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Forty Two Diplomats from as many Global South Countries called upon the External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar on the second day of their program for the 3rd Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) [08-19 September, 2025]



Mid Career Training Program - III for Indian Foreign Service Officers of 2000-01 batches concluded with final week (1-5 September) in different States of India to understand States' needs from Indian Diplomacy



FROM DEAN'S DESK



Dear Readers, Dear Friends,

We conducted in the month of September 2025 at SSIFS, one of our three flagship programs for foreign diplomats - the 3rd Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF). Experiential learning became the underlying theme of every session and element of this GSYDF. In the process, we ourselves learned a lot from the 42 diplomats from as many Global South countries. The Program was designed to focus on Diplomacy for Development, the foremost priority of the Global South. Out of the twelve days, which included a two-day trip to Odisha as well, one third of the program was devoted to Technology (Including AI), and the other third was focused on Economic Diplomacy. Political, Cultural, and Security Diplomacy, along with sessions on Behavioural and Functional competencies constituted the remaining third. It was an enjoyable and busy program for both participants and faculty, in which time just flew away.

The visiting 42 diplomats had a special opportunity to engage in a conversation with Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr S. Jaishankar, on the issues of relevance to the Global South. Dr Jaishankar spoke about the sentiment and solidarity driving forward the Global South agenda. He touched upon India's commitment to the Global South, evolution, revival of this concept & diversity that binds the nations of the Global South together. He emphasized the importance and role of the Global South in making the world more equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and peaceful. The visiting diplomats were also privileged to hear directly from the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, who delivered a Keynote Address at the FICCI LEADS Conference 2025 at Bharat Mandapam.

Bharat Mandapam was the venue of the Indian Presidency G20 Summit in September 2023. Another iconic backdrop of the G20 Summit was the banner of the Konark Sun Temple's Wheel, in front of which the G20 leaders were welcomed by PM Modi. The 3rd GSYDF participants also visited the Konark Sun Temple in Odisha and had a picture with the real Konark Wheel in the background. The visit to Odisha was an amazing experience for all the participants to see how a state that was behind others in development is progressing with momentum, with state-of-the-art infrastructure, a high-standard skill development program, leading the new technology development, and keeping climate resilience and green transition as a focus. This is precisely the playbook for the Global South countries for the decade ahead.

Another novelty of 3rd GSYDF was the simulation exercise of AI Impact Summit that would be hosted by India at Bharat Mandapam in February 2026. After an engrossing real-life negotiation and drafting, the participants could produce a short draft declaration as an outcome document, which is included inside this newsletter for our readers.

Our Officer Trainees of the 2024 batch left for their first posting abroad in September, while 46 Officer Trainees of the 2025 batch began their training at the 100th Foundation Course at LBSNAA in Mussoorie. We look forward to beginning their 9-month-long Induction Training Program in December 2025. In fact, we are building new facilities on the campus in the next two months to accommodate the largest ever batch of Foreign Service.

On October 8-17, we have 32 Diplomats from Egypt coming for their 10-day program at SSIFS, and later on 29 October, we will start a 10-day program for 42 diplomats from Central and South American Countries. In between, we continue to partner with other institutions in developing capacities and skills with the whole-of-nation approach. There is never an empty calendar of engagements at SSIFS, even weekly, and we are so thankful for that.

Raj Kumar Srivastava
New Delhi
30 September 2025

Training Program for Foreign Diplomats

Third Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) [08-19 September, 2025]

The Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) is a flagship program of SSIFS, that was launched in November 2023 in line with Prime Minister's declaration at the concluding Leaders' Session of the Voice of Global South Summit held in January 2023. This program reaffirms India's commitment to Global South countries in fostering synergies and connections with young diplomats from these countries. This year, SSIFS held the 3rd edition of the programme from 8-19 September 2025, with the participation of 42 diplomats from 42 countries, representing diverse geographies, including Asia, Africa, Eurasia, Latin America, the Caribbean Islands, and Oceania. The Forum brought together young diplomats from the Global South for two weeks of academic sessions, institutional visits, cultural immersion, and simulation exercises. There was an educational and recreational tour to the 'Scenic, Serene, Sublime' state of Odisha in India that beautifully blended heritage, culture, spirituality, and modern development. The programme underscored India's role in fostering South-South cooperation, capacity building, and amplifying the collective voice of the Global South on international stage.









