The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade at the request of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India organized industry stakeholders consultation on the ongoing India-Israel Free Trade Agreement negotiations on 8 November 2011 at IIIFT-Delhi; on 11 November 2011 at The Capitol Hotel, Bangalore; and on 5 December 2011 at World Trade Centre, Mumbai.
Presentations by IIFT Faculty

• Dr. R.K. Mitra, Registrar submitted a paper on “Towards Validation of Key Success Factors of E-government Initiatives” (Co-author: Dr. M.P. Gupta, IIT Delhi) at 8th International Conference on E-Governance (ICEG-2011) at Institute of Management, Nirma University, Ahmedabad during 17-18 October 2011. The paper has been awarded as the Second Best Paper at the Conference.

• Dr. Deepankar Sinha, Associate Professor’s paper titled “The Impact of Cost of Logistics in Pricing of Goods for Global Markets Considering the Income and Substitution Effect: A System Dynamics-based Pricing Framework” has been accepted at the International Marketing Conference to be held at IIM Lucknow on 12-14 January 2012.


• Dr. Debasish Chakraborty, Assistant Professor presented a paper on “EU-India Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement: Opportunities and Challenges” (Co-author: A. Kumar) at IIId India-EU Forum on Effective Multilateralism 2011, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi during 27-28 September 2011.

• Ms. Sonu Verma, Consultant at the level of Assistant Professor presented a paper titled “Empirical Analysis of RCA for Selected Commodities of India vis a vis World” at the National Seminar on Future of Financial Markets held at Centre of Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi on 5 September 2011.


• Jinusha Panigrahi, Research Associate presented a paper titled “Constraints in the Choice of Courses and Institutes: Impact on Access to Higher Education” at the Annual Conference-2011 of Comparative Education Society of India (Rethinking Education Policy) held at Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad during 16-18 November 2011.

Faculty Participation in Discussion Forums

• Shri Deepak Bhatnagar, Head (CITT), gave a Lecture on “Technology Diplomacy”, at CUTS International in Jaipur on 14 November 2011.

• Dr. Pinaki Dasgupta, Associate Professor was invited by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) to present on the topic “Market Prospects for Handlooms in International Trade” as a part of a Seminar organized by Development Commissioner (Handlooms) on “Strategies to Promote Handloom Exports” in Varanasi on 13 October 2011. Smt. Rita Menon, Textiles Secretary alongwith DC (Handicrafts) and DC (Handlooms) presided over the function.

• Dr. Bibek Ray Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor delivered lectures to Agriculture Department officials on Anti Dumping and Countervailing
Measures, Non-Agriculture Market Access (NAMA) and Export Potential and Performance of Agriculture and other Rural Products as a part of NIRD Off-Campus Training Programme on “WTO and Agriculture” in collaboration with SIPRD, Kalyani (14-18 November 2011) at SIPRD, Kalyani, West Bengal on 16 November 2011.

- **Shri Madan Lal, Consultant** delivered a talk on “Demands for Handicrafts” at a Seminar on Export Marketing: Challenges Ahead and How to Overcome Them and Tapping Markets. The Seminar was jointly organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, National Centre for Design and Product Development and India Trade Promotion Organisation on 15 November 2011 during the 31st IITF, New Delhi.

- **Jinusha Panigrahi** attended a Special Talk by Prof. Joseph Stiglitz on the topic “Global Financial Crisis and its Implications for an Orthodox Economics” organized by CESP, SSS, JNU, New Delhi on 1 November 2011.

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### Seminars/Workshops/Symposium

- **Shri Deepak Bhatnagar, Head (CITT) and Shri Pravin Jadhav, Research Associate** attended the Seminar on Decade of Innovation: India @ Year 1: A Journey towards Innovation Driven Economy at New Delhi on 16 November 2011.

- **Shri Deepak Bhatnagar** and **Shri Pravin Jadhav** attended the Release Function of the Report of the National Innovation Council by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India at New Delhi on 15 November 2011.

- **Dr. Gautam Dutta, Associate Professor** organized Third Orientation Workshop on Effective School Management for Principals of CBSE Affiliated Schools at IIFT, Kolkata during 19-23 September 2011.

- **Dr. Deepankar Sinha, Associate Professor** was invited as a speaker at the Seminar on Trade Performance & Potential of North Eastern States and the Role of DGCIS, and presented a paper on “Logistics Issues Related to Border Trade” at Dispur, Guwahati (Assam) on 12 August 2011.

- **Dr. Bibek Ray Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor** attended a Two-Day Workshop on Structural Equation Modelling in Assessing Reliability of the Psychological Test, organized by Psychology Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata during 17-18 November 2011.

- **Shri Madan Lal, Consultant** attended the National Seminar on Role of Standards in Promotion of Technical Textiles, jointly organized by the Ministry of Textiles, BIS and the FICCI in New Delhi on 30 November 2011. On this occasion a *Compendium on Standards in Technical Textiles Sector* was released by the Textile Secretary Mrs. Rita Menon.
Publications by IIFT Faculty

Dr. Gautam Dutta, Associate Professor


Dr. Saikat Banerjee, Associate Professor


Dr. Deepankar Sinha, Associate Professor


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