:* Agriculture Economics

## **Prof. James Nedumpara**

*Home Institution:* Centre for International Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi  
*Areas of specialisation:* Trade & Investment Agreements

## **Prof. Sujoy Chakravarty**

*Home Institution:* JNU, New Delhi  
*Areas of specialisation:* Microeconomics / Behavioural economics

## **Prof. Thankom Arun**

*Home Institution:* University of Essex  
*Areas of specialisation:* Global Development and Development Finance

## **Prof. T V Paul**

*Home Institution:* McGill University  
*Areas of specialisation:* Political Science/International Relations

## **Prof. A V Jose**

*Home Institution:* Former Economist, ILO and Honorary Faculty, GIFT, Trivandrum  
*Areas of specialisation:* Social and Labour Policies, Social Protection

## **Dr. Aparna Nair**

*Home Institution:* University of Oklahoma  
*Areas of specialisation:* Disability Studies & History of Public Health

## **Prof. Pulak Mishra**

*Home Institution:* IIT Kharagpur  
*Areas of specialisation:* Industrial Economics, Public Economics and Policy

## **Prof. Tripathi Rao**

*Home Institution:* IIM Lucknow  
*Areas of specialisation:* Monetary-Macroeconomics, International Economics and Indian Economic

# NOTABLE ALUMNI



**Dr. Ashoka Mody**

*Former Director  
IMF*



**Dr. AV Jose**

*Former Economist  
ILO*



**Dr. Haseeb Drabu**

*Former Finance Minister  
Jammu and Kashmir*



**Dr. Pinaki Chakraborty**

*Economic Advisor  
14th Finance Commission*



**Dr. MHSuryanarayana**

*Senior Economic Advisor  
IPC -UNDP*



**Dr. Mihir Shah**

*Former Member  
Planning Commission of  
India*



**Dr. J.D Rajakumar**

*Former Visiting Research  
Fellow  
University of Edinburgh*



**Dr. R Nagaraj**

*Former Professor  
IGIDR,*



**Mr. Bharat Bhushan**

*Former Executive Editor,  
HT, Indian Express*



**Ms. Piyush Antony**

*Social Policy Specialist,  
UNICEF*



**Dr. Narendra Pani**

*Professor, NIAS, IISc*



**Dr. Sanjaya Baru**

*Honorary Fellow, Centre  
for Policy Research*



**Dr. Rajib Nandi**

*Research Fellow, ISST,  
New Delhi*



**Dr. Thomas Issac**

*Finance Minister,  
Govt. of Kerala*



**Dr. Tirthankar Roy**

*Professor, London School  
of Economics and Politics*



**Dr. Rammanohar  
Reddy**

*Former Editor-  
in-Chief, EPW*



Before CDS, I was searching for my calling and passion. At CDS, I found it. This was the gift of Professor K.N. Raj, an intellectual giant, and his wife, Sarsamma, who generously adopted my wife, Jyothsna, and me into their lives. Dr. Raj taught me the importance of the highest standards of intellectual integrity while relentlessly pursuing a scholarly investigation ("research is a slow process," he said). His insistence on folding history and politics into economic policy discussion have enriched my research immeasurably. I had the great good fortune also of being mentored and welcomed by Professors Iqbal and Leela Gulati. Professors A. Vaidyanathan and T.N. Krishnan were always there to discuss research and policy ideas. **Ashoka Mody**, Charles and Marie Robertson Visiting Professor in International Economic Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University and former Deputy Director, IMF



CDS is where I learnt my economics. If "It is a method, rather than a doctrine, an apparatus of mind, a technique of thinking" - as John Maynard Keynes said - the Centre helped me acquire it. With some liberal intellectual environment, and a thoughtful student body, studying at the Centre was an intense and rewarding experience. **R Nagaraj**, Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai



CDS taught me two lessons. First, anything is worth studying if it is based on observation of life around us. Second, we should be open-minded about method. CDS in the 1980s when I was a student gathered together a group of methodological liberals. They were receptive to history, statistics, economics, anthropology, Marxism, neoclassicism, and subalterns. Such mixture did not descend into chaos because individually, the faculty, and the visitors, were bright and creative minds. Looking back, it is trust in one's observation and methodological liberalism that mattered most to my evolution as an academic. I imbibed both qualities in CDS. I hope the tradition continues. **Tirthankar Roy**, Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics (LSE)



