CPDS (Advance)

Admission 2026-27 (Batch-IV)

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1. What is special about this Certificate Programme in Data Science (Securities Markets) Programme?

A1. Data has become an integral part of decision-making in the modern age. In order to effectively leverage the power of data, professionals need to have expertise in various data processing techniques and tools. The Certificate Programme in Data Science (Securities Markets) is a one-of-a- kind program that equips students with the necessary skills to apply data analytics in the financial markets. Whether it's for product engineering, investment decisions, research, advisory, or any other area, our program provides a comprehensive understanding of how to use data to make informed decisions. Our data science program is designed for individuals who have a passion for data analytics and a drive to implement it in the financial markets. The program offers a unique opportunity to study in an environment that is both deeply academic and inspiringly professional, yet refreshingly friendly. With a focus on practical applications and real-world scenarios, students gain hands-on experience using the latest tools and techniques to analyse financial data. Whether you are looking to advance your career or start a new one, our program will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the exciting field of data science in financial markets.

Q2. What is the structure of the Programme?

A2. Certificate Programme in Data Science (Securities Markets) is online live course divided into two parts, **Foundation (Level 1)** and **Advance (Level 2).**

The programme will take place in Online Mode. The class timings would be as follows:

Day	Timings	Teaching Hours	Break Time
Tuesday	07: 00 PM to 09:15 PM	2 Hours	15 Mins
Thursday	07: 00 PM to 09:15 PM	2 Hours	15 Mins
Saturday	06:00 PM to 09:15 PM	3 Hours	15 Mins
Sunday	10:00 AM to 01:15 PM	3 Hours	15 Mins

Q3. Can I do only one level?

A3. Yes, you can enrol for any one or both level of the program subject to the eligibility of admission.

Q4. What will I Learn in this Programme?

A4. The Programme offers a robust mix of financial markets and application of technology, which would help to improve quality of decision making in financial markets. The topics covered in the programme include Machine Learning Foundation, Introduction of AI, Machine Learning Practices and techniques, Introduction of Big Data, Fintech Concepts, Algorithmic Concepts, Financial Modelling, Time Series and Forecasting.

A5. Does this programme provide any practical exposure?

A5. The Programme provides exposure to Data Science and Analytics tools where the participants get hand-on experience on R, Tableau, Power BI, Google Analytics and Python etc. The lectures and hands on sessions will be delivered by eminent faculty and industry experts who provide the necessary practical exposure.

Q6. Where will this Programme lead to?
A6. This program could lead to the following job profiles, which involves the fusion of data science techniques and financial analytics:
• Credit Research and Ratings
• Investment Evaluation and Portfolio Management
• Risk Modelling
• Claim Processing
• Fraud Detection
• Analysing Financial Statements
• Equity Research

Q7. What are the eligibility criteria for this Programme?

A7. To apply for this programme, the minimum educational requirement is. Graduation with 50% marks from a recognized University/Institute OR Candidates who have successfully completed any program in the area of Data Science of a minimum six months duration with minimum 50% marks.

Q8. I do not have prior understanding on financial markets. Will this Programme suit me?
A8. The curriculum has been appropriately structured to provide a basic understanding of financial markets, institutions and products. This will create a level playing field amongst participants from diverse backgrounds. The programme will feature subjects on Financial Economics, Financial Products and Institutions, Financial Derivatives, etc. to give a fundamental understanding in these areas, over and above data science related subjects.

Q9. Is there any upper age limit for this Programme?
A9. No, there is no upper age limit to pursue this program.

Q10.What is the selection criteria?
A10. The selection of candidates will be based on a screening test. Upon successful completion of the basic level, students will be eligible to directly enroll in the advanced level. Students who opt to directly enroll in the advanced level (without completing the basic level) will need to undergo a separate screeningtest.
The screening test will cover the following syllabus:

- Number System
- Profit and Loss
- Simple Interest
- Compound Interest
- Elementary Statistics & Data Interpretation.

The screening test will be conducted online and will last for 60 minutes, with 30 questions. There will be no negative marking.

Q11. What is the fee for the Programme?

A11. The fee structure for **CPDS-Advance 2026–27 (Batch IV)** is appended below:

Fee Structure of CPDS-Advance 2026-27 (Batch- IV)	
Particulars	**Fee**
Tuition fee	82,627
GST @18%	14,873
Alumni Fund	2,000
Accommodation Fee (During Campus Immersion)	2,600
GST @5%	130
Dining Fee	2,400
GST @5%	120
Total Fee	**104,750**
Due Date	**Within Ten days of Receiving Provisional Admission Offer Letter**

Q12. How can I apply for the Programme?

A12. Candidates willing to apply should first register themselves on **https://apply.nism.ac.in/cpds-advanced-application-form**

Step 1: New Registration: Upon successful registration, a User-ID and Password will be sent to registered email ID and mobile number of the candidate.

Step 2: Application process: Thereafter, candidates are required to log-in and complete the application process by paying application fee. After making the payment of application fee of Rs. 500/- the candidate may submit their application.

*Above charges are exclusive of Payment Gateway charges & Procession fee as applicable.

Q13. What is the application Fee? Where can I pay it?

A13. The application fee for the **CPDS (Advance)** programme is **Rs.500/-.** Candidates may apply online through the link **https://apply.nism.ac.in/cpds-advanced-application-form**. Upon completion of the application form, the fee can be paid using Debit Card, Credit Card, or Net Banking. The entire application process, including payment of the application fee, is conducted online.

Q14. What is the last date to apply?

A14. The last date to apply for **CPDS (Advance)** is **25th March 2026**

Q15. When will the Programme commence?

A15. CPDS (Advance) will commence from **25th April 2026.**

Q16. Is distance learning available for this Programme?

A16. Distance learning is not available for this program. It is online instructor led program.

Contact Details:

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