Third Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) [08-19 September, 2025]

Inaugural Function & Welcome Dinner (08 September 2025)

The 3rd edition of the Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) was inaugurated by Amb (Dr) Neena Malhotra, Secretary (South) at SSIFS in the presence of Amb Raj Kumar Srivastava, Dean(SSIFS). Amb Malhotra spoke about the background, priorities of the GSYDF, and outlined the trajectory of its growth & Institution building since its inception. Dean (SSIFS) Amb Raj Kumar Srivastava elaborated on the guiding principles of the Indian Foreign Policy. He also touched on the Competency-based Training at the institute, discussed the "Theories of International Relations" & their applicability in understanding the Global South. He also explained the overall program design and talked about the core guiding principles of India's Foreign Policy. The day ended with a 'Welcome Dinner' for the diplomats and their Resident Ambassadors hosted by Dean (SSIFS).











Knowledge sessions at 3rd Global South Young Diplomats Forum [08-19 September, 2025]

The Forum was designed to equip young and mid-career diplomats with knowledge and practical skills in areas of contemporary diplomacy. They attended thematic sessions on public diplomacy, maritime security, environmental diplomacy, economic diplomacy, nuclear diplomacy, space diplomacy, and counter-terrorism. Exercises included table-top simulations on theories of international relations and geo-economics. This training promoted an understanding of common challenges like climate change, terrorism, and technological disruption. The eminent speakers and subject experts for the Knowledge sessions were selected from Indian and International Institutes and think-tanks. Other speakers included retired and senior serving officers of MEA and other Ministries, experts from academia, and think tanks.





Sixty minutes with External Affairs Minister

A Session of Wisdom beyond Knowledge, where participants from 42 countries engaged in a conversation with Dr. Jaishankar on issues of relevance to Global South





3rd Global South Young Diplomats Forum (08-19 Sep 2025)

9 September 2025 1130-1230 hrs
Committee Room, JNB

India's Commitment to the Global South

EAM spoke about the sentiment and solidarity driving forward the Global South agenda, and India's steadfast commitment to articulate, assert and amplify the voice of the Global South.

Evolution and Revival of the Global South

The Idea of "Global South" germinated in 1960s when large number of countries were decolonized. The idea, however, gained solidarity when these countries felt that the fruits of development/benefits of globalization got unevenly distributed. Revival & Resurgence of this concept took place because of Covid-19, Conflict in Ukraine, and Financial & Trade barriers. Covid-19 exposed the vulnerability of Global supply chains; Conflict in Ukraine raised questions about oil price, energy security & food crisis; issue of Currency Settlement & imposition of tariffs presented an uncertain picture of the world; dismal SDG progress report & Climate justice made many countries question propogated narratives of development.

Global South is not Anti West

Global South is not Anti-West or Anti-North agenda; it is a sentiment of countries cooperating & helping each other in smaller & significant ways without questioning forms of govt or domestic politics. For example, Earthquakes in Myanmar & Afghanistan, India provided humanitarian aid without questioning the regime or the government in power.

Diversity is the strength of the Global South

While there may be a general feeling that diversity is being suppressed globally, the trendline is clear: diversity is only going to rise further. This is clearly the strength of the Global South where diversity is cherished and celebrated. Global South represents return to "Natural Pluralism" manifested in terms of a Diverse Planet with Diverse People with their diverse range of traditions & cultures. It is an idea that bridges distance & brings about togetherness.

Dr. Jaishankar spoke about the importance of Global South going forward to make the world more equitable and inclusive therefore more prosperous and peaceful.

Opportunities for Sharing within Global South

- Agricultural Practices & Technology
- Tourism Industry Best Practices
- Digital Public Infrastructure
- Responsible and Ethical Use of AI
- Examples of Economic Resilience
- Substantive as well as Moral Support in Times of Crisis



Visit to Bharat Mandapam to attend FICCI LEADS Event (10 September 2025)

The cohort of diplomats from the Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) attended LEADS 2025 (Leadership, Excellence, Adaptability, Diversity, Sustainability) - FICCI's fourth edition of flagship global thought Leadership Initiative in Bharat Mandapam where they heard thought-provoking discussions on Reshaping Industries, Fostering Innovation, and driving sustainable economic growth by various policy makers, industry experts and world leaders. They attended two sessions titled: Innovation and Critical Technologies & the Proliferation of Trade Dynamics.





