

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS



HANDBOOK OF INFORMATION

Ph.D. in Economics



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DELHI 110007

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Registration for admission to the PhD programme of the University of Delhi (including those offered by the Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics) is carried out online by the University according to the rules and procedures described in the University's Bulletin of Information, which should be read carefully before filling the online application form. Details are available at Ph.D. Admission Portal on the website of the University of Delhi, www.du.ac.in. Applicants are responsible for regularly checking the portal for any updates at <https://admission.uod.ac.in/?Ph.D.-Admissions> and also responsible for regularly checking the websites and admission portals of NTA and the University of Delhi for updates and admission-related policies. The Department of Economics disclaims any liability towards any individual for any loss or damage caused to him/her arising out of any action taken on the basis of the provided information.
2. This Handbook provides additional information for candidates intending to apply for the Ph.D. programme in Economics. Information about the admissions procedure for Ph.D. will be posted on the University website, and also on the Department website at www.econdse.org.
3. For information about the application process and the date, time and venues of the Entrance Test, please consult the admission portal. Any questions should be directed to the helpline number /email address given there. **The Department of Economics has no role to play in this process.** In particular, the list of shortlisted candidates and the dates for the interview will be announced only after receiving the results of the first-stage entrance test from the University.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Our Past and Present

Reckoning from the appointment of V.K.R.V. Rao as Professor in 1942, the Department of Economics of the Delhi School of Economics is one of the oldest departments of the University of Delhi. The Delhi School of Economics was set up in 1949 as an institution for advanced studies and research in economics on the initiative of the Founder-Director, Professor Rao. Since then, the Department has been at the forefront of post-graduate teaching and research in economics. It is one of the three constituent departments of the Delhi School of Economics, the other two being Geography and Sociology.

The Department of Economics (henceforth, the Department) supports Masters and Doctoral programmes in Economics, which draw a large number of applicants from all over the country and many from abroad. These programmes have a strong theoretical and quantitative focus with an emphasis on empirical applications. Their hallmark is the dynamic curriculum offered, which is continuously reviewed and updated in line with the latest developments in the subject. Currently, more than fifty scholars (including foreign candidates from Africa and Asia) are enrolled in the PhD programme.

The Department is proud of its many past faculty members who have significantly contributed to the economics discipline. Foremost among these are the first three Heads of the Department, V.K.R.V. Rao, B.N. Ganguli and K.N. Raj, who became Vice Chancellors of Delhi University. The foundations they laid down were built upon by their successors, K.A. Naqvi, Sukhamoy Chakravarty, A.L. Nagar, Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri, Dharma Kumar, K.L. Krishna, S.B. Gupta, Suresh D. Tendulkar, Om Prakash, Badal Mukhopadhyay, V. N. Pandit, K. Sundaram, Pulin B. Nayak, Partha Sen, Santosh C. Panda, B. L. Pandit and Pami Dua. Other distinguished scholars who have served on the faculty include Pranab Bardhan, Kaushik Basu, Jagdish Bhagwati, Bhaskar Dutta, Raj Krishna, Prasanta Pattanaik, Tapan Raychaudhuri, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen. Many of them were nominated as Fellows of the Econometric Society, a much coveted honour in the field of Economics, making them members of a very prestigious international body of scholars.

The Department is also proud of its numerous alumni who have gone on to distinguished academic careers, including many Fellows of the Econometric Society, such as Dilip Abreu, Bhaskar Dutta, Gita Gopinath, Vijay Krishna, Tapan Mitra, Dilip Mookherjee, Arunava Sen (who was also awarded the prestigious Infosys Prize). Department alumni can be found in most major Economics, Business and Public Policy departments worldwide, very often as members of the faculty and, even more commonly, as doctoral students.

