

STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE INDIA

IMMERSION

PROGRAMME



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"Education is all about
igniting young minds and
enabling them to attain their
fullest potential."

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Discover India through the Lens of Innovation, Digitalization, Inclusion, and Impact

India is more than just a country—it is a living, evolving civilization that stretches across millennia and into the future. From the spiritual banks of the Ganges to the innovation corridors of Bengaluru, India is a remarkable fusion of tradition and transformation. Today, it stands as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, a dynamic democracy, and a critical architect of Asia's and the world's future.

India's economic resurgence is powered by its demographic dividend—the world's largest youth population—and a rapidly growing digital ecosystem that is redefining governance, commerce, education, and public service delivery. As Asia becomes the epicenter of global growth, India emerges as a strategic pillar, contributing meaningfully to global dialogues on sustainability, technology, entrepreneurship, and inclusive development.

This programme offers participants a unique opportunity to engage with India through eight curated modules that explore the country's role in regional geopolitics, digital transformation, ESG and climate action, circular economy, business innovation, and cultural diplomacy.

It is an immersive journey into the heart of an emerging global leader—where ideas meet impact, and legacy meets ambition.

Whether you're analyzing India's position in Asia, exploring its startup vibrancy, or experiencing grassroots models of resilience and sustainability, you will gain powerful insights into the forces shaping 21st-century India—and how the world is being transformed in the process.