The visiting diplomats were also privileged to hear directly from the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal who delivered a Keynote Address at FICCI Leads 2025. His address began with tracing India's remarkable journey as the world's fastest growing large economy and reaffirmed the country's commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and resilient growth. He noted that sustainability lies at the centre of India's development agenda and is intrinsic to the Indian way of life, perfectly aligned with the country's aspirations of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047.









Cultural Diplomacy Day during 3rd GSYDF (12 September 2025)

The 'Cultural Diplomacy' sessions for the diplomats began with a visit to the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya. Housed appropriately in the Teen Murti Estate (home to India's first Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru), the Sangrahalaya is a seamless blend of how our Prime Ministers navigated the nation through various challenges and ensured the all-round progress of the country. Within this story is a message for the younger generation: there are greater horizons to conquer as we transform India into New India.






The visit was followed by an informative session on ICCR's 'Cultural Diplomacy for Global South' by Ms Manisha Swami, DDG (Culture), ICCR in which she highlighted the role played by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to establish, revive and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries.



Next, in line, was a Lecture cum Demonstration session conducted by Ms Jayaprabha Menon, a danseuse par excellence in the field of Mohiniyattam, and her students at the Chanakya Auditorium at SSIFS, New Delhi. She spoke about the difference between Nritta and Nitya, the concept of Navarasa, the 49 emotions/bhavas of dance as mentioned in the Natyashastra, history and evolution of the dance form in Kerala. Adorned in a kasavu sari with a golden border, her gentle, gliding movements, tender facial expressions and her metamorphosis into the vivid characters on the stage captured the attention of the diplomats and spoke volumes about her adroitness.




Third GSYDF Participants' weekend visit to Odisha (13-14 September, 2025)

The visiting diplomats for the GSYDF program started their two days visit in the vibrant state of Odisha led by Dean (SSIFS).

Day 01: The first stop for the visiting diplomats was the premier Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. There was an informative interaction with the faculty & Staff of IIT headed by Director & Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar. They also saw the Silicon Carbide Research & Incubation Centre, Research and Entrepreneurship Park, Robotics Laboratory and visited the Collaborative Learning classrooms of the Institute.






Next, the delegation visited the 13 Century Architectural marvel, Konark Sun Temple, dedicated to the Sun God. It was an immersive learning experience for the diplomats to see the "unique" features of the temple like its chariot shape, twelve pairs of wheels (each about 3m in diameter) drawn by seven horses, as well as symbolic motifs referring to the cycle of the seasons and the months. The diplomats appreciated its embellished, sophisticated & refined iconographical depictions of the contemporary life and activities including the sculptures showing how the temple was constructed. They also visited the IOCL Interpretation Centre (Museum) to get an understanding of the Sun Temple's historical, cultural, architectural & scientific significance.







The Global South diplomats had a spectacular end to their day with an artistic light & sound show at Dhauligiri —where Emperor Ashoka's journey from war to peace & non-violence manifested. The Shanti Stupa of Dhauligiri is also known as the "Peace Pagoda" because it houses the Edicts of Lord Buddha. It is here, at this place, that King Ashoka (a prominent emperor of Magadha) started practising Buddhism, after witnessing the immense bloodshed in the Battle of Kalinga. The diplomats were touched by this brilliant audio visual display & inspiring story of King Ashoka.



Third GSYDF Participants' weekend visit to Odisha (13-14 September, 2025)

Day 02: In the second day of their visit, the Global South diplomats visited Kala Bhoomi or the Odisha Crafts Museum. They were impressed to see the handlooms, handicrafts & artisan traditions of the state. Established in 2018, this Heritage Museum has been conceptualized as a 'Living Museum' as the artefacts & crafts displayed in various galleries are still in practice by the artisan & weaving communities inhabiting the state.





Next, the diplomats visited the advanced skill training centre called the World Skill Centre (WSC) in Bhubaneswar. They had a first-hand experience of how Odisha equips youth with advanced training aligned to global standards, in an attempt, to empower the workforce of the future.





The Global South diplomats closed their Odisha trip with a visit to the Bhubaneswar Smart City Office & were hosted by Dr Thirumala Naik, IAS & MD, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation. Through this visit, the diplomats were exposed to a model of sustainable urban planning & digital governance that makes the city of Bhubaneswar a 'Smart City' which is future-ready.