For many decades the unique academic programme of CDS has turned out graduates who have gone on to occupy senior positions in a vast number of areas - academics of course, and financial institutions, civil society and the media. **C. Rammanohar Reddy**, Editor, Economic and Political Weekly, Mumbai





I have great memories of my time at CDS , for the camaraderie and friendships that the community provided. I was privileged to be amongst a group of brilliant minds, committed to finding solutions to India's numerous development challenges. Being a Malayalee, I was also proud to be associated with a place of academic excellence like CDS, in my own homestate! **Dr. Cherian Samuel**, Lead Evaluation Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (World Bank Group) WashingtonD.C.



I owe my conviction in Kenneth Boulding's quote that 'Theories without facts may be barren, but facts without theories are meaningless' to my training at CDS with an integrated perspective on these two dimensions. **M.H Suryanarayana**, Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai



CDS is more than an institution that taught me Economics. It taught me to think and empathize with the issues and problems that affect the lives of the common people in rural and urban India. The professors and seniors at CDS along with the CDS community and the various discussion forums outside the campus provided an intellectually stimulating environment to the young mind. **Jeemol Unni**, Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand



CDS fostered a dynamic and adaptive learning environment with a thrust on academic rigour and honed my skills in economic analysis. Importantly, I learnt the importance of nurturing institutions in the role that each one has to play in ensuring the dynamism of institutions. It also taught me to be guided by a sense of social responsibility in whatever I do. I carried these learning to my classrooms-teaching management students, training corporate executives and government officials. CDS academic legacy has a indelible influence in my professional advancement. **J. Dennis Rajakumar**, Director, EPW Research Foundation, Mumbai



I was part of the 2nd batch of MA students at CDS. As a new center for masters' students, there were some apprehension but the overall experience was absolutely outstanding. The course structure was designed in a balanced manner which gave us a good perspective of the world economy. There were multiple opportunities to develop skills to work in a team as well as build leadership and proactive thinking through various modes of evaluation like group presentation, seminar and summer internship program. Lot of the attributes required to be successful in a corporate environment were developed during my time at CDS.

**Kuldeep Changia Senior Manager,  
Pepsico**



I benefited from the Centre's multipronged approach to teaching which combines research with rigorous data analysis. It benefited me to be trained under reputed faculty who understand the importance of integration between academics, policy and industry. My initial training at the Centre in understanding the complexities of global economy, allowed me to collaborate and partner with multilateral organisations like the UNDP, UNICEF, ITC Geneva and reputable policy departments at PwC, FICCI and Government of India.

**-Mehak Malhotra Manager, PWC**



Masters at CDS at JNU has been pivotal to the achievements in my career. The courses are well structured and updated to the latest advances in the field. I greatly benefited from the econometrics and mathematical economics courses, which taught me the necessary concepts I would be applying during my corporate job later on. The rigorous courses are complemented by coding exercises which is great for analytical thinking and applying theory to practice.

**Kumar Shubham, Manager, ICICI Bank**

# CDS ALUMNI ARE ASSOCIATED TO



PRINCETON  
UNIVERSITY



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE



Universidad de Oviedo



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CHICAGO



Azim Premji  
Foundation



NITI Aayog



Indian Council for Research on  
International Economic Relations



# OUR RECRUITERS



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Economic  
Progress



# STUDENT'S PROFILE



**ABDULLA M. K.**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics ,  
Kannur University

**Projects:**

Time Series Analysis: Forecasting the inflation rate of India using SARIMA model

**Skills:**

Stata, Excel



**ABHIPSHA KHUNTIA**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics,  
G. M. University, Sambalpur

**Internship:**

Research Intern at CDS under the guidance of Dr. Chandra Shekhar

**Skills:**

Stata, R-studio



**ADARSH KUMAR**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A(Hons) Economics,  
St Xavier's College, Ranchi

**Projects:**

Time Series Analysis : A study into adolescent fertility rates in India- a time series approach

