



# **CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

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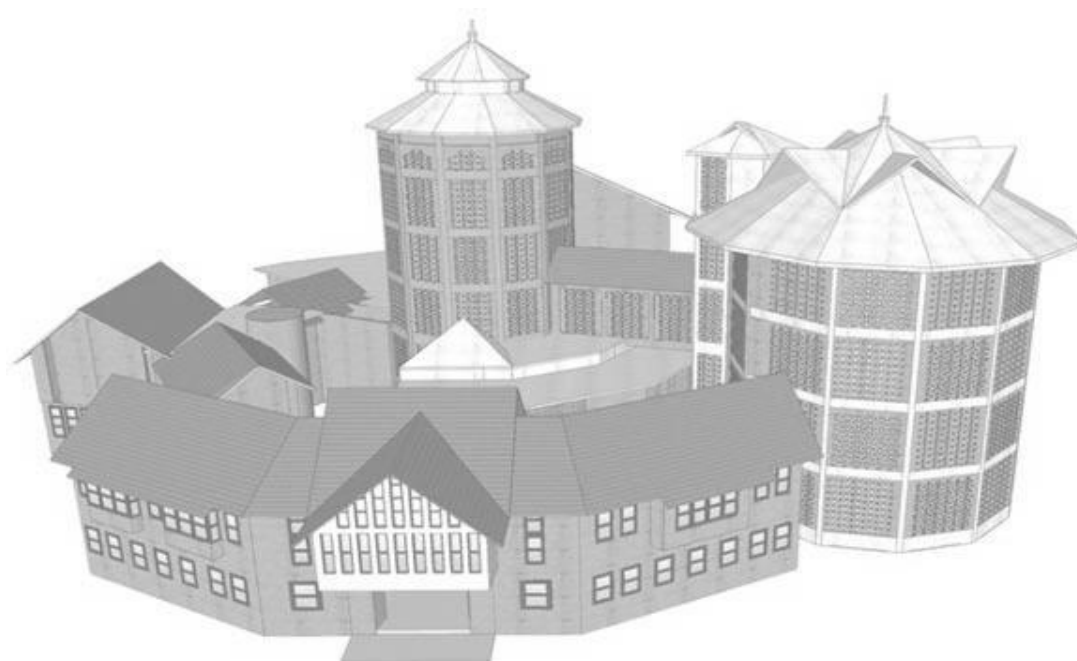
## **PLACEMENT BROCHURE**

**MA APPLIED ECONOMICS 2022-24**



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# Director's Message

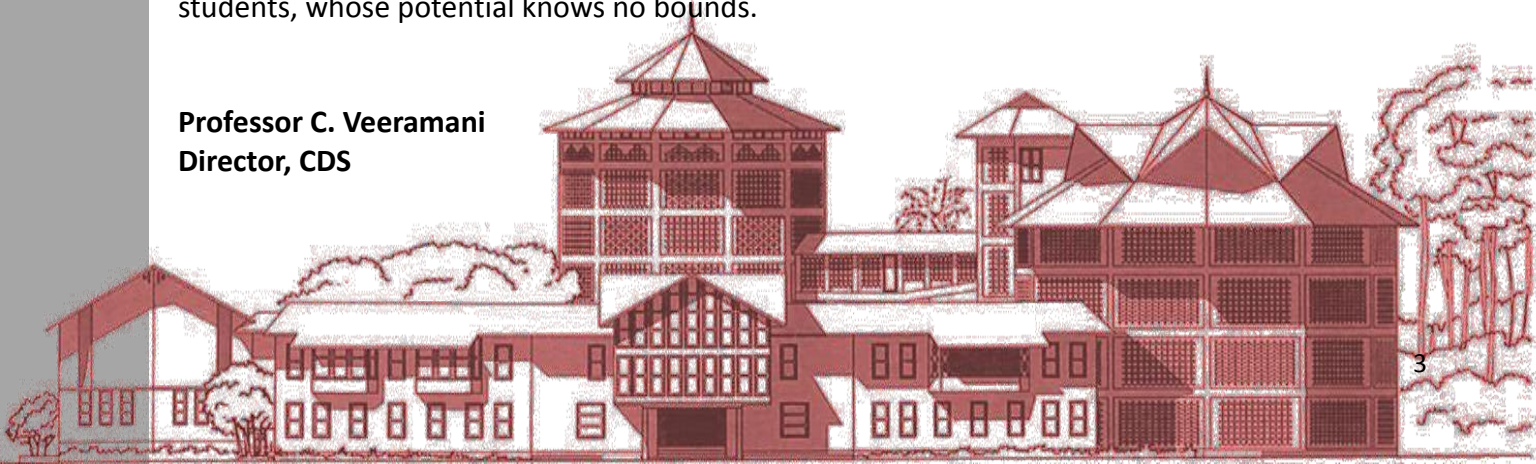
The Centre for Development Studies (CDS), with its distinguished history spanning over five decades, stands as a beacon of excellence in economic research and development studies. As the Director of this esteemed institution, I am delighted to introduce you to our dynamic Master's Programme in Applied Economics. Initiated in the academic year 2012-13, our Master's Programme in Applied Economics has consistently produced graduates who have excelled in diverse sectors, including academia, the corporate sector, research, public and private enterprises, and more.

Since its establishment, our Master's Programme has swiftly risen to prominence, earning its place as one of the country's premier courses in economics. Since 2017-18, following the introduction of the SAARC scholarship by the Government of Kerala, we extended admissions to students from SAARC countries as well. Our programme, affiliated with Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, embodies a unique blend of academic rigor and practical application. Careful and sophisticated analysis of empirical data, which is simultaneously theoretically informed, is an essential hallmark of our training. As a result, our students are well-equipped to conduct evidence-based research on different aspects of India's economy. At CDS, we foster a comprehensive understanding of economic theory, quantitative techniques, and their practical application to real-world challenges, particularly those faced by developing economies. Our diverse and international student body embarks on a learning journey that transcends traditional boundaries, creating a rich and inclusive academic environment. Our experienced faculty members ensure a holistic learning experience. An array of seminars, lectures, workshops, and certificate courses further enrich the curriculum, ensuring a well-rounded education.