Public Diplomacy Session of the 3rd GSYDF Participants
Presented on the National TV Show on Diplomacy (17 September 2025)

The diplomats of the 3rd GSYDF featured on the National TV Show called 'Indian Diplomacy: Rise of the Global South' anchored by Prof Sreeram Chaulia where they shared their opinion on wide array of issues. The questions collectively explored how the Global South's shared identity as post-colonial and developing nations shapes foreign policy, and fosters solidarity, despite economic and geopolitical challenges. The diplomats emphasized the need to bridge technological divides, particularly in AI, through collective initiatives like a "Global South AI Commons." The role of multilateral diplomacy was highlighted as crucial for amplifying the Global South's voice, with India seen as a partner in reforming or even creating fairer institutions.







A Special Panel Discussion on ‘New Age Diplomacy’ with three Ambassadors (Armenia, Egypt, Panama) posted in New Delhi (19 September 2025)

The participants of the 3rd GSYDF program enjoyed their interaction with Ambassadors from Armenia, Egypt & Panama in a Panel Discussion titled "New Age Diplomacy" moderated by Amb Raj Srivastava, Dean (SSIFS) on the final day of their training programme. They discussed diverse issues including the role of diplomats in the contemporary times, the 04 aims of diplomacy today (Peace, Prudence, Principles & Partnership), the need to foster connectivity in Global South & the requirement to embrace technology without being apprehensive about it.







Responses Summary of Diplomats on Understanding of the Global South










A Training Program that Produced an Outcome Document
Draft Declaration on Inclusive and Responsible AI adopted at the Delhi AI Impact Summit Simulation at SSIFS under 3rd GSYDF on 19 September 2025

Preamble

We, the young diplomats and the tech industry gathered at the Delhi AI Impact Summit Simulation, reaffirm our historic commitment to peace, equity, and human dignity. We envision artificial intelligence as a force for sustainable development, social justice, and cultural diversity. We recognize the promise of AI, the responsibility of the Parties, and the risks of exclusion, concentration of power, and its monopolization. With unity and determination, we declare the following principles.

1. Safe and Trusted AI

Echoing existing commitment to disarmament and non-proliferation, we call on all nations to refrain from the development and deployment of lethal autonomous weapons and from the use of AI in weapons of mass destruction. Until comprehensive international regulation is achieved through inclusive debate in the UN and other multilateral fora, such applications must remain prohibited. We're committed to ensuring that AI systems operate safely and ethically, benefiting all of humanity. We also recognized other risks and challenges derived from its misuse and the need to ensure that AI systems operate in an ethical, safe, secure, and trustworthy manner across the AI system lifecycle and to ensure data sovereignty protection.

2. Human Capital

We affirm that the world is home to a young, dynamic, and diverse population that is increasingly engaged in digital transformation. To harness AI responsibly, we commit to investing in STEM education, lifelong learning, and digital literacy while preventing the outflow of highly qualified professionals. Cooperation through academic exchanges, joint research, technology transfer, preserving intellectual property rights, and shared digital public infrastructure will strengthen our human capital, ensuring that AI serves inclusive development and social cohesion.

3. Inclusion

We affirm that AI must be designed, governed, and deployed in ways that are inclusive by default—upholding human rights, dignity, and non-discrimination, and ensuring equitable access to its benefits for all, including women and girls, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, older persons, and youth. Ensuring equitable access to AI resources, particularly for vulnerable economies, is essential. AI should be harnessed to enhance disaster risk management, build resilient infrastructure, and reinforce democratic institutions. We also commit to ensuring culturally respectful approaches that value linguistic diversity, local knowledge, and community participation throughout the AI lifecycle. In this sense, we call for:

- A Global AI Commons to democratize access to datasets and models regarding social goods and protect each parties' privacy
- International mechanisms for algorithmic transparency and auditing.
- National frameworks ensuring stakeholder accountability and civil society participation.

4. Resilience

We reaffirm our commitment to fostering resilient and sustainable approaches to AI. We emphasize the importance of robust AI governance that strengthens institutions, addresses structural inequalities, and enables societies to withstand disruptions—from cyber threats to environmental footprint. We commit to promoting innovations that enhance the energy efficiency and sustainability of the entire AI lifecycle, from model development to deployment. This is essential to reduce the environmental footprint of AI, ensure equitable access for all countries—including those with limited resources—and enable AI to serve as a driver of inclusive and sustainable development.