**Skills:** Intermediate

Excel, STATA  
,Python, R



**ALPHONS ROSE JERY**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A.(Hons)Economics,  
Jesus and Mary College,  
University of Delhi

**Internship:**

Teaching Internship  
( Shades of Happiness NGO)

**Skills:**

Stata, R,  
Excel

# STUDENT'S PROFILE



**ANAGHA ROY**

**Educational Qualification:**

B.Sc. Economics  
Gokhale Institute of Politics  
and Economics

**Internship:**

Worked as Research assistant at  
Gulati Institute of Finance  
and Taxation

**Skills:**

Stata, R, Excel



**APU KUNDU**

**Educational Qualification:**

B.A(Hons) Economics,  
Visva-Bharati University

**Projects:**

Role of Green Finance in Green Growth in Global  
South  
Time Series Forecasting of U.S. Inflation Using  
ARIMA Model.

**Skills:**

STATA, SQL (Beginner) • Python (Beginner) •  
Microsoft Office: MS Word, MS Excel, MS  
PowerPoint



**ARDRA M. SUNOJ**

**Educational Qualification:**

B.A. Economics ,  
Govt College for Women,  
Thiruvananthapuram

**Projects:**

Dynamics between global value  
chain participation, carbon  
emissions and economic growth  
in India.

**Skills:** Stata, Excel, PowerPoint



**ADITYA KUMAR RAJAK**

**Educational Qualification:**

B.Sc Economics, Narasinha Dutt  
College, University of Calcutta

**Projects:**

Trends: A Time Series Study  
about Impact of 2024 Indian  
General Election on Financial  
Market

**Skills:**

Stata, Python



# STUDENT'S PROFILE



**CHANDRAKANT  
PISDA**

**Educational Qualification:**  
BA(Hons.) Economics,  
Guru Ghasidas  
Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur

**Internship:**

Mushroom production  
(WELLINEX PRIVATE LIMITED &  
MIRACLE MUSHROOM )

**Skills:**

STATA, MS EXCEL, MS WORD,  
MS PowerPoint



**CHITRA RANJAN  
GOGOI**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics,  
Cotton University

**Projects:**

Micro Research on "Floriculture in  
Guwahati, Assam  
Modeling and Forecasting NIFTY 50  
daily returns : A comprehensive ARIMA  
analysis.

**Skills:**

Stata, Eviews, MS Office, SEO Writing,  
Basics Python for Data Science.



**DHINESH M.**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics,  
Central University of  
Tamilnadu

**Internship:**

Worked as an intern in an NGO  
(fieldwork, data collection & analysis,  
data cleaning).

**Skills:**

STATA, R, Jamovi, MS Excel



**GANESH PADHAN**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. BEd (Economics),  
Gangadhar Meher University,  
Sambalpur

**Projects:**

Analyzing the Relationship between  
Fertilizer Use and Rice Production in  
Odisha.  
The Hidden Cost of Shrinkflation:  
Impacts on Consumers.

**Skills:**

MSEcel, Stata, Python

# STUDENT'S PROFILE



**GOURI GAYATRI  
DEAVARAJ**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics,  
Mar Ivanios College,  
Trivandrum

**Projects:**

Study on Gender based disparity  
on asset holding.  
Tracing South Asian Growth  
Spillover-A Sectoral View with  
VAR-based Approach.

**Skills:** STATA, MS Excel,  
MS Powerpoint.



**HASAVATH SANTHOSH  
NAIK**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A.TTM,  
Silver Jubilee Government  
College, Cluster University

**Internship:**

Short term internship -  
Pension Schemes  
Long term Internship-  
Employability Skills

**Skills:** Stata ,MS Office



**HEFZEEBA JOSE**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A. Economics,  
Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha

**Projects :**

Consumer perception towards  
Electric Vehicle. Capturing the  
Dynamic Relationship Between  
Gross Savings and GDP Growth in  
India.

**Skills:** STATA, MS Excel



**JEFFRY  
PRIYADHARSHAN J.**

**Educational Qualification:**  
B.A.Economics , Gandhigram  
Rural Institute (DTBU)

**Internships:**

Ahimsa Santhai (Non-  
Violent Economy)

**Skills:**R language

# STUDENT'S PROFILE



## **NAUSHEEN QURESHI**

### **Educational Qualification:**

BA(Hons.) Economics,  
University Of Delhi

### **Internship:**

Research Intern at  
iFOREST.