Another aspect that sets our programme apart is its emphasis on original research. In their final semester, students undertake a comprehensive dissertation project, showcasing their ability to analyse real-world economic challenges and provide innovative solutions. This unique experience enhances their problem-solving skills and prepares them for the demands of the corporate world. The impressive trajectory of our students and alumni speaks volumes about the quality of education and nurturing environment we offer. Over the past one decade, we have witnessed exceptional achievements by our graduates. From securing coveted spots in prestigious global universities like the University of Oxford and the University of Chicago, to making significant contributions in top corporate companies and esteemed research institutions, our alumni have set a high standard for success. As we continue to build upon our 50-year legacy, the Master's Programme at CDS remains dedicated to nurturing future leaders who are adept at tackling complex economic issues.

The 2023-24 batch of students – an exceptional pool of talent - has earned their place in the course after a rigorous and competitive nationwide selection process. They have demonstrated remarkable resilience and dedication. Their pursuit of academic excellence, adaptability, and collaborative spirit is truly commendable. I am confident that they will carry forward the legacy of CDS and make meaningful contributions to their chosen fields. To potential employers, I assure you that our graduates are exceptionally well-prepared and possess a deep understanding of economic dynamics, backed by hands-on experience. We invite you to explore the diverse talents and capabilities of our students, whose potential knows no bounds.

**Professor C. Veeramani**  
Director, CDS



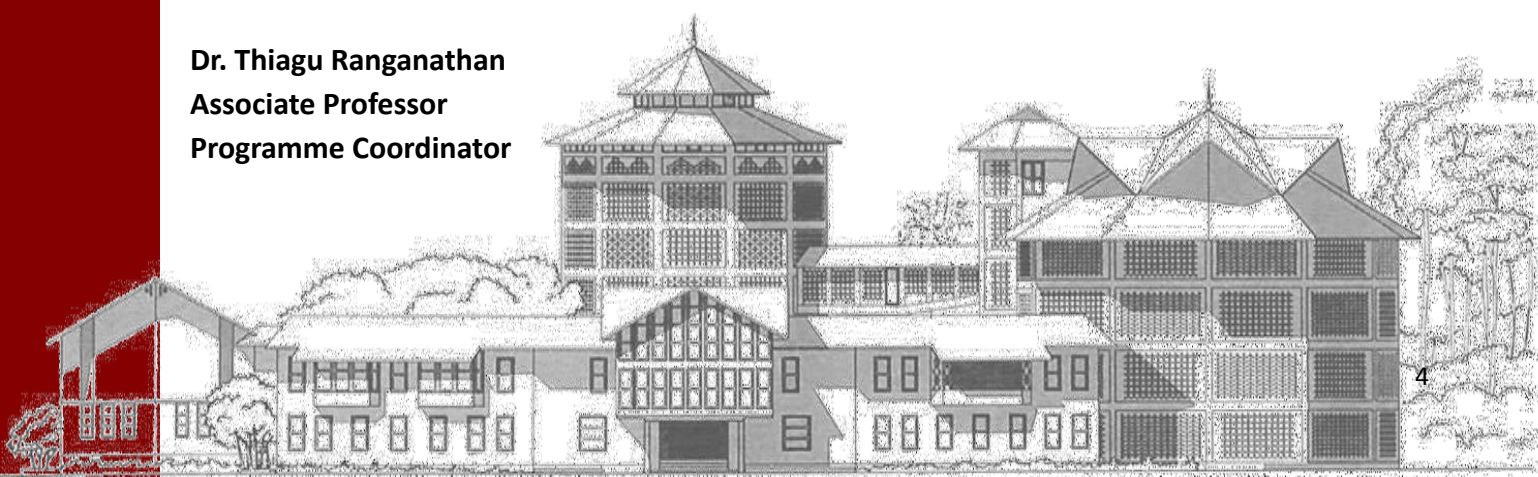
# Programme Coordinator's Message

The MA Programme at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS) focuses on Applied Economics training for its students. The Centre is affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). CDS has a unique feature and a pluralistic orientation to analysing issues related to economic development. The programme has been built on the strength of three cornerstones - analytical rigour, pluralistic theory and a careful empirical analysis. All faculty at CDS encourage students to focus on understanding history, politics, and context before analysing any issue at hand. Our approach also is enhanced given the fact that the bunch of students to the programme come from all parts of the country and varied socio-economic classes which facilitates an enhanced peer learning among students. The alumni from the programme are spread across various important positions in academia, corporate sector, public sector, not-for-profit organisations, and development sector. The alumni from the Centre from various programmes have reached great heights including a few who have been the finance ministers of state governments. Over more than 50 years of presence, the Centre has built itself into one of the best known places for training in development studies in the country. The MA programme that was started in 2012-13 has also continued this tradition over the last decade.

The programme is structured into four semesters where a student goes through sixteen courses. The core courses in the first semester lays the foundation for applied economics involving courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics, and Indian Economy. The elective courses builds on these basics and offers specialised courses on Development, Labour Economics, Agricultural Economics, Behavioural Economics, Gender, Population, Public Finance, and International Trade. There are also a few courses offered like Economic History and History of Economic Thought which helps students develop a pluralistic method to understanding economic issues. The course also involves the student conducting original research thesis under faculty supervision in the last semester. Apart from these courses, the students can sign up for various certificate courses which are short-term training courses in specific areas of interest. Some of the certificate courses offered in the Centre include Financial Econometrics, R-programming, Advanced Economic Theory, Game Theory, and Ethnography. The regular seminars at the centre involving reputed scholars from various parts of the country and the world also offer some wonderful learning opportunity for the students.

The current batch of MA students (2022-24) is a group of bright young minds who have been hard working during their association with the centre. The students of the batch have shown agility and courage along with us in responding to challenges imposed by the rigorous coursework. They have shown serious commitment to academic rigour. I am quite confident that these bright students will carry forward the wonderful legacy of the Centre in the places they will work.