5. Science

We see AI as a key enabler of global science. To overcome asymmetries, we advocate:

- Open-source platforms for collaborative innovation.
- Regional data centers and supercomputing resources for Global South research.
- Talent exchange programs and scholarships to empower our scientists.
- Engagement of governments, international and regional organisations, the private sector, academic institutions, technical communities, trade and labour unions, and civil society in joint capacity building programs, partnership networks, and financing mechanisms.

6. Democratizing AI Resources

We oppose extractive data practices and monopolies over foundational models. AI must be trained on datasets that reflect diverse realities, respecting privacy and community rights. Equitable access requires multilingual AI, youth-centred programs, and cross-border collaboration.

7. AI for Social Good

Artificial intelligence must be a force for public good, advancing healthcare, education, agriculture, climate resilience, and governance while reducing inequalities and safeguarding human rights. We call for keeping human rights and ethics at the core by ensuring transparency, fairness, and accountability in all AI systems through independent algorithmic audits and safeguards to prevent bias and discrimination, particularly against vulnerable groups, namely, LDC, LLDC, and SIDS. We commit to promoting open-source and community-driven AI models, establishing international hubs for cooperation in social sectors, and creating a global fund for AI-driven projects that prioritize inclusive, gender-sensitive, and community-led outcomes.

Closing Statement

We adopt this Declaration as a living document and a collective call for action. We urge governments, international organizations, civil society, academia, and the private sector to work together in shaping a trustworthy, inclusive, and human-centred AI future for all.

Final Day of 3rd GSYDF- A Simulation, A Panel Discussion & The Valedictory

The diplomats participated in a specially curated AI Simulation Exercise practicing Multilateral Diplomacy, where they gained first-hand experience on negotiation, drafting, and bringing out an AI Declaration on behalf of the young diplomats from the Global South for the upcoming AI Impact Summit in New Delhi in February 2026. Amb Raj Srivastava, Dean(SSIFS) commended their efforts & conferred Valedictory certificates to the diplomats for successfully completing their training at the institute.



Some Memories from the Valedictory Session



Messages from the 3rd GSYDF Participants at the completion of the Program

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the warm hospitality and generous welcome I received during our training program at your esteemed Institute in India. The training has been highly enriching and insightful, providing us with valuable knowledge and practical skills that will greatly benefit our professional work. I deeply appreciate the dedication of the instructors and the excellent organization of the program. This visit has not only strengthened my professional expertise but has also enriched my cultural understanding and fostered stronger ties of friendship and cooperation. As I bid farewell, I carry with me fond memories of your kindness and the invaluable experience I gained. Please accept my heartfelt thanks and my best wishes for continued success to you and the Institution.



Khadidja Namoune
Algeria

As I reflect on the unforgettable two weeks we spent together, my heart is filled with gratitude, admiration, and a deep sense of connection. To our generous hosts in India - thank you. Thank you for opening your doors, sharing your rich history and vibrant culture, and for offering us not just knowledge, but warmth, care, and hospitality that made each of us feel at home, thousands of miles away from our own. And to my fellow friends and colleagues, brothers and sisters from across the Global South - what an extraordinary honor it has been to share this journey with you. We arrived as strangers, yet we leave as friends, bound by shared laughter, late-night conversations, and the unspoken understanding that our nations, though diverse, are united by common dreams. Every moment became part of a cherished mosaic of memories that I will carry with me always. I left India inspired not only by what I have learned but by the resilience, intelligence, and kindness each of you embodies.



Ara Matevosyan
Armenia

It has been a rich and practical experience to come together from across the Global South on the land of India, with its profound history, civilization, and philosophy. We have greatly benefited from the insights of our esteemed professors and lecturers, especially Ambassador Raj Srivastava , Dean (SSIFS).



Hasanain Mousa Kadhim
Iraq

I wish to express my deep appreciation to Dean Raj Srivastava, Ms Sama Haq and the entire team of the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service for the very wonderfully put together 2-week training course, which has not only widened our knowledge base but has given us the opportunity to form great friendships and connections across the world. And to all my fellow participants turned friends, I thank you for the invaluable learning and fun moments we shared together. I earnestly hope that our paths cross again in the nearest future, and that the bonds we have formed also translates to greater collaborations between our nations.



Sabina Onyeka Porbeni
Nigeria

The program was outstanding, offering invaluable insights into diplomacy, network building, and professional skills, deeply enriching my expertise. This experience strengthened my appreciation for the deep, dense and dynamic Nepal-India relations, rooted in history, culture, and the cherished “Roti Beti ka Sambandha,