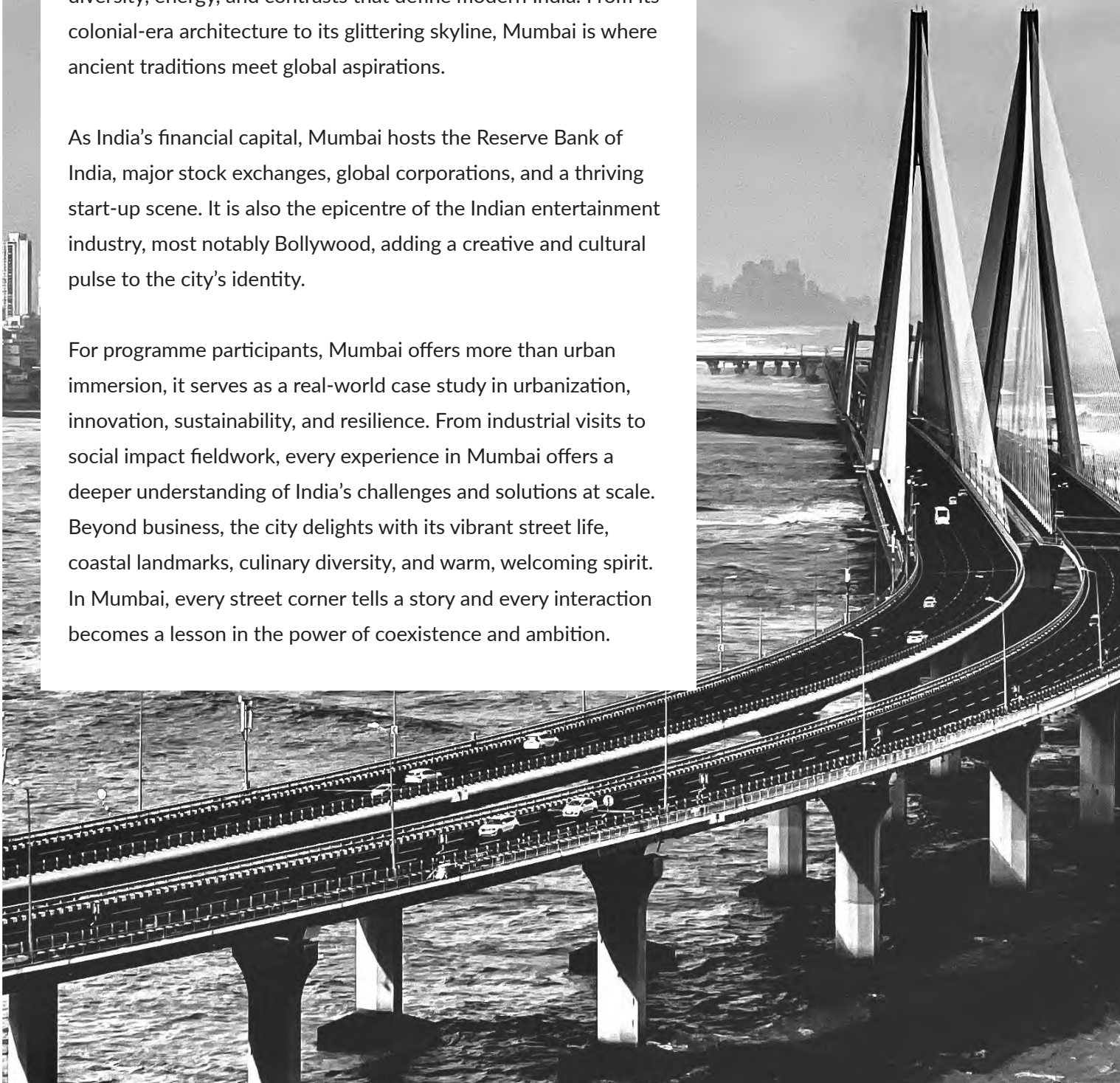


MUMBAI

Mumbai is India's commercial and cultural heartbeat, a city that never sleeps and never stops. Perched on the Arabian Sea, Mumbai is home to nearly 20 million people and reflects the rich diversity, energy, and contrasts that define modern India. From its colonial-era architecture to its glittering skyline, Mumbai is where ancient traditions meet global aspirations.

As India's financial capital, Mumbai hosts the Reserve Bank of India, major stock exchanges, global corporations, and a thriving start-up scene. It is also the epicentre of the Indian entertainment industry, most notably Bollywood, adding a creative and cultural pulse to the city's identity.

For programme participants, Mumbai offers more than urban immersion, it serves as a real-world case study in urbanization, innovation, sustainability, and resilience. From industrial visits to social impact fieldwork, every experience in Mumbai offers a deeper understanding of India's challenges and solutions at scale. Beyond business, the city delights with its vibrant street life, coastal landmarks, culinary diversity, and warm, welcoming spirit. In Mumbai, every street corner tells a story and every interaction becomes a lesson in the power of coexistence and ambition.



About Jio Institute

Jio Institute's 52-acre campus in Ulwe, Navi Mumbai, offers strategic connectivity via multi-modal transport hubs. The facility features state-of-the-art classrooms, smart laboratories, a digital library with one million resources, and multiple other facilities. Sports amenities include a high-performance gym, world-class athletic track, and tennis and basketball courts. The student residences are fully furnished and air-conditioned to ensure student comfort. All these facilities provide excellent infrastructure supporting student life throughout their academic journey at Jio Institutes.

Campus Facilities

Academic Facilities

- State-of-the-art classrooms
- Digital Library
- Computer Vision Lab
- Fully equipped Media Studio
- Production Control Room
- Audio Editing Bay
- VO Foley Room
- Video Editing Room
- Silent Reading Room
- Discussion & Meeting Rooms
- Spacious Cafeteria
- Multi Purpose Hall (MPH)
- Faculty Offices

Sports & Recreational Facilities

- World Class Athletic Track
- High Performance Gym
- Jogging Track
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Cricket Pitch
- Indoor Recreational Activity Center

Residential Facilities

- Double Occupancy Rooms
- Lounge Area
- Pantry Services
- Laundromat
- Medical Center



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campus walkthrough
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Why Choose Jio Institute for Study Abroad & Exchange?

1

Global Learning Environment

Engage with renowned faculty and industry practitioners from around the world in an inclusive setting.

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Mumbai

India's financial, commercial, and cultural capital with easy access to iconic landmarks, thriving markets, arts districts, and business hubs.

2

Cutting-edge Infrastructure

Learn in technology-enabled classrooms, explore creative possibilities in the Media Studio, access extensive resources in the Library, and collaborate in dynamic spaces designed to foster peer-to-peer learning.