Apart from purely academic distinctions, members of the Department have contributed to the task of institution-building in various capacities. The founder, Professor Rao, became the Vice

Chancellor of Delhi University, served as the Education Minister in the central government, and founded other important academic institutions. Another former member of the Department, Professor Manmohan Singh, served as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Finance Minister and later Prime Minister of India. Numerous other members of the Department, including K.N. Raj, Raj Krishna, P.N. Dhar, Sukhamoy Chakravarty, Suresh Tendulkar, Kaushik Basu, T.C.A. Anant and Pami Dua, served the nation as high-level economic officials or advisers to the government and international bodies, as members of the Planning Commission, and as regulators or members of important government Commissions and committees. Others have served as public intellectuals and as public-spirited activists.

While the Department's alumni have traditionally found jobs and attained considerable eminence in academia, the civil services, NGOs, international organisations and the media, the number of alumni in finance, consultancy and other private sector areas has grown manifold in the past two decades. Further details about recent placements are given below.

In 1965, the Department was the first economics department in the country to be recognised by the University Grants Commission as a Centre for Advanced Studies, a distinction that it continues to hold to the present day. The present Department is building on this evolving tradition and continues to perform the functions of academic research, teaching and public service. Current faculty have published their research in leading Indian and international professional journals and have won prestigious international and Indian awards and fellowships. Their specialisations span a wide range of areas in economics (see www.econdse.org/faculty/). For many years, the Department has been ranked the highest amongst university economics departments in India by RePEc (Research Papers in Economics), a global electronic archive of working papers and publications in Economics and Finance (<http://ideas.repec.org/top/top.india.html>). Apart from pursuing their individual research programmes, several faculty members also serve on committees of various government departments and public sector organisations and the governing bodies or academic councils of important academic institutions.

Looking Outward

The Department maintains a lively interaction with Indian and international economics profession. Over the years, it has hosted a long list of distinguished scholars as visitors and speakers, including Nobel laureates such as Jan Tinbergen, John Hicks, Kenneth Arrow, Milton Friedman, James Tobin, Lawrence Klein, Amartya Sen, John Nash, Eric Maskin, Thomas Sargent, Joseph Stiglitz, Oliver Hart, Angus Deaton, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo. Other distinguished visitors and speakers over the years have included Michael Kalecki, Maurice Dobb, Nicholas Kaldor, Joan Robinson, Jagdish Bhagwati, T.N. Srinivasan, Ian Little, Harry Johnson, Robert Baldwin, I.G. Patel, William Baumol, Nicholas Stern, Bela Balassa, Lance Taylor, Ronald Jones, Anne Krueger, Edmond Malinvaud, Jacques Dreze, Zvi Griliches, Hugo Sonnenschein, Debraj Ray, and in more recent years, Pranab Bardhan, Partha Dasgupta, Hal Varian, and Melissa Dell. Key policy-makers, including Montek Ahluwalia, Kaushik Basu, C. Rangarajan, Y.V. Reddy, Arvind Subramanian, Viral Acharya, V. Ananthan Nageswaran and N.K. Singh, have also

spoken at the DSE in recent years.

Conferences, workshops and seminars are important fora for the Department's research engagement with the economics profession at large. Members of the Department actively engage in such interactions and also organise events, including an active weekly seminar series that attracts speakers from around the world. Another regular event is the annual Winter School, which brings in distinguished scholars from India and abroad to give a set of expository lectures on frontier research areas and interact with young research scholars in a workshop-style setting. The list of distinguished invited speakers for the Winter School in recent years includes (apart from some of those named above): Ken Binmore, John Moore, Herve Moulin, Nobuhiro Kiyotaki, Andrew Chesher, Esther Duflo, Abhijit Banerjee, Maitreesh Ghatak, William Thomson, Charles Manski, John Roemer, Dilip Abreu, Janet Currie, Andrew Foster, Bina Agarwal, Scott Taylor, Mukesh Eswaran, Imran Rasul, Stephen Morris, Ariel Rubinstein, Glenn Loury, Gita Gopinath, Avinash Dixit, Sanjeev Goyal, Jorgen Weibull, Timothy van Zandt, Manuel Arellano, John Leahy, Christopher Udry, George Mailath, V.V. Chari, Edward Glaeser, Jean-Marc Robin, Ran Spiegler, Pol Antras, Pascaline Dupas, Vijay Krishna, Martin Uribe, Tayfun Sonmez, Michael Woodford, Whitney Newey and Mark Rosenzweig (Yale). The distinguished speakers at the 2022 Winter School were Aldo Rustichini (Minnesota), Michael Greenstone (Chicago), Bruce Hansen (Wisconsin Madison) and Raouf Boucekkine (Rennes School of Business/Aix-Marseille School of Economics).

