



## INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD

### **ADMISSION TO THE M.A. IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS**

The Indian Institute for Technology Hyderabad (IITH) invites applications for admission to the **full-time Masters in Development Studies** programme in the Department of Liberal Arts for the academic term 2024-2026.

This is a full-time two-year programme; candidates should not be employed in any organization.

#### **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for MA Admission**

- 55% marks or equivalent CGPA in Bachelor's degree.
- Shortlisted candidates must pass a written test and interview conducted by the Department of Liberal Arts.

Candidates still to appear in their qualifying degree examinations may also apply, provided they appear in all their qualifying degree examinations and complete all requirements for their degrees by the time of registration. If selected, such candidates shall be admitted provisionally, and they will have to furnish the results of their qualifying degree examinations during registration. Further, they must fulfill the minimum requirements of marks/CPI, as mentioned under eligibility criteria for admission into the programme.

#### **Selection:**

Mere fulfillment of the minimum educational qualification does not necessarily entitle applicants to a call for the written test. The Institute reserves the right to call only the requisite number of candidates based on qualification and suitability.

### **Duration of the Programme**

The duration of the M.A. Programme is 4 semesters (24 months) in which the selected candidates must complete course work and write a dissertation.

### **Procedure for Submitting the Application**

Please fill and submit in the **online application form** available on the following portal:  
<https://erp.iith.ac.in/Admissions/#/register>

For more details kindly refer to: <http://la.iith.ac.in/>

### **Reservations**

The reservation of seats in admissions for SC, ST, OBC, EWS categories and for persons with disability (PD) will be as per Government of India rules.

### **Relevant Information**

**Shortlisted candidates should expect a Call Letter for written test and interview by the end of April 2024**

**The written test and interview for M.A. (Development Studies) admissions will be conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the IITH campus.**

**The written test will be for two hours and the question paper will consist of a section on multiple choice questions and a section on descriptive essays. Descriptive questions will be drawn from various disciplines such as Economics, Gender Studies, Sociology, Psychology and Health studies, that broadly fall under the rubric of Development Studies and pertain to contemporary issues of development.**

**No Travel Allowance and accommodation will be provided to candidates.**

**Candidates are expected to make their own travel and stay arrangements. Information about getting to IITH campus, along with lodging options nearby will be communicated to shortlisted candidates in the Call Letter.**

## **Syllabus for entrance exam for Masters in Development Studies**

Part A: 40 marks (30 mins. Answering all questions is compulsory)

Candidates will be given 30 minutes to answer 20 multiple-choice questions related to Logical Reasoning, Basic Mathematics, and English Language

Part B: 60 marks (90 mins. Answer any 3 out of 10 questions)

Candidates will be required to write 3 essay-type answers. Candidates will be evaluated based on knowledge of their respective disciplinary approach to the following topics:

- Growth and Development
- Migration
- Role of Statistics in Development
- Gender Discrimination
- Conflict between Development and Environment
- Health
- Education
- Indigenous peoples
- Sexual minorities
- Labor policy and issues
- Public policy and social sector
- Climate change
- Social Inequality and social justice

Sample questions:

1. What were the reasons for the demonetization in India? Briefly highlight the positive and negative impact of demonetization in India.
2. Village A has 500 households, and Village B has 1000 households. What research methods and sampling framework will you follow to study the standard of living?
3. "Development" is a complex idea. Does development always mean progress?

Candidates are required to bring their own writing materials (pen, pencil, eraser, and writing board). Answer sheets will be provided by the institute.