6

Safe and Supportive Campus

Stay in on-campus accommodation equipped with 24/7 security, dedicated student support services, and a vibrant, inclusive community that ensures comfort, well-being, and peace of mind.

3

Industry-Immersion

Participate in projects, corporate visits, and industry-led workshops that bridge classroom learning with real-world applications.

7

Customisable Programmes

Tailored short-term modules to meet the specific academic and cultural learning goals of partner universities and student cohorts.

4

Authentic India Experience

Immerse yourself in India's rich heritage through curated cultural activities, heritage walks, traditional arts, and culinary explorations.

8

Personal and Professional Growth

Build global networks, enhance cross-cultural competencies, and gain unique insights into emerging markets.



| India Immersion Programme

Programme Highlights

Whether you want a strong industry connect, a cultural deep dive, or an academic-intensive schedule. Our programme is flexible & modular - select from a wide range of academic offerings and complement them with co-curricular modules of your choice to create a personalised learning experience.

Academic Immersion

Choose from a range of academic modules on India's economic growth, digital transformation, sustainability, and cultural diplomacy—customised to your academic and career goals.

- Growth in Asia & India's Role
- Doing Business in India
- Sustainability, ESG Transitions & Climate Resilience in India
- Digital Transformation in India
- Education, Sports & Cultural Diplomacy

Panel Discussions & Case Studies:

- Join panels with CXOs, economists, tech leaders, and policy experts on strategy and growth.
- Analyse live cases on India's start-up ecosystem, sustainability, and economic models.

Workshops:

- Attend innovation, leadership, and digital media workshops with industry specialists.
- Practice policy, ESG strategies, and sustainability through simulations and labs.

Industry & Cultural Immersion

Corporate Visits :

- Visit Reliance Corporate Park for 5G labs, network operations and top incubators/accelerators.
- Explore the Stock Exchange and a major manufacturing plant for insights into finance and industry.

Social & Community Engagements:

- Interact with NGOs, women entrepreneurs in Dharavi, and explore India's social ecosystem.
- Support communities via education, digital literacy, and empowerment projects.

Cultural & Heritage Experiences:

- Visit iconic sites (Gateway of India, Elephanta Caves), art hubs (Kala Ghoda, NMACC), and NCPA performances.
- Enjoy curated Indian culinary experiences and regional cultural showcases.

Growth in Asia and India's Role

India's emergence as a key player in Asia's economic ascent reflects a blend of structural reforms, demographic strength, and strategic positioning. This module offers participants a holistic view of Asia's economic rise with India at the forefront of regional transformation. Sessions are led by distinguished economists, policy makers, and strategic advisors who will decode the macroeconomic and geopolitical forces shaping the region's future.

Key Topics Explored

- **Asia's Economic Ascent:** Unpack the drivers behind Asia's rapid growth—including demographic dividends, intra-regional trade, infrastructure investments, and digital connectivity. Understand how Asia is becoming the nucleus of global economic power.
- **India as a Strategic Growth Engine:** Explore how India is positioning itself as a key pillar in Asia's growth story. Examine the demographic advantage, growing middle class, consumption patterns, and India's evolving role in global supply chains.
- **Geopolitics and Regional Trade Dynamics:** Gain insights into the geopolitical realities and regional alliances—such as the Indo-Pacific strategy, RCEP, and India's bilateral trade pacts—that influence investment flows and policy decisions.
- **Economic Drivers of India's Growth:** Delve into India's growth framework, including its infrastructure push (such as Gati Shakti), manufacturing initiatives (Make in India), and the expansion of its digital and services economy.

Immersive Learning Experience

This module combines macroeconomic analysis with real-world examples, using interactive workshops, simulations, and expert-led sessions. Participants will be exposed to India's strategic policymaking ecosystem through curated sessions at leading think tanks and government institutions.

The experience provides a regional and comparative lens for understanding Asia's rise and India's future trajectory in global economic leadership.

Doing Business in India

India offers immense business potential as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, yet it presents a unique set of opportunities and challenges. This module, delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Rasananda Panda (MICA) and Mr. Shalabh Atray (CMO, Jio Mobility), provides an in-depth analysis of India's complex business environment shaped by cultural, linguistic, regulatory, and economic diversity.

