

### Institutional Distinctiveness:

IGIDR institute has been largely successful in maintaining and sustaining over its lifetime a standard of academic excellence resulting from following the best practices instituted by and adhered to by most of the prestigious institutes in India and the world. For a deemed to be university, teaching is an important component of institute's activities.

The Institute provides decentralized system for faculty and students which establishes a free intellectual atmosphere of research ideas. Thrust areas have evolved internally through brainstorming, with external expert inputs through Academic Council, Research Advisory Committees and discussion meetings.

The Institute's academic excellence is perhaps best reflected in the diversity and quality of research emanating from the Institute. The research carried out in IGIDR spans various areas including but not limited to Computational and Theoretical General Equilibrium, Industrial Organization, Auction Theory, Macroeconomics, Theoretical and Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Corporate Governance, Banking and Finance, Energy and Environmental Economics, Climate Change, International Finance and Trade, Labor and Employment, Agricultural Economics and Food Security, Health and Nutrition, Public Economics and Public Finance, Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Transportation Economics, Game Theory, Poverty and Inequality, Indian Economy and a myriad other fields. Research papers by our faculty members find their rightful place among the most highly ranked journals, both international as well as national.

### Ph.D. Colloquium (CoRe) 2019:

IGIDR held its Ph.D. Colloquium (Conversations on Research (CoRe)) held from November 05th-08th, 2019. The Colloquium is part of the Institute's overall mandate to foster excellence in research by stimulating interactions among young researchers across different academic institutions. A total of 20 Ph.D. scholars who are in the advanced stages of their doctoral work were invited to present a paper/chapter from their thesis. A total of 5 Ph.D. scholars who are in the initial stages of their Ph.D. were invited to present an overview of their thesis in poster presentations.

### Refresher Training Programme for Indian Statistical Service Probationary Officers:

IGIDR endeavours to contribute to policy making through training programmes it conducts for government officials. A significant endeavour in this respect is the Refresher Training Programme to the Probationary officers of Indian Statistical Service. In the year 2019-20, two programmes were conducted at IGIDR, one between January 28, 2019 and February 1, 2019, and the second between May 6, 2019 and May 24, 2019. The total number participants who benefited from the programme were twenty-nine. The programmes were held on campus and IGIDR faculty were the key resource persons. The Inaugural lecture for the first training programme was 'Volatility and Resilience in Indian Growth Rates.' A wide range of topics were covered in both training programmes which included current economic Issues, energy and environment, India's energy needs and the challenge of climate change mitigation, law, regulations and threshold effects of labour reforms in India.