The Department organised the Asian Meetings of the (International) Econometric Society in 2012. It also organized a conference on '*Indian Economy: Issues and Perspectives*' in 2013 as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES), the pre-eminent economics society in India. A special conference was organised in 2017 to felicitate Kaushik Basu on his 65th birthday. Distinguished speakers included Avinash Dixit, Joseph Stiglitz, and Manmohan Singh. In 2018, the Department hosted the prestigious Asia-Pacific Innovation Conference held in India for the first time. The Department recently hosted workshops on "Trade, Unequal Gains and Development" in 2022 and "75 Years of Productivity Growth in India" in 2023.

Our Journal: Indian Economic Review

The Department houses a highly-regarded biannual journal, the *Indian Economic Review (IER)*, now published by Springer, which publishes peer-reviewed scholarly articles in diverse areas of economics. Over the years, it has featured the work of leading economists including several Nobel laureates. Past contributors to IER include George Akerlof, Pranab Bardhan, Kaushik Basu, William Baumol, Jagdish Bhagwati, Sukhamoy Chakravarty, Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri, Harry Johnson, James Mirrlees, Lawrence Klein, Kala Krishna, Anne Krueger, A.L. Nagar, William Nordhaus, Prasanta Pattanaik, K.N. Raj, Joan Robinson, Amartya Sen, T.N. Srinivasan, Nicholas Stern, Suresh Tendulkar, Jan Tinbergen, James Tobin, Stephen Turnovsky, Thomas Weisskopf, to name a few. Past issues of the journal are available at JSTOR ([jstor.org](https://www.jstor.org)), and the recent issues are available at <https://www.springer.com/journal/41775>. The IER public lecture 2021 was

delivered by Melissa Dell, Andrew E. Fruer Professor of Economics at Harvard University, on “Persistence and transformation in economic development”. The IER public lecture 2022 was delivered by Maureen L. Cropper, Distinguished University Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Maryland and Senior Fellow at Resources for the Future on “The Health Benefits of Air Pollution Control in India”.

Working Paper Series

The Department runs a Working Paper series that publishes the research of its faculty members and visitors. The Working Papers series is available online at <http://econdse.org/cde-working-papers-6/>.

Infrastructure, Library, and Computing Facilities

Excellent infrastructure, computing facilities and a well-stocked library support teaching and research in the Department. The main lecture theatre and all classrooms are air-conditioned and equipped with audio-visual facilities. In 2017, the lecture theatre was interconnected to two other classrooms with an enhanced two-way interactive audio-visual system. The Ratan Tata Library houses one of the best collections in economics and related social disciplines. It has a collection of over 333,000 books and bound journals and subscribes to more than 230 academic journals. Many more journals are accessible online from the Delhi University Library System (DULS) from terminals in the library and the Department’s computer labs. (See Section 3 below for more information on the RTL.)