**Dr. Thiagu Ranganathan**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Programme Coordinator**





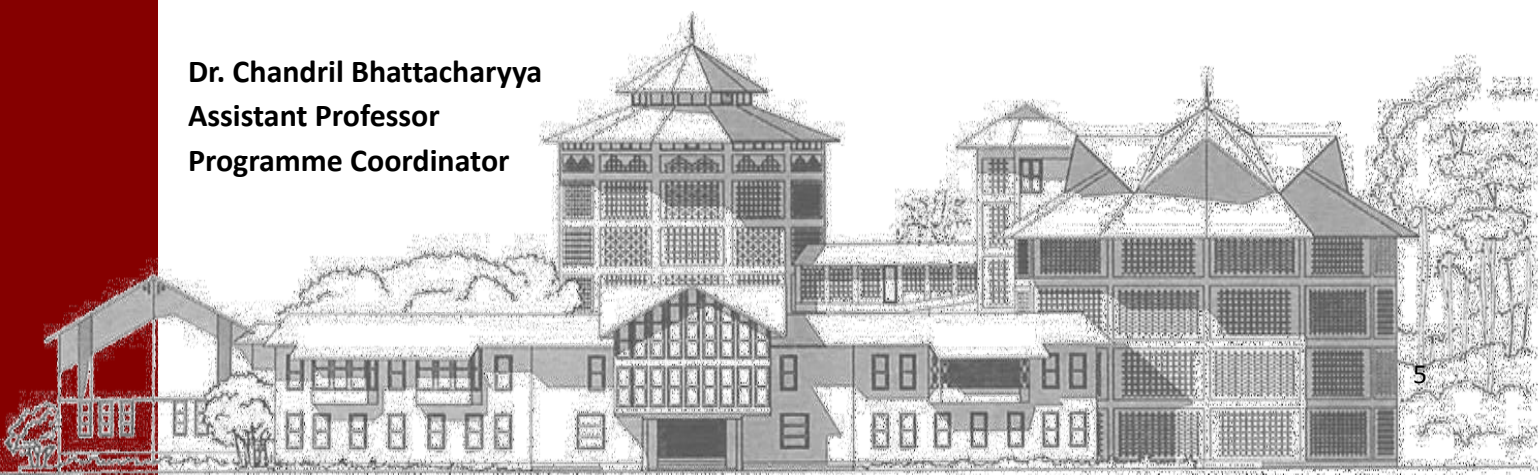
# Programme Coordinator's Message

Centre for Development Studies (CDS) is located in the southernmost part of India, but has been continued to be at the centre stage of the Indian academia on Economics and Development Studies. The centre is one of the top ranked places in Economic research of this country. The M.A. program is relatively new in this fifty-one years old internationally reputed research institute, but like other programmes here, this one also successfully carrying forward the legacy of the centre. The programme was started in 2012-13 and has been running commendably since then. This programme is affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), which is one of the top ranked universities of this country. The course structure of this programme is a blend of quantitative and qualitative approaches to Economics with special emphasis on the applied side. The programme has four semesters, which are designed not only to train students with theoretical models and empirical tools and techniques, but also to enrich their understanding of Indian economy in a very detailed manner. In the last semester, students apply their learning and understanding by writing one original research thesis under faculty supervision. Apart from regular courses, the students can also opt for certificate courses to further enhance their understanding and skill. This course structure helps students to be a true master of the subject as the theoretical understanding is complemented by the expertise in application.

Another major advantage of this course is the very high teacher-student ratio. In this M.A. course, there is scope to learn various other social science subjects apart from Economics, which also prepares the students to look into things from different perspectives. Along with the regular classes, numerous seminars, webinars, invited lectures, workshops are organised throughout the year where students get the scope to listen to from noted academicians from all over the world, which further augment the intellectual and academic development of the students. Apart from regular academic interactions, students themselves take part in organising cultural programmes, debates, discussions etc., which further adds to their overall development. Additionally, an excellent library and fully wi-fi enabled campus serves as a great support for students to excel. All these features ensure a huge pool of applications from all over the country and from SAARC countries as well. The applicants have to pass through a very rigorous and competitive selection procedure before they get selected. This ensures that the pool of students coming each year have certain required level of understanding of the subject.

So, no wonder that when such bright minds are shaped in such institutes, they do very good in their respective careers. Many of the past students were successful in pursuing further studies in reputed universities across the globe, whereas, many are flourishingly growing in corporate and government sectors. The current batch of M.A. students (2022-24) is a group of young minds who are hardworking, intelligent, and well behaved. After joining CDS, they have performed reasonably well. I sincerely hope and am also confident that like previous M.A. students, students of this batch will also be successful in their chosen professions. All the very best to them.

**Dr. Chandril Bhattacharyya**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Programme Coordinator**



# History and Background of CDS

## RESEARCH AREAS

- Industry and trade
- Human development, health and education
- Decentralization and governance
- Macroeconomic performance
- Labour, employment and social security
- Innovation and technology
- Migration
- Gender and development
- Culture and development
- Politics and development
- Plantation crops

## FUNDED BY

- ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research)
- Govt. of Kerala

### In Specific Areas

- Reserve Bank of India
- NITI Aayog
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- 24/7 Wi-Fi full campus
- One of India's largest Social Science libraries – KN Raj Library
  - 1,50,000 titles in Economics
  - 400 print journals
  - 3500 e-journals
- In-house IT service centre
- IT centre

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) was established as an autonomous social science research institute on 19 October 1970. It was the leadership and vision of Shri C. Achutha Menon, the then Chief Minister of Kerala that led to the creation of several research centres in Kerala in different disciplines related to the development of the State. He was able to persuade legendary development economist Professor K. N. Raj to set up the Centre and provide intellectual leadership. Professor Raj continued to remain the driving force behind all the academic activities of CDS for over two decades. CDS was also fortunate to have Laurie Baker, a radically innovative architect, visualise and design its campus and buildings in a distinctive but cost-effective manner..

The Centre is, perhaps, one of the first educational institutions in the country to follow a democratically decentralised governing structure ensuring complete transparency in administrative and academic matters. The Centre is managed by a Governing Body consisting of eminent academicians, planners as well as administrators. The present Chairman of the Governing Body is Prof. Sudipto Mundle. The current Director is Prof. C. Veeramani. The Governing Body has delegated several of its powers to sub-committees to ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the Centre.