Key Topics Explored

- **Federal Business Regulations:** Gain insights into the regulatory framework that governs business operations in India. Understand how federal and state laws affect market entry and operational strategies.
- **Entry Strategies for Foreign Businesses:** Learn effective strategies for entering the Indian market, including joint ventures, franchising, and direct investment. Case studies will highlight successful market entry stories.
- **Consumer Behavior Insights:** Delve into the intricacies of Indian consumer behavior, including preferences, spending habits, and cultural influences. This understanding is critical for tailoring products and marketing strategies effectively.
- **Success Stories and Failures:** Analyse case studies of both successful and unsuccessful ventures in India. Learn valuable lessons from these experiences that can inform future business strategies.

Interactive Learning Environment

Interactive sessions, real-world case studies, and panel discussions featuring corporate leaders will provide practical strategies for navigating the Indian marketplace. Participants will explore the rise of India's vibrant start-up ecosystem and understand the role of innovation in both new and legacy businesses. By the end of the module, students will have a nuanced understanding of how to engage meaningfully with the Indian economy, preparing them for successful careers in international business.

Sustainability, ESG Transitions, and Climate Resilience in India

India's sustainable development requires balancing economic growth, environmental care, and social inclusion. As a fast-growing yet climate-vulnerable nation, India must advance low-carbon growth while building climate resilience. This module explores ESG-driven transitions, climate adaptation, and circular economy practices, offering a holistic view of India's sustainability agenda. Participants will learn how ESG principles shape corporate strategy, policy, and investments, while also examining case studies on climate finance, green innovation, and resource-positive development.

Key Topics Explored

- **ESG Compliance and Corporate Sustainability:** Explore India's ESG compliance landscape, including SEBI mandates and Ministry of Corporate Affairs guidelines, and learn how responsible investing is shaping corporate strategies.
- **Green Finance and Innovation:** Understand climate disclosure requirements, green bonds, and sustainable finance mechanisms enabling decarbonisation and innovation.
- **Community-Based Climate Adaptation:** Examine grassroots initiatives and urban resilience planning that strengthen climate preparedness at local and city levels.
- **Circular Economy Practices:** Learn about principles and interventions for circularity across key sectors such as water, plastics, textiles, and e-waste.
- **Climate Risk Management:** Gain insights into climate risk assessment, early warning systems, and integrated policy responses that address systemic vulnerabilities.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Explore collaborative models for low-carbon, resource-positive development across industries and governance frameworks.

Real-World Application

Key experiential components include:

Case Studies & Policy Analysis:

Explore initiatives like the Green Hydrogen Mission, SAPCCs, and C-Cube.

Circular Economy Workshops:

Learn about waste management, resource recovery, and net-zero innovations.

Tech Demonstrations:

See how digital tools, IoT, and AI enable climate risk management and decarbonisation.

Stakeholder Dialogues:

Engage with policymakers, corporates, and experts on ESG, green finance, and resilience.

Innovation Lab Visits:

Discover projects linking sustainability, climate adaptation, and digital transformation.

Digital Transformation in India

India's digital revolution is one of the most remarkable transformations of the 21st century. This module of the India Immersion Programme delves into how India has evolved from a 2G telecom economy to a globally recognised 5G and AI powerhouse. Participants will benefit from sessions led by senior industry leaders like Mr. Munir Sayyed (AVP, Reliance Jio) and Dr. Shailesh Kumar (Chief Data Scientist, Reliance Jio), who will share invaluable real-world insights into how digital infrastructure is reshaping the nation.

Key Topics Explored

- **Evolution of India's Telecom Sector:** Discover how India transitioned from limited connectivity to becoming one of the world's largest telecommunications markets. Understand the pivotal role played by government policies and private sector innovation in this transformation.
- **Transformative Role of AI:** Explore how artificial intelligence is revolutionising public service delivery in India. Learn about AI applications in healthcare, education, and governance, and how they are enhancing efficiency and accessibility.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** Analyse successful implementations of smart city projects, the rise of digital payments through UPI, and advancements in precision agriculture. These case studies will highlight the practical benefits of digitalisation in everyday life.
- **Bridging Urban-Rural Divides:** Witness how India is leveraging real-time data and AI-driven systems to improve infrastructure and services in rural areas, fostering inclusivity and economic growth.