The Department has separate computer labs for Master’s and research students. The labs have about 36 latest quad-core i7-based desktops. Here students receive training in data analysis and economic modelling using specialized econometric packages such as STATA, Mathematica, Matlab, SPSS, Scientific Workplace, E-views, Shazam, Microfit, Gauss, RATS (Real Analysis of Time Series), NLOGIT, R studio, etc. Students have access to high-speed internet through these desktops to aid their research. The computer lab also provides printing facilities to research students through a network printer. Computer labs provide access to various offline and online databases such as NSSO (National Sample Survey Organization), NFHS (National Family Health Survey), Census data, ASI (Annual Survey of Industries), NAS (National Accounts Statistics), CMIE Prowess database on companies, CMIE Consumer Pyramids Dx (CPdx) of CMIE, EPW Research Foundation Indian Time Series, indiastat.com. Online access to journal archives, such as jstor.org, sciencedirect.com, etc., is also available to students through Delhi University’s internet. Laptops are made available to students for presentations. The entire building is Wi-Fi enabled, so students can use their laptops to access the internet.

The Department website (econdse.org) provides information about faculty specialisations and research; admissions procedures; recommended course readings; notices for upcoming seminars, Conferences, Working Papers and Public Lectures; and links to useful academic websites. The Department’s website is an important source of interaction between the Department and the

students. The website is based on Wordpress CMS (Content Management System) and is actively updated on a daily basis. Faculty can post and update the information on the website themselves. Here students have online access to the course material, lecture slides, and weekly seminar announcements. Course-wise folders, containing course material, are also accessible from each desktop through a network drive hosted on a powerful in-house server. A separate study room for research students has been recently refurbished, with air conditioning, connectivity to the central LAN and Wi-Fi access, and a dedicated printer.

Student Placements

The Department has developed a well-deserved reputation for producing high-quality, well-trained and extremely motivated students, many of whom go on to get their doctorates at the top universities worldwide. Over the past decade or so, our students got admission offers with fellowships from Princeton, Stanford, Yale, New York University, Columbia, Harvard (Kennedy School), Boston, Minnesota, Oxford, Michigan State, British Columbia, Washington Seattle, Georgetown, Toulouse, Warwick, Brown, Cornell, Wisconsin-Madison, Maryland, Pennsylvania State University, Indiana, Toronto, and Washington St. Louis, among others.

Recent PhD scholars have obtained prestigious positions at research and academic institutions in India and abroad. These include Post-Doctoral Positions at Columbia University, Duke University, Cornell University and the University of Goettingen. Within India, recent PhD scholars have obtained Assistant Professorships at Ashoka University, IIT (Bombay), IIFT, and positions in 3ie (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation), UNCTAD, ADB and RIS. Recent M.Phil. graduates have obtained fellowships at PhD programme at the University of Michigan, Pennsylvania State University, Boston College, and the Stockholm School of Economics.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There is a common Web Portal for the centralized registration of candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programmes in the University of Delhi. Online registration details are available on the following Ph.D. Programme portal (<https://admission.uod.ac.in/?Ph.D.-Admissions>), which is easily located on the website of the University of Delhi, www.du.ac.in. This portal also provides essential information about eligibility conditions, application procedure and schedule, registration fees, test centres and dates for the written entrance test, Ordinances governing admission and conduct of the PhD programmes, and facilities provided by the University. For details, look at <https://www.du.ac.in/index.php?page=research-ordinances-and-gazette-notification>. The Department of Economics cannot provide any information in this regard.

Applications to the PhD programme in the department follow a 2-step procedure:

Step 1

The admission of the candidates for Ph.D. Program is governed by the Ordinance VI and its amendments of the University of Delhi. Register on the portal mentioned above, and sit for the Entrance Exam. Some categories, as listed in Ordinance VIB, are exempted from taking this entrance exam. *However, candidates in these exempted categories must also register on the portal, in order to be called for Step 2. Applicants to the Ph.D. programme must include a 1500 word synopsis of a proposed research topic on the portal as part of their application.*

Entrance Examination: Entrance test for Ph.D. programme through nation-wide, based on CUET (Ph. D.) 2023, to be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). For detailed information about the examination types, syllabus and other logistics, the student must visit the university website for PhD admission and NTA portal.

The Entrance Test will be a qualifying examination with qualifying marks as 50%. A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination.