The state-of-the-art CDS library is one of the largest social science libraries in India with over 1,50,000 titles in economics and related disciplines and subscribing to about 400 professional print journals and around 3500 e-journals. The IT wing of the Centre provides technical support to the faculty, students, library and Administration. The fully Wi-Fi enabled campus extends to guest house and hostels. CDS has a regular faculty strength of about 20. Further, it has 18 Visiting Professors/Fellows from across the country and abroad and 29 Administrative Staff.

The main activities of the Centre are research, teaching and training. Right from the beginning, a strong all-India character in terms of both faculty and student composition was seen, as well as being very much internationalized, attracting a large number of distinguished academic visitors from abroad. Presently CDS has tie-ups with eleven international institutions, nine national institutions and three institutions at the state level.

Over the past 50 years, CDS has crossed several milestones. During the 1970s, although a large part of academic research conducted at CDS was devoted to issues pertaining to the national economy, it was natural that CDS researchers devoted significant attention to issues pertaining to the economy and society of Kerala. In the mid-1970s, CDS became an institution affiliated to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and started receiving a part of its core funding from this agency. Right from its inception, CDS emphasised on training of young researchers and launched the MPhil and PhD programmes, recognised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. It also ran a PhD programme affiliated to the University of Kerala.

Over the past decades, CDS has diversified its research into a large number of areas. Some of the topics that received significant attention in the 1970s and 1980s are no longer in vogue, while new areas of research concern have emerged in the field of development studies. It is also worth mentioning that the Centre received prestigious endowment funds from different government agencies to set up dedicated research units in recent years to focus on specific areas like local government, migration and plantation development. Needless to mention, CDS has been attracting sponsored project research funding from several national and international organisations for researching various dimensions of development.

Another major milestone for CDS in recent years is the launch of its MA programme in Applied Economics in 2012. The introduction of the MA programme marked a paradigm shift in CDS academic profile. Faculty members now devote a significant part of their time to teaching courses in this full-fledged programme, over and above their research commitments and research supervision.



# WHY CDS?

**Stringent Admission process held nationwide -**  
3% of total applicants selected for MA  
Programme (a Batch of 25)

**Excellent faculty and Masters from JNU -**  
Learning from prolific faculty associated with  
organisations such as RBI, World Bank, UNDP etc.

**Strong foundation in Economic Analysis -** Trained  
in forecasting and modelling – exposure to Stata,  
EViews, R, Python.



STATA®



**Electives and Research Experience -** Wide variety  
of electives and certificate courses provide  
proficiency in multiple areas. Compulsory  
research thesis in 4<sup>th</sup> semester.

**Multicultural Environment -**  
Intermingling of identities  
from different cultural and  
academic backgrounds  
positively impact character  
and intellectual  
development.



# FACULTY



## Prof. C. Veeramani (Director)

PhD in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India, 2003

International trade, Industrial Economics, Foreign investment, Labor Market

## Prof. K. N Harilal

PhD in Economics, Centre for Development Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1997

International Political Economy, Regional Economy of Kerala, Rural Development and Agrarian Relations, Planning and Democratic Decentralisation



## Prof Praveena Kodoth

PhD (Economics), University of Hyderabad, awarded in April 1999

Gender, Migration, Human Development

## Prof J. Devika

PhD in History (2003), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala. History of, and present developments in, Gender, Politics, Development, and Culture in Kerala; the history of Migration and Cosmopolitanism in Kerala; local self- government in Kerala; translations and translation studies; Malayalam literature; Contemporary politics



## Prof Beena P L

PhD in Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, (1993-1998).

IPR Institutions, Corporate Mergers, Innovation activities and Indian industries; OFDI, CBM & As and Developmental implications; Competition Policy and Knowledge Economy; SMEs and Gender Enterprises; WTO, Regional Integration and South Asia.



## Prof Vinoj Abraham

PhD in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2006  
Labour Economics, Gender and Development, Economics of Technology and Innovation, Development Economics, Regional Development, Plantation studies.



## Dr. M. Parameswaran

PhD in Economics, Centre for Development Studies,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
Economic Development, Macroeconomics and Industrial Development

## Dr Hrushikesh Mallick

Ph.D, Economics, ISEC, Bengaluru & 2006  
Applied Open Economy Macroeconomics and Development Economics



## Dr. Chidambaran G. Iyer

PhD (2007), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India.  
Innovation and Technology; Industry and Trade

## Thiagu Ranganathan

PhD from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)  
Agriculture and Plantation Crops, Employment and Social Security



## Dr. Ritika Jain

PhD in Development Studies from Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, 2016  
Politics and development, Industry and trade, Innovation and technology, Labour, employment and social security

## Dr Jayaseelan Raj

PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway. 2014  
Politics and Development, Culture and Development, Plantation Crops,  
Labour, Employment and Social Security, Migration



## Dr Chandril Bhattacharyya

PhD in Quantitative Economics (ISI, Kolkata)  
Growth Theory and Other Studies

## Dr Gogol Mitra Thakur

PhD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2017  
Growth and Development, Macroeconomics



## Dr. Srikanta Kundu

PhD in Quantitative Economics from Indian Statistical Institute,  
Kolkata 2014  
Financial Econometrics, Time Series, Volatility Models, Nonlinear Models,  
Stock Market.

## Dr Rajit Biswas

PhD. in Quantitative Economics in 2015 from Economic Research Unit, Indian  
Statistical Institute Industry and Trade



## Dr. Abhilash T

PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India  
Politics and Development, Human Development Health and Education,  
Labour, Employment and Social Security



# VISITING FACULTY

## **Prof. Sunil Mani**

Home Institution: Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum

Areas of Specialisation: Economics of Technology and Innovation

## **Prof. Ravi Kanbur**

Home Institution: Cornell University

Areas of specialisation: 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**

Home Institution: IGIDR

Areas of specialisation: Indian Economy

## **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

## **Dr Suraj Jacob**

Home Institution: Azim Premji –Bangalore

Areas of specialisation: Project Evaluation

# HONORARY FELLOWS

**Prof. Amit Bhaduri**

Emeritus Professor,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Prof. M. A. Oommen**

Former Professor and Head,  
Department of Economics, University of Calicut, Kerala