Hands-On Experience

The sessions are hosted at the state-of-the-art Jio 5G Innovation Lab and Reliance Corporate Park, providing students with hands-on exposure to India's leading digital innovations. Participants will engage in interactive workshops and demonstrations, leaving with a systemic understanding of how India is building a future-ready, inclusive, and tech-driven society under the 'Digital India' initiative. This experience positions students to become leaders in the digital economy.

Education, Sports, and Cultural Diplomacy

India's soft power is rooted in its rich civilisational heritage and increasingly global outlook. This module highlights how India is using education, sports, and culture as tools of international engagement and diplomacy. The sessions are led by academics, diplomats, and cultural leaders who have been central to shaping India's global narrative.

Key Topics Explored

- **Higher Education as a Diplomatic Channel:** Understand how India is positioning its higher education system to attract global talent and foster South-South cooperation through scholarship programmes and university partnerships.
- **Sports and Global Influence:** Examine how India's performance in sports—from cricket to emerging Olympic disciplines—serves as a unifying and diplomatic force both at home and abroad.
- **Cultural Narratives and Nation Branding:** Explore how India promotes its culture through cinema, yoga, cuisine, literature, and festivals to strengthen people-to-people connections worldwide.
- **Digital and Diaspora Diplomacy:** Learn how India leverages digital platforms and its global diaspora to enhance its global identity and promote shared cultural values.

Cultural Immersion

Participants will engage in curated cultural experiences, including performances, culinary workshops, and visits to iconic institutions of art and heritage. These encounters will offer a firsthand appreciation of how India blends tradition with modernity to project its values, strengthen international relations, and build global goodwill.





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I'd definitely recommend this programme to anyone seeking a fresh experience—especially those who love Indian food, culture, and are open to exploring exciting and dynamic opportunities. It's a journey worth taking.

Grace
SMU Student



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The programme offers a thoughtfully curated introduction to India—like a starter pack for anyone new to the country. It's a safe, reliable, and innovative platform that equips you with the skills, confidence, and mindset needed to explore, learn, and grow in a completely new environment.

Goh Jian Chang
SMU Student

Discovering India: Technology, Innovation & Culture



Innovation & Technology

Engage with start-ups and explore cutting-edge solutions at Reliance Corporate Park, from 5G to smart retail experiences.

Finance & Social Impact

Explore India's markets at the Bombay Stock Exchange and engage with grassroots communities through the OSCAR Foundation and Dharavi industries.



Healthcare & Governance

Gain insights into healthcare at Apollo Hospital and learn about smart city initiatives with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

Culture & Heritage

Visit the Jio World Centre, including NMACC and the Swadesh gallery, to experience India's art, textiles, and traditions.



Iconic Landmarks & Heritage

Visit the Gateway of India, Elephanta Caves, and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, and explore Kala Ghoda, Mumba Devi Temple, and Dhobi Ghat.

Unity in Diversity

Experience India's religious harmony at Juma Masjid Dargah and Sacred Heart Church, followed by local shopping at the vibrant Linking Road.