Step 2:

Based on the performance in the entrance exam and exempted categories, a shortlist is announced by the department. The shortlisted candidates appear for a second-stage assessment. This assessment consists of both written and oral components that attempt to test for research aptitude and domain knowledge of economics. The synopsis of a research topic will be also considered in this step. The written and oral assessments will be given 70 and 30 per cent weightage, respectively. The students must attend the written assessment to be eligible for oral assessment.

The written component would contain an examination for 2 hours to test the candidate's research aptitude and domain knowledge, mainly in three core areas - Microeconomics with game theory (30%), Macroeconomics (30%), and Econometrics & Statistics – theory and empirics (40%). All questions are compulsory, but there could be some choice in each area. The syllabus of the test would be based tentatively on the following readings (but not strictly only on these books):

Microeconomics with game theory (30%):

- Jehle, Geoffrey and Philip Reny: *Advanced Microeconomic Theory*. Addison Wesley, 2001.
- Mas-Collel, Andreu, Michael Whinston and Jerry Green: *Microeconomic Theory*, 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1995.
- Tadelis, S. (2013). *Game theory: an introduction*. Princeton university press.

Macroeconomics (30%):

- Barro, Robert J., Xavier Sala I. Martin (2004): *Economic Growth: Second Edition*. MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass.
- Romer, D (2018), *Advanced Macroeconomics*, McGraw-Hill Foundation, Fifth Edition
- Heijdra, B. J. (2017). *Foundations of modern macroeconomics*. Oxford university press.

Econometrics & Statistics – theory and empirics (40%)

- Gujarati, D. N. (2022). *Basic econometrics*. Prentice Hall.
- Greene, W.H. (2003), *Econometric Analysis*, Prentice Hall PTR
- Wooldridge, J. M. (2015). *Introductory econometrics: A modern approach*. Cengage learning.

The candidates who have cleared MPhil coursework or degree from our department with the requisite scores must register and apply for the Ph.D. admission. They can appear for oral assessment directly without taking in the written part.

The department cannot provide any assistance in preparation for either Step 1 or Step 2 above. No queries about entrance exam papers etc., will be entertained. The medium of examination and assessment at both stages will be English.

Candidates from the exempted categories who plan to appear directly for the second-stage assessment should also inform the Department via email at dept-mphil-phd@econdse.org / dept@econdse.org, enclosing a copy of the proposal and acknowledgement of the application as early as possible and no later than the date of the first-stage entrance exam. The dates and times of the second-stage assessment will be notified on the Department website after the results of the first-stage examination are processed.

A list of candidates selected for provisional admission will be uploaded on the department website with the name of the prospective supervisor. The student must take the admission within the scheduled date. Provisional admission for PhD students is subject to be confirmed by the Board of Research Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi. However, the student may change his/her supervisor in the second year with the consent of the allocated supervisor, depending on the area in which he/she proposes to write the thesis.

Coursework and Other Information

(Note that some of these requirements may change if the University amends Ordinances VI and VI-B)

Students must complete the coursework in the first year to be able to eligible for the confirmation of registration.

Students must take and pass four lecture-based courses with at least 55% marks in aggregate and at least 50% in each.

- One course will be on quantitative research and methodology. This will enable students to acquire competence in econometric and quantitative methods at the level of textbooks such as that by Greene and in applications.
- A second course will be on Economic Theory (Courses on Game Theory or Macroeconomics depending on a student's planned specialization). The students will acquire competence in the foundational models of game theory or macroeconomics, at the level of standard post-graduate expositions.
- Two courses in fields that a student wishes to specialize in.
- The RPE (Research and Publication Ethics) course is mandatory for PhD students.
- The lecture-based courses will be evaluated through presentations, term papers and exams. Two-third attendance is a compulsory requirement to complete the course requirements.
- In addition, the students must attend the regular departmental seminars and research workshops in both semesters. The Research Workshop is a forum in which research students at all stages of their stay in the programme present and discuss their research. During their coursework stage, students must attend at least 2/3rds of the seminars and participate as active members of the audience. They will be evaluated on a Pass or Fail criterion based on the attendance requirement.
- Scholars should look at the department website to know more about the course offering semester-wise and the university website for the academic calendar.