### **Skills:**

MSExcel , Stata , Canva ,  
Power BI , Python.



## **NAVNEET KUMAR**

### **Educational Qualification:**

B.A. Economics,  
Zakir Hussain Delhi college,  
University of Delhi

### **Internship:**

Research intern at NITI AAYOG  
under Dr.Pravakar Sahoo.

### **Skills:**

Econometric modelling, MS Excel,  
Stata, and R programming,  
MS Word, MS PowerPoint,



## **NILIMA BHOWMIK**

### **Educational Qualification:**

BA(Hons.) Economics  
Visva Bharati University

### **Internship:**

Research intern in CDS  
under a project by Prof  
Vinoj Abraham.

### **Skills:**

Google Data Analytics tools and  
techniques, including data  
cleaning, visualization, and  
interpretation



## **RAKSHIT KUMAR TIWARY**

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B.A.Economics ,  
Banaras Hindu University

### **Projects:**

Time Series Analysis: Forecasting First-  
Innings Scores in the IPL Using ARMA  
/ARIMA Models (2008-2024).  
Impact of COVID - 19 on Household  
Consumption

### **Skills:**

MS Excel, Python (Basic) , R  
studio and STATA.



# STUDENT'S PROFILE



**RAUNAK MAITRA**

**Educational Qualification:**

B.Sc.(Hons.) Economics,  
Presidency University, Kolkata

**Internship:**

Summer Fellowship at IIT Madras.

**Skills:**

Stata , R , Microsoft Office ,  
Power BI and Python.



**S.M. MUZAMMIL AFROZ**

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**B.S.** in Data Science and  
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**Projects:**

Business Data Management Capstone  
Project. (IITM), Investment risk Analysis  
of Ireland And Computing MVI Ranking,  
Early Warning System for Banking Crisis.  
Developed multiple Classification and  
Regression Machine Learning Models.

**Skills:** Data Modelling and Machine Learning,  
Programming and Analysis, Web App Dev.

**Tools & Language.:** Python, R, STATA, MS  
Office, Tableau, Shell scripting,



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**Educational Qualification:**

B.Sc.(Hons.) Economics,  
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**Internship:**

Summer Fellowship  
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**Skills:**

Programming - Stata, R, Python,  
Financial modelling (Excel), Data  
visualization using PowerBI.



**SAPTARSHI  
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**Educational Qualification:**

B.Sc. Economics,  
Ramakrishna Mission  
Vidyamandira,  
Calcutta university

**Projects:**

Socio-Economic Condition of  
Women in the Handloom Sector in  
India.

Tourism-Led Growth or Inflationary  
Erosion? A Time-Series Analysis of  
Kerala's Economy (2002-2023)

**Skills:**

R, Python

# STUDENT'S PROFILE



## SAPTARSHI MONDAL

### Educational Qualification:

B.A. Economics (Hons.),  
Indira Gandhi National open  
University

**Internship:** Research Intern- ISID.

### Projects :

Time series Analysis: Forecasting of CPI Index and Inflation using ARIMA Model. The Role of informal sector enterprises in Bridging traditional and modern economics.

**Skills:** R, Stata, MATLAB, C++, MS Office



## ARITRA MAZUMDAR

### Educational Qualification:

B.Sc.Economics(Hons.)  
St.Xavier's College  
(Autonomous),  
Kolkata, West Bengal

### Projects:

Work done with Jyoti Basu Centre for Social Science Research Worked on game theoretic analysis of policy level interventions and voting tendencies.

Co-authored a paper titled - "Financial De-Dollarization in a Tobin- Walras-Jones model" (published)

### Skills:

Programming: Python, SQL, Stata, Latex

# WHY HIRE US



## Rigorous & Quantitative Coursework

Our curriculum equips us with the ability to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios. Exam questions often involve case studies and problems that require theoretical application.

E.g. We have a comprehensive coursework in Macroeconomics and learn various dynamic optimization techniques.