Performing Arts & Culture

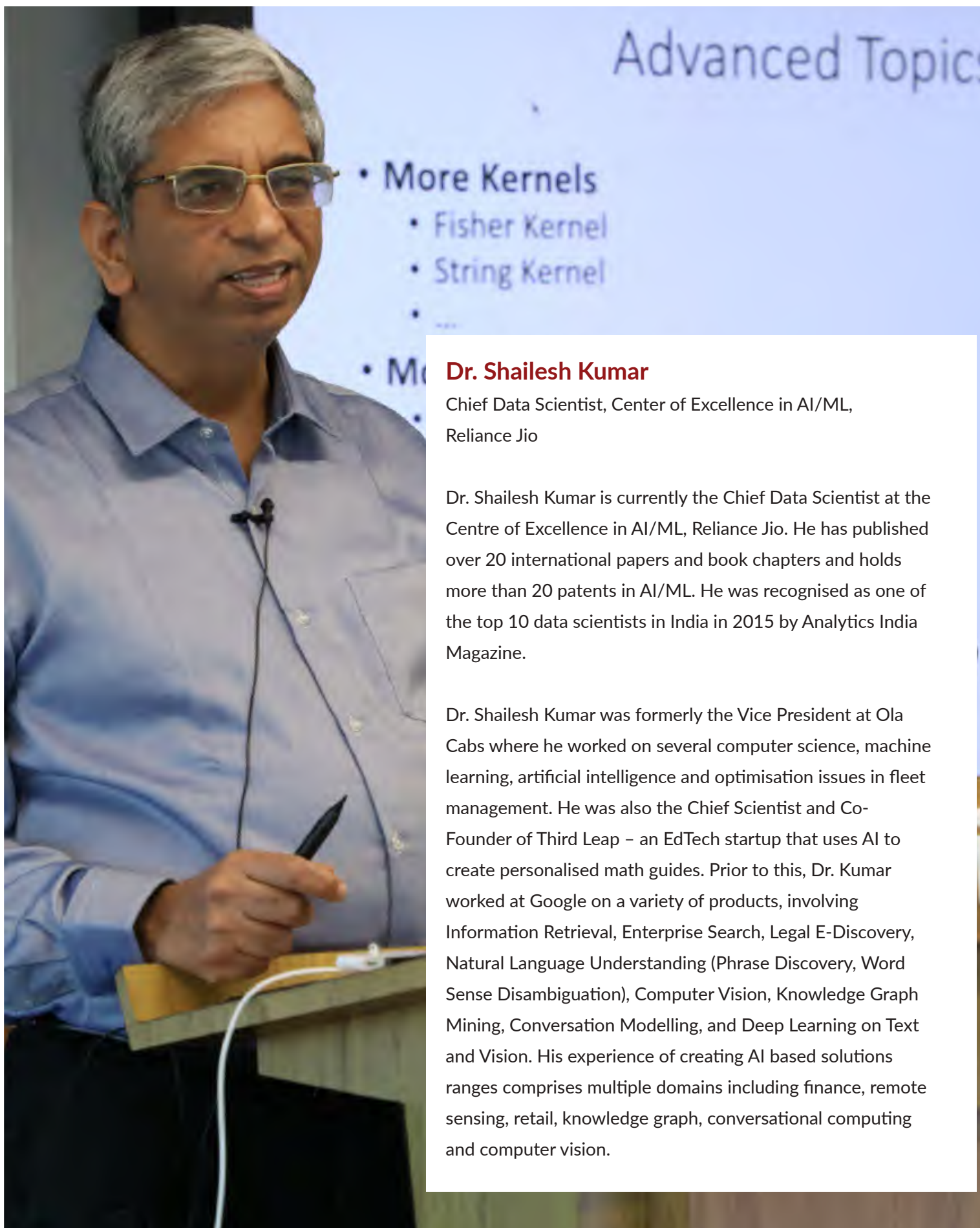
Attend performances at NCPA, featuring Ustad Amjad Ali Khan's Sarod Quintet and classical Indian dance forms like Kuchipudi and Manipuri.

Food & Lifestyle

Wrap up the day at Nexus Mall, Seawoods, sampling Indian street food and enjoying shared experiences through food and entertainment.



Faculty Profiles



Dr. Shailesh Kumar

Chief Data Scientist, Center of Excellence in AI/ML,
Reliance Jio

Dr. Shailesh Kumar is currently the Chief Data Scientist at the Centre of Excellence in AI/ML, Reliance Jio. He has published over 20 international papers and book chapters and holds more than 20 patents in AI/ML. He was recognised as one of the top 10 data scientists in India in 2015 by Analytics India Magazine.