If a research scholar fails to qualify the coursework, he/she may be allowed to reappear only once, within six months of the declaration of result. In addition, during the period of coursework, the research advisory committee may advise remedial, non-credit work for a student if it assesses him or her to be underprepared relative to the requirements of the Ph.D. programme. The medium of instruction and evaluation is English.

An M.Phil. student who has completed coursework with aggregate marks of at least 55% may enter the Ph.D. programme at the beginning of the following academic year. At this point, no additional coursework is required, and the student would be treated on par with other Ph.D. students who have completed a year in the programme.

For confirmation of Ph.D. registration, which generally occurs in the second year of the programme, the candidate needs to successfully complete all coursework, successfully present and defend their

Ph.D. thesis proposal in a department seminar within a year after the completion of coursework. The proposal must be approved by the supervisor, the advisory committee of the student, the DRC, and the BRS. Registration is confirmed **only** after this process is completed.

Ph.D. students are required to remain in residence for at least two years following provisional registration and are required to submit their thesis within six years of the date of provisional registration. Extensions and relaxations are possible only as per university guidelines. Students are strongly advised to give *full-time* commitment to the Ph.D. programme in order to ensure timely completion of coursework, proposals, and dissertation within the University stipulated time frame and minimize drop-outs.

While all students have to have a supervisor from the department, they may have a joint supervisor from any recognized institution (subject to the approval of DRC and BRS).

Ph.D. students are required to present their work regularly in the student research workshop which meets weekly during the academic year. They must be in regular contact with their supervisors and submit regular reports on their progress to the DRC via their supervisors. After that, the registered scholars must present and/or submit the six-monthly progress to remain in the programme.

Thesis Submission

Before submission, the scholars must satisfy the following conditions:

- The thesis can be submitted once the supervisor certifies it as acceptable.
- Research findings must be presented in a department seminar as per the university guidelines.
- A PhD scholar should publish at least two research papers in Scopus or UGC care listed Journals before submission of thesis and produce evidence in form of letter or a reprint.
- After completion of all the formalities, a scholar is required to submit the thesis online. For further information, the scholar should visit <https://exam.du.ac.in/old/PhD-submission.html>

Fees and Financial Assistance

Fees to be paid are as prescribed by the University. For the detailed information of fee structure, please visit university website for PhD admission. In addition, a Computer Services fee may be charged from Ph.D. students. Fees may be revised from time to time as per the University decision.

Applicants may independently apply for the UGC-JRF Research Scholarships. Candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme may be awarded UGC (Non-NET) Fellowships of Rs. 8000/- per month with contingency support of Rs. 8000/- per year as per UGC/University rules. Candidates who are NET qualified but do not receive the JRF may also be awarded the UGC (Non-NET) fellowship. Limited financial support may also be available from the Centre for Development Economics. Applicants admitted through the Entrance Examination will be given priority for such support in the first year of the Ph.D. programme. The department may ask the department to offer tutorial services for the MA programme.

Foreign Students

Selection Process

Foreign nationals seeking admission in Ph.D. are exempted from the entrance test. Foreign Nationals may require an English Proficiency Certificate/IELTS/TOEFL. The admission to Economics programme would be subject to other rules and guidelines as per the University of Delhi. For more information, the prospective foreign students should visit the registry website: <https://fsr.du.ac.in/>

After receiving the applications of foreign candidates, the department will appoint a selection committee to interview the applicants. The committee would forward the recommendation to the concerned department. The candidate must complete all the formalities for financial, technical and logistic requirements with the university before taking up admission to the department.