**Prof. E. T. Mathew**

Former Professor and Head,  
Department of Economics, University of Kerala

**Prof. T. N. Jayachandran**

Former Vice Chancellor,  
Calicut University, Kerala

**Prof. G.N. Rao**

Former Fellow, CDS

**Dr. T. M. Thomas Isaac**

Former Fellow, CDS

**Prof. K. P. Kannan**

Former Director and Fellow, CDS

**Dr. Mridul Eapen**

Former Fellow, CDS

**Dr. P. Sivanandan**

Former Fellow, CDS



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF CDS

- Dr. Ambesh Ambasta** - Vice President, ITC Limited
- Dr. Ashoka Mody** - Visiting Professor, Princeton University
- Dr. AV Jose** - Former Economist, ILO
- Mr. Bharat Bhushan** - Former Executive Editor, HT, Indian Express
- Dr. Cherian Samuel** - Lead Evaluation Officer, MIGA, World Bank
- Dr. Deepa Sankar** - Senior Economist, World Bank
- Dr. Haseen Drabu** – Finance Minister, J&K
- Dr. J Dennis Rajakumar** - Director, EPW Research Foundation
- Dr. Jeemol Unni** - Director, IRMA, Anand
- Dr. KP Sunny** - Group Head, National Productivity Council, New Delhi
- Dr. MH Suryanarayana** - Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai
- Dr. Mahesh Surendran** - Decision Science Lead, Barclay Card
- Dr. Mihir Shah** - Former Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi
- Dr. Narendra Pani** – Professor, NIAS, IISc
- Dr. Pinaki Chakraborty** – Economic Advisor, 14th Finance Commission
- Mr. P. Raghavan** - Senior Assistant Editor, The Times of India
- Ms. Piush Antony**– Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF
- Dr. R. Nagaraj** – Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai
- Dr. Rajib Nandi** – Research Fellow, ISST, New Delhi
- Dr. Rakesh Basant** – Professor, IIM - Ahmedabad
- Dr. Rammanohar Reddy** – Former Editor-in-Chief, EPW
- Dr. Sanjaya Baru** – Honorary Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
- Dr. Satish Deshpande** – Professor, Delhi School of Economics
- Ms. Sudha Mahalingam** – Senior Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis,  
New Delhi
- Dr. Sukhpal Singh** – Professor, IIM- Ahmedabad
- Dr. TT Sreekumar** – Professor, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- Dr. Tirthankar Roy** – Professor, London School of Economics and Politics
- Dr. Thomas Isaac** – Finance Minister, Govt. of Kerala
- Mr. V. Anil Kumar** – Joint Chief, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council,  
New Delhi
- Mr. V.Sridhar** – Special Correspondent, Frontline

# ALUMNI WE ARE PROUD OF

- **Prabhu Dass Gopala Rao**- Senior Specialist Leader, Deloitte
- **Rounak Sil**- Executive, KPMG, Global Services
- **Rosmin Varghese**-Senior Manager, Marketing Analytics at Nielsen
- **Arpita Aggarwal**- Department of Economic Policy Research Officer (RBI)
- **Divya Sebastian** – PhD Student, Duke University
- **Himani Aggarwal** – Senior Consultant, EY
- **Karan Lalwani** – Research Executive, Nielsen India
- **Ashwin Nair**- PhD in Economics at University of Virginia
- **Vandana TR** – PhD Student, University of California Irvine
- **Aparna G** – Research Associate, IIM A
- **Madhurjya Deka** – Associate, Idinsight
- **Anupama John K** – Research Associate, IRMA
- **Niel Oommen**- Academic Associate, IIM A
- **Arghyadip Gupta** – Research Associate IIM A
- **Tanvi Shah** - PhD Student, IIT Ropar
- **Gurdeep Lamba** – Executive Officer, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd
- **Souradeep Ghosh** – Executive, Advance Analytics, Nielsen





# ALUMNI TALK

- Pursuing a master's degree from CDS has provided me with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in my career. It exposed me to diverse opportunities and challenges that have helped shape my personality and goals. CDS offered me the chance to learn from both quantitative and qualitative courses, ensuring that the reasons behind the numbers are not overlooked during analysis. The institute also provides numerous opportunities to pursue different certificate courses and participate in various workshops and seminars featuring distinguished speakers. Thanks to the immensely supportive peers, faculty and staff for a great time at the institute!

**-Shalini Pathak  
(Batch of 2018), Microsoft**

- It has been a great pleasure to be a part of CDS which has played an important role in my personality development and career building. The extensive and rigorous MA Applied Economics course helped us to build an analytical mindset and gave us the opportunity to learn few computer languages like- R, Stata etc. We have got the exposure to apply the economic theories on the real datasets by using those technical methods. I would like to thank our CDS family for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in my life.

**-Bevan Halder  
(Batch of 2020), Deloitte USI**

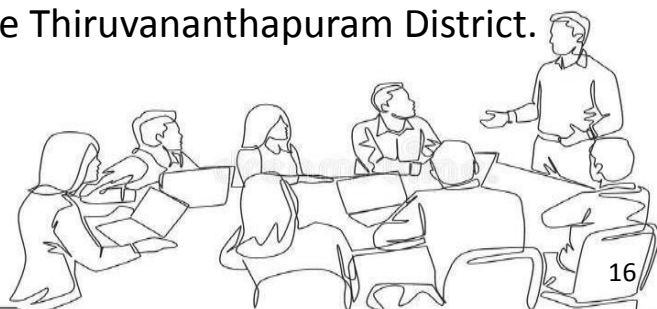
- Had a great time in CDS- both academically as well as socially. I was surrounded by bright and enthusiastic individuals who invariably influenced my outlook and assisted me in enriching my knowledge base as well. The amicable and learned professors always stood by the students' side and helped in their holistic development. The course structure was well suited for both academic as well as corporate aspirants. The bygone days spent in the campus will always be etched in my memory.