Dr. Shailesh Kumar was formerly the Vice President at Ola Cabs where he worked on several computer science, machine learning, artificial intelligence and optimisation issues in fleet management. He was also the Chief Scientist and Co-Founder of Third Leap – an EdTech startup that uses AI to create personalised math guides. Prior to this, Dr. Kumar worked at Google on a variety of products, involving Information Retrieval, Enterprise Search, Legal E-Discovery, Natural Language Understanding (Phrase Discovery, Word Sense Disambiguation), Computer Vision, Knowledge Graph Mining, Conversation Modelling, and Deep Learning on Text and Vision. His experience of creating AI based solutions ranges comprises multiple domains including finance, remote sensing, retail, knowledge graph, conversational computing and computer vision.



Dr. Vishnu Prasad

Assistant Professor, Jio Institute

Dr. Vishnu Prasad V is an Assistant Professor at Jio Institute in the Digital Media and Marketing Communications area. He holds a Ph.D. in Marketing Management from IIM Kozhikode, an MBA from SJMSOM, IIT Bombay, and a B.Tech. from Government College of Technology, Coimbatore.

His research focuses on brand strategy, consumer technology adoption, and cause-related marketing, with publications in reputed journals like the Journal of Consumer Behaviour. His current work explores areas such as Blockchain adoption, collaborative consumption, and brand trust dynamics.

Vishnu brings industry experience from his role as a Product Manager at Vodafone India and has consulted for companies like Johnson & Johnson and Bennett Coleman. He is also actively involved in academic reviewing and enjoys reading Indian history and playing chess in his leisure time.



Prof. Rasananda Panda

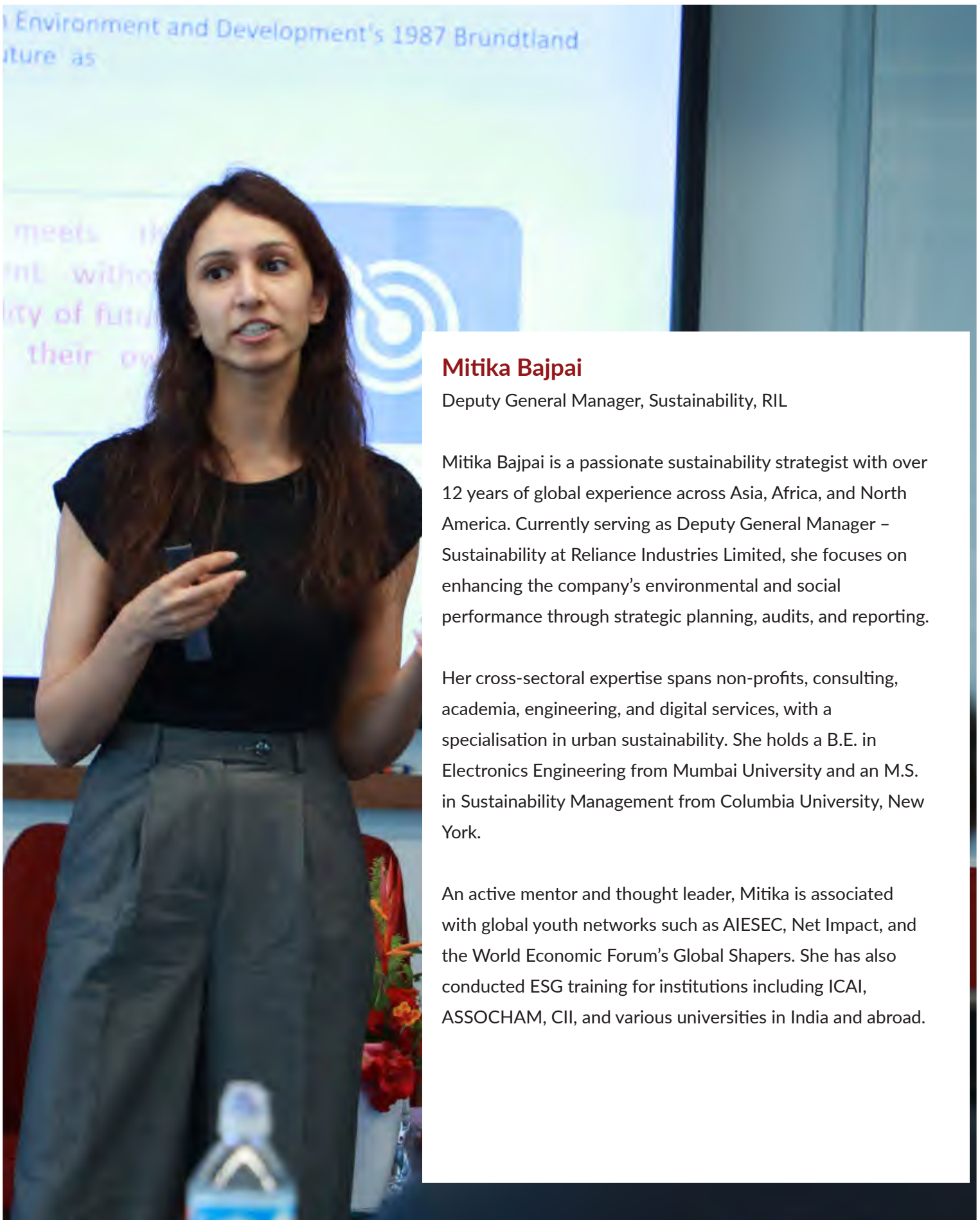
Professor of Economics and Management, MICA