All foreign nationals with foreign qualifications are required to submit the Equivalence certificate obtained from the Association of the Indian Universities (AIU). AIU address is given below:

AIU House

16, Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg, New Delhi-110002, India

Phone: (91)-11-23230059, (91)-11-23232429

Fax: (91)-11-23232131

Email: international@aiu.ac.in

Website: <http://www.aiu.ac.in>

3. RATAN TATA LIBRARY

The Ratan Tata Library of the Delhi School of Economics is one of the best-equipped libraries in Economics and allied fields.

The total collection comprises almost two lakh books and 1.33 lakh bound periodicals. The collection of Theses and Dissertations has grown to more than 1600 records. 232 current titles of journals are being subscribed in the library. The library has been designated as a repository of United Nations publications. It also has a fairly large and well-organized collection of State and Central Government publications.

Bibliographical records of the complete book collection are accessible through OPAC, including Web-OPAC via the Delhi University Library system portal.

A folder containing a list of new books added to the collection every month has been placed in the main Reading Hall on ground floor for the information of users.

An e-Library has been providing facilities for accessing internet, e-resources & OPAC, including WEB-OPAC using 64 terminals and 2 high end servers.

For the differently-abled, two Computer terminals with proper software packages (Screen reader and NVDA) have been kept in the ground floor Main Reading Hall for accessing Internet, OPAC (online catalogue) and Electronic Resources.

The library has inter-library loan arrangements with libraries all over the country through DELNET to meet the research requirement of its research scholars and teachers. It has photocopying facilities available to its students, research scholars and faculty members.

The whole complex of the RTL is air-conditioned and under surveillance by means of CCTV.

The Users can access DULS/RTL website by clicking on Libraries on the webpage of DU accessing <http://www.du.ac.in>. The subscribed electronic resources can be accessed through URLs provided on the RTL website using DU Campus Network.

The Membership of the library is open to:

- a. Teachers, research scholars, students and non-teaching staff of the Delhi School of Economics;
- b. Teachers and post-graduate students of Economics, Commerce, Sociology, Geography of the University and its colleges.

There is a provision for consultation membership of the library for others wanting to use it for specific purposes.

4. HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

Hostel Accommodation

Women

Apart from the other University hostels, there is a hostel exclusively for women students of the Delhi School of Economics called the Ambedkar-Ganguly Students' House for Women. The hostel is located in Dhaka Colony (near Mukherjee Nagar), and it is adjacent to a bus terminus. It is about 10 minutes by bus from the Department of Economics.

In addition, women students can also apply to the Meghdoot and the Post-Graduate Hostel for Women. Enquiry about the individual hostels should be made directly from the respective hostel offices.

Men

For male students several hostels of the University are situated on the University Campus. These are V.K.R.V. Rao Hostel, Gwyer Hall, Jubilee Hall, Mansarover Hostel, Post-graduate Men's Hostel, International Students House. Information regarding these may be obtained directly from the respective hostel offices.

Accommodation in the above-mentioned hostels is available for a limited number of women and men students of the School, viz., those who are admitted directly to the School as students of the M.A. and Ph.D. courses. Application for accommodation must be made in prescribed forms obtainable from the Provost, V.K.R.V. Rao Hostel, Provost, Gwyer Hall, the Master, Jubilee Hall, the Provost, Post-Graduate Men's Hostel, International Student House, Mansarover Hostel, Ambedkar-Ganguly Students' House for Women, Meghdoot, and Post-graduate Women's Hostel, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007. The application must be routed through the Head of the Department. However, an advance copy may be sent directly to the Hostel concerned. The merit list announced for admission to M.A. (Economics) will constitute the sole basis for admission to hostels.

Foreign students should contact the Foreign Students Advisor, Foreign Students Registry, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007 (Phone No: 011-27666756; E-mail : fsr_du@yahoo.com, akbasra@fsr.du.ac.in) for their hostel accommodation as well as admission to any of the courses at the Delhi School of Economics.

Medical Facilities

Facilities of the World University Service (W.U.S.) Health Centre of the University of Delhi will be available to students of the Department.