### Strong Quantitative Foundations

Students come from math-intensive backgrounds like economics, engineering and commerce.

### Roles we fit in because of this mathematical orientation

- Financial market analysts, data analytics, data science, credit risk analysts, risk management and many more.

We are well versed in essential industry skillsets, regularly used in graded assignments. Our coursework necessitates proficiency in statistical packages like STATA as well as basic programming skills on Python or R.

## Technical Proficiency

## Independent Research Thinking

Encouraged through term papers, graded empirical assignments and mandatory project write-ups

**Roles we fit in because of this research initiative attitude** Public Policy, Economic Consulting, Economic Research, Market Research

CDS offers a specialization in Applied economics, which is unmatched by any other college or university in India.

This gives our students a better understanding of using the knowledge otherwise just taught in other universities.

**Roles we fit in** Positions in financial markets where understanding global trade dynamics and macroeconomic trends is imperative

## Unique Specialisation

## Excellent Track Record

CDS places a strong emphasis on building a solid economic and quantitative foundation. Our alumni have pursued or are pursuing PhDs at leading global universities or are working at top-ranked economic research institutions such as ICRIER, NCAER, NIPFP, and the World Bank. Additionally, many alumni hold positions at leading companies and banks like Google,

HSBC, and Barclays. This is a testament to the capabilities of our students. Many have also gone on to become senior government officials.



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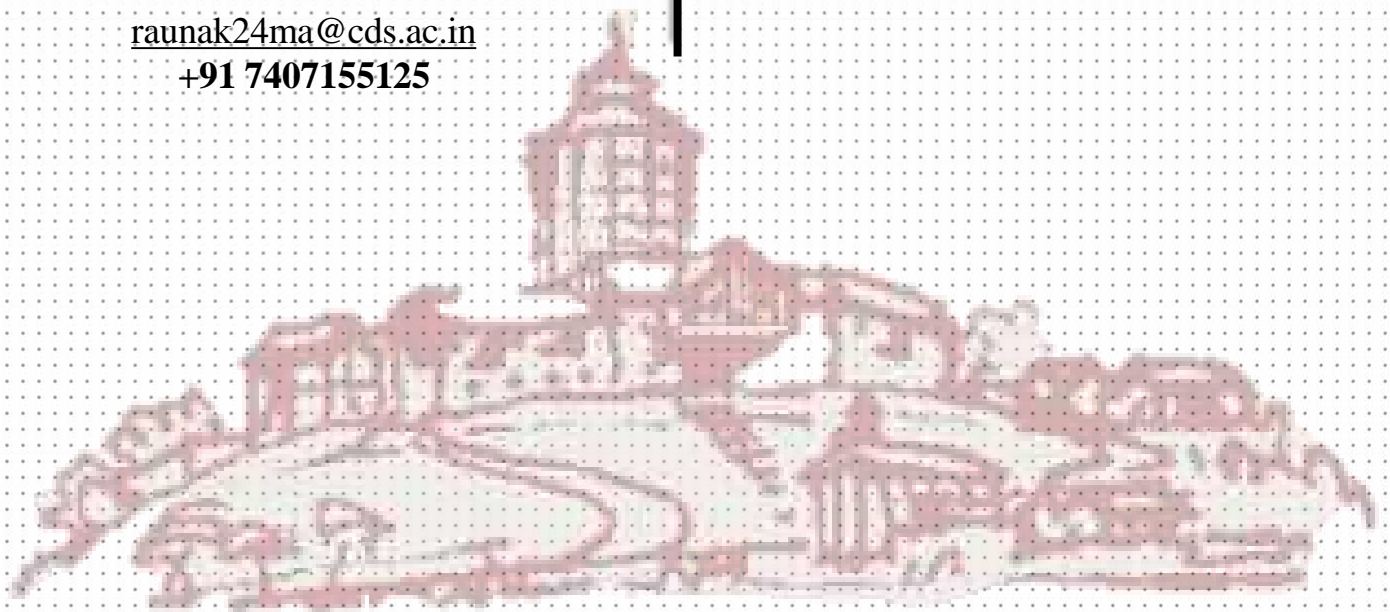
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