**- Ronauk Sil  
(Batch of 2018), KPMG**



# SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (2023)

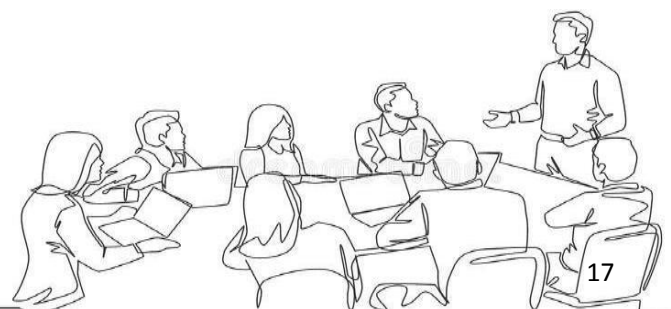
- Book discussion on "Students won't be Quiet" by Satarupa Chakraborty & Pindiga Ambedkar at Joan Robinson Hall
- Seminar on "The Use and Abuse of Field Experiments in Environmental Economics" by Dr. Krithi S, Assistant Professor, TISS, Hyderabad and Dr. Thiagu Ranganathan, Associate Professor, CDS at Joan Robinson Hall
- 1th Foundation Day Lecture on 'The Digital Revolution and how the Nature of the Global Economy is likely to Change' to be delivered by Professor Kaushik Basu, Professor of Economics and Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University, USA
- Workshop on Methods and Approaches to Research on Migration.
- Memorial meeting in memory of Dr. K. C. Zachariah and Dr. A. D. Damodaran
- Discussion on "The Unfinished Quest: India's Search for Major Power Status from Nehru to Modi" to be delivered by Professor T. V. Paul
- Conference on Movements of People and Migration Regimes.
- Webinar in connection with the K. N. Raj Memorial Lecture on "Indian Commercial Banking at Crossroads" by Prof. Partha Ray, Director, National Institute of Bank Management, Pune
- Teaching Innovations Programme in Economics (TIPE-2023)
- Lecture on "New Austrian Monetary Economics" by Dr. Vipin P. Veetil, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode
- Book Talk on "Kulachal to De Lannoy: A Historical Analysis by Mr. Sai Babu S, Administrative Staff, Centre for Development Studies
- Seminar on "Identification of export opportunities in turbulent times" by Dr Marek Tiits, Senior Research Fellow, Tallinn University of Technology and chairman of the board of the Institute of Baltic Studies, Estonia
- Panel discussion on draft policy advocacy note: Rehabilitation of Displaced Coastal People in the Thiruvananthapuram District.





# SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (2023)

- Seminar on "An Insight into Education Innovation in Estonia and beyond" by Mrs. Ülly ENN, PhD student at Ragnar Nurkse Department of Innovation and Governance of Tallinn, University of Technology, Estonia
- Seminar on "Applying resilience framing: Groundwater management in agricultural communities in semi-arid India" by Dr. Rekha Bhangaonkar, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Department of Land Economy and a By fellow at Churchill College, University of Cambridge
- 5th Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on "Cities and Freedom: Thinking Indian Urbanisation with Ambedkar" to be delivered by Professor Suryakanth Waghmore, IIT-Bombay
- Seminar on "M-Sand, Metal, and the "More-than-Urban" Political Ecology of Urban Development in Kerala" by Mr. Siddharth Menon, Ph.D Research Scholar at University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Seminar on "The Twin Crises of Globalization and Development: What Way Ahead for India's Economy?" by Prof. Surajit Mazumdar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU
- Seminar on "The Elector's Paradox" to be presented by Dr. Anirban Ghatak, IIM Kozhikode
- Seminar on "Innovation performance of two high-technologies industries from India, A comparative analysis of the Pharmaceutical sector vis-a-vis Computer Software Services Industry" by Professor Sunil Mani
- One week workshop on "Research Capacity Building Programme on Plantation and Development" coordinated by Professor Vinoj Abraham
- Two day workshop on "Collaborative seminar series on Perspectives for Education in Kerala" coordinated by Professor J. Devika



# 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.
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester** – Rigorous training in core courses of Economics and quantitative methods. Provides in depth knowledge in economic theory and econometric methods.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> semesters**- Understand real world issues via diverse set of **electives**. In the **4<sup>th</sup> semester prepare a research thesis under faculty supervision**. This enables students to apply economic theory in real world issues.
- **Certificate courses** gives an edge to their training.
- **Thus 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.

### CORE COURSES

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

### ELECTIVES

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

### CERTIFICATE COURSES

- Advanced Economic Theory
- Game Theory
- R package
- Financial Econometrics





# MA APPLIED ECONOMICS PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

## 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, Gretl, SPSS

### • Analytical Skills

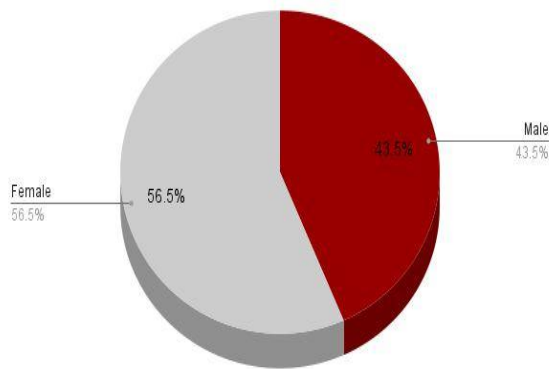
- Application of Economic Theory to Real Issues
- Hypothesis building and testing
- Rigorous data analysis

### • Soft skills

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



# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 2022-24 BATCH



- The batch is a diverse group, with students coming from all over India. The batch consists a total of **25** students.
- Embracing the power of diversity, the 2022-24 batch brings together a mosaic of academic backgrounds.

## Softwares Known



- The batch is skilled in softwares such as Stata, EViews, Python etc.
- Even during the changed academic schedules, many students of this batch did internships and took certificate courses which has enhanced their skills and knowledge.