Prof. Rasananda Panda brings over 29 years of experience in teaching, research, and academic administration. An economist by training, his expertise spans industry analysis, behavioural economics, political economy, and econometric modelling. His research focuses on India's business environment and emerging markets.

Prof. Panda began his academic journey as a Trainee Academic Associate at IIM Ahmedabad and has since held teaching positions at Gujarat University, PDEU Gandhinagar, and MICA. He also served as Chief Economist (on contract) at Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation.

At MICA, he has played a key role in academic leadership, including a tenure as Registrar (2018–20), and has been part of several strategic committees. A widely published academic and media contributor, he also occasionally consults for industry.

Originally from Odisha, Prof. Panda holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Analytical and Applied Economics from Utkal University. He has lived in Ahmedabad since 1994.



Mitika Bajpai

Deputy General Manager, Sustainability, RIL

Mitika Bajpai is a passionate sustainability strategist with over 12 years of global experience across Asia, Africa, and North America. Currently serving as Deputy General Manager – Sustainability at Reliance Industries Limited, she focuses on enhancing the company's environmental and social performance through strategic planning, audits, and reporting.

Her cross-sectoral expertise spans non-profits, consulting, academia, engineering, and digital services, with a specialisation in urban sustainability. She holds a B.E. in Electronics Engineering from Mumbai University and an M.S. in Sustainability Management from Columbia University, New York.

An active mentor and thought leader, Mitika is associated with global youth networks such as AIESEC, Net Impact, and the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers. She has also conducted ESG training for institutions including ICAI, ASSOCHAM, CII, and various universities in India and abroad.



Mr. Mujtaba Rasool

Jio Digital Healthcare

Mujtaba is a product lead with Jio with over 14 years of experience spanning digital ecosystems, healthcare, fintech, and SaaS. At Jio, he drives product strategy and innovation, building large-scale platforms across healthcare, financial services, and AI. His career includes leadership roles in startups and global organisations, where he spearheaded initiatives in enterprise SaaS, FinTech, Telecom, Retail and MarTech. Known for blending strategic vision with hands-on execution, Mujtaba is passionate about creating technology that delivers real-world impact, with a strong focus on scalability, user experience, and measurable outcomes



Mr. Munir Sayyed

AVP, Reliance Jio

Operating out of Navi Mumbai, Dr. Munir has over 25+ years of experience. He is responsible for driving end to end Jio 5G Innovation Labs, Jio in-house Product pipelines, Service assurance and Automation of cloud-native 4G/5G network. In this role previously, he has overseen all aspects of the 4G/5G functions as well as E2E testing, product lifecycle, transformation, technology development and automation, including innovation, deployment and operations. He guides a team of highly motivated individuals focused on delivering expected results well within the timelines.



**Experience
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