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## Educational Qualification:

B.A. Economics, MES ASMABI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

## Work Experience:

- Joint Secretary, YES India (Educational NGO, Jan 2022- Present)

## Projects/Others:

- Net Sales Prediction of Mahindra motors (Time Series)
- Impact Of Covid-19 On Gold Market
- The Determinants Of Infant Mortality Rate: A Cross-Sectional Analysis

## Certificate Course:

- Income Tax E-Filing

## Skills:

1)Python Beginners level 2)C 3)Eviews 4)Stata 5)MS Excel

## Awards:

Calicut University 8th rank in BA Economics

## Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, St.Teresa's College(Autonomous), Ernakulam, Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University

## Internships:

- Ernst n Young: Project on Women Entrepreneurship in Kerala
- Cochin Stock Exchange Pvt.Ltd.Weekend Program

## Projects/Others:

- Forecasting Coconut Production in Kerala using ARIMA model
- Livelihood Security of People in Urban Area: A Study of Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme - UG final year project
- Regression Analysis of Electrical Energy Consumption:Using Cross Country - Term Paper

## Certificate Courses:

- Training Programme on Local Governance conducted by Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).
- Diploma in Financial Journalism under the Vocational Training Programmes for Campus by CCEK
- Securities Operations and Risk Management conducted by IIT Madras and In fact Pro Trainers

## Skills:

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BA Economics Honours, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi

### Internships:

- Business Development Associate, BYJU'S(2022)
- Finance Internship, Group Media Pvt. Ltd(2019)
- Finance Internship, CA- Akash Khedia (2019)

### Projects/Others:

- Relation Between Stock Market Returns And Macroeconomic Variables In Low-Middle Income Nations
- Time series analysis of inflation, money supply and industrial production

### Skills:

1)Python 2) R Programming 3)Eviews 4)MS Excel

### Educational Qualification:

B.A. Economics, Hindu College, University of Delhi

### Internships:

- Change Leader at World Youth Council for the Teach from Home ( COVID-19 edition, 1 month internship, June 2020 - July 2020)
- Research Intern in COVID19 response plan of SOLICITORS INDIA LAW OFFICE ( 21-07-2020 to 21-08-2020)
- Creative Content Writer at Ignited Quill ( 04-01-2022 to 04-03-2022)
- Single day social media awareness campaign, one on Janata Curfew and another on women empowerment.

### Projects/Others:

- The Toll of the Pandemic on Indian Economy: Comparing Predicted GDP with Actual Performance(using Eviews)
- A Socioeconomic Theory of Determining Life Expectancy Across Nations

### Certificate Courses:

- Advanced Economic Theory

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### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

### Projects/Others:

- Forecasting Gold price in India using ARIMA modelling (using EViews)
- A Study On The Impact Of Covid-19 Pandemic On The Marginal Farming Sector Of Kerala With Special Reference To Kanjirappally Grama Panchayat
- Cross Sectional Analysis Of The Factors Affecting The Incidence Of Total Cognizable Crimes

### Skills:

Basic knowledge of- 1) MS Word 2) MS Excel 3) MS PowerPoint 4) Eviews

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics Honours, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi

### Internship:

- Adore India (April 2021 - August 2021)

### Projects/Others:

- UNVEILING REVENUE TRENDS: Time Series Forecasting Of Tax And Non Tax Revenue(using Eviews)
- Multiple Linear Regression Analysis of factors affecting Total Fertility Rate(using Eviews)
- Credit and Land holding Analysis of farmers in Assam(using MS excel)
- Comparison and analysis of rural and urban unemployment rate in India(using MS Excel)
- Effect of exam stress on students (Primary data survey)

### Skills:

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### **Internships:**

- National Program on Differential Equations: Theory, Computation & Applications (Sponsored by Department of Science & Technology, Government of India) organized by Department of Mathematics, IIT Bombay & IIST, Trivandrum

### **Projects/Others:**

- The impact of Inflation on Financial Development: An analysis of the developing countries
- Relationship between Stock Market Return and Exchange Rate Return in the presence of GDP growth and Inflation: A VAR analysis

### **Skills:**

1)Python 2)EViews 3)MS Excel 4)MS Word 5) MS PowerPoint

### **Educational Qualification:**

BA Economics, Gregorian College of Advanced Studies affiliated to University of Kerala

### **Projects/Others:**

- Forecasting the number of NEFT transactions in India using time series analysis(using EViews)
- The Effectiveness Of Government Schemes In Coastal Areas, A case study of Kadinamkulam Gram Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram
- Poverty: A Cross Sectional Analysis of the Underlying Causes - Term paper

### **Awards:**

- 4th rank holder in BA Economics University of Kerala examination

### **Skills:**

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### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Banaras Hindu University

### Work Experience :

Subject Expert at Chegg (from 2021 till present)

### Projects/Others:

- Cointegration between exports and imports of India
- Cross-sectional Analysis on Human Development Index

### Skills:

1) R software 2) EViews 3) Stata 4) Python 5) MS Excel 6) MS Powerpoint 7) MS word

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Banaras Hindu University

### Internships:

Field investigator intern in centre for the studies of Developing societies (CSDS) (In Oct - Nov 2020 and in Aug 2022)

### Projects/Others:

- Net sales prediction of TATA motors using ARIMA model
- Factor analysis of crop yield

### Skills:

1) MS Word 2) MS Excel 3) Eviews 4) Stata



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### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Farook College(Autonomous), University of Calicut, Kerala

### Certificate course:

- Introduction to Environmental Economics [ NPTEL Course by IIT Roorkee]
- Human rights and Humanitarian Law [CEC Course by Dr. N. Pramod Singh of Manipur University, Imphal]
- Intellectual Property [NPTEL Course by IIT Madras]
- Gender justice and workplace security [NPTEL Course by IIT Kharagpur]

### Projects/Others:

- POPULATION AGEING AND HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURE: A case study in Kannur District with special reference to Muzhakkunnu Panchayat
- THE EFFECT OF POPULATION AGEING ON HEALTH EXPENDITURE IN MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES: a cross-sectional study

### Awards:

- First Rank in BA ECONOMICS (2019-22) from Farook College (Autonomous),Kozhikode.

**Skills:** 1) MS Word 2) MS Excel 3) MS PowerPoint 4) Eviews

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, National College, Bharathidasan University

### Projects/Others:

- Trends in Child labour in India - A cross sectional analysis
- IMPACT OF EXCHANGE RATE, MONEY SUPPLY AND INFLATION ON INDIAN ECONOMY:AN APPLICATION TO VAR MODEL.(using EViews)

### Skills:

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**Educational Qualification:** B.Sc. (Hons.) Mathematics, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi

### Projects:

- The Impact of Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth on Poverty, Income Inequality, and Economic Development: A Cross-Sectional Analysis Using Stata
- Stock Market Volatility and Macroeconomic Growth Rates in India: A GARCH and VAR Approach: A Time Series Analysis using Stata and EViews

### Certificate Courses:

- Python 3.4.3 Spoken Tutorial, IIT Bombay
- Data Manipulation & Visualization through R by Zakir Husain Delhi College under DBT-Star College Scheme, Govt. of India
- Basic learning of R & Python through LinkedIn Learning
- "Econometrics: Methods and Applications" From Erasmus University Rotterdam Through Coursera
- Advanced Economic Theory by Dr. Rajit Biswas and Dr. Chandril Bhattacharyya, CDS

### Skills:

1)Python 2) R 3)Stata 4)Eviews 5) MS Excel 6)MS Powerpoint 7) TeX 8)C++

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, St Thomas (Autonomous) College, Thrissur, University of Calicut

### Projects/Others:

- India's Trade Balance forecast (using Eviews)
- Life Expectancy and Income level : Cross Country Analysis

### Certificate course:

- Python
- MS Excel

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1)C++ 2)Python 3) Eviews



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#### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Alphonsa College Pala, M.G. University

#### Internships:

Women Entrepreneurship, Prayanaa.

#### Projects/Others:

- Forecasting India's Inflation from May 2023 to April 2025 and comparing with benchmark model ARMA (1,1) (using EViews)
- Challenges of Household Solid waste Management-A Study of Pala Municipality
- Determinants of fiscal deficits among Indian states
- Project report on women entrepreneurs with special reference to tailoring units in Aluva

#### Certificate Courses:

- Women Entrepreneurship
- Functional English

#### Skills:

Basic knowledge of 1)HTML 2)Tally 3)MS Word 4)MS Excel 5)MS Powerpoint 6)Stata

#### Educational Qualification:

B.Sc. Economics Honours, Vivekananda College for women (Calcutta University)

#### Projects/Others:

- Analysing Volatility in the returns of BSE-SENSEX using GARCH Model
- Life Expectancy in Developing Countries: A Cross-Section Analysis

#### Certificate Course:

- Financial Risk Analytics (from great learning)
- Predictive Modeling and Analytics-Regression(from great learning)
- Entrepreneurship Development (from RSETI)

#### Skills:

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### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala University

### Internships:

- Centre for Development Studies, (2019 April- May) assisted the project "Kerala Ageing Survey 2019".

### Projects/Others:

- Impact of exchange rate fluctuation in stock market.
- The Effect of Earnings Per Share, Debt-Equity Ratio, Retention Ratio and Promoters Shareholding on Share Prices of Top 100 Listed Companies in India

### Certificate Courses:

- Advanced Microeconomic Theory
- German 1 (nptel-swayam)

### Awards:

- ISC State Topper for Commerce
- Kerala University 1st rank holder for BA Economics
- Best outgoing student, Department of Economics, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram.

### Skills:

1) Java 2) Gretl 3) EViews 4) SPSS

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics Honours, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

### Internships:

- Summer Intern: IIT, Bombay
- Summer Intern: Tata Steel, Kolkata
- Volunteer: Right to Food, West Bengal
- Research Intern: UC, Berkeley School of Haas Business
- Research Assistant: JNU, CISLS
- Research Assistant: Queens University of Belfast

### Projects/Others:

- The nature and characteristic of organized manufacturing industries in Karnataka: 1999-2018 (Ongoing)
- Capturing the asymmetric volatility between large, mid and small cap stocks
- Understanding the underlying social order of the Interstate Labor Migration in India (Feb 2023)
- Can Cryptocurrency Tap the Indian Market? Role of Having Robust Financial and Monetary Policy (Published Paper)

### Certificate Courses:

- Advance Excel from National Institute for Information Technology

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#### Educational Qualification:

Dhempe College, Goa University

#### Internships:

- Worked With "The Goan" Newspaper as a Content Writer (1st May 2021-31st May 2021)

#### Projects/Others:

- Project on Socio-Economic Impact of Govt Schemes In Villages Across Goa
- Project on Factors Affecting Unemployment In India(using EViews)

#### Certificate Courses:

- R and Advanced Excel from Coursera and Udemy.

#### Awards:

- Awarded By Department For Scoring Highest Marks In Economics In Second Year Of UG.
- Awarded First Place In Quiz Competition In Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition titled Revelations Held Across All Colleges Of Goain 2020
- Awarded Second Place In Quiz Competition In All Goa Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition On The Theme " India's Economic Resources" in 2021
- Qualified GATE ECONOMICS 2022

#### Skills:

1) Python 2) MS Powerpoint 3) MS Excel 4) Eviews 5) R

#### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics honours, Miranda House, Delhi University

#### Internships:

- Content developer for No Hunger Foundation (NHF): Aug 2020-Sept 2020
- Digital marketing at Guby Rogers: July 2020- Aug 2020
- Graphic designer at SRS publicity: July 2020 (1 week)
- Design team member of Arthashashtra, The economic society of Miranda house: June 2021-May 2022

#### Projects/Others:

- Impact of R&D on economic performance in India
- Forecasting Indian rupee/ USD exchange rate using ARIMA model using Eviews
- Analysis of CO2 emissions in India (cross sectional analysis)

#### Certificate Courses:

- Advanced microeconomic theory

#### Awards:

- Young environmentalist of the year 2015
- Asha memorial award
- Certificate of appreciation for national level poster competition

#### Skills:

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### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics, Payyannur college, Kannur university

### Projects/Others:

- Impact of food grain subsidy given by government on rural poverty: analysis on different states of India.
- Covid pandemic and its economic impact: A comparison on formal and informal sector workers
- Job openings in manufacturing sector: time series analysis using arima modelling

### Awards:

- Kannur University 1st rank holder for BA Economics

### Skills:

1) EViews 2) Stata 3) MS Excel 4) MS Word

### Educational Qualification:

BA Economics honours, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar college, Delhi University

### Work Experience:

- Social work at Asha for education, NGO, lucknow
- Subject expert at Chegg

### Projects/Others:

- Literacy rate across states of in India, using eviews and stata.
- The role of inflation to the compensation of employee and grants over period of time, time series analysis using stata and eviews.
- The urbanization rate of India time series study by using stata
- The children curse.Stunting and wasting , By NFHS 5 Data using stata

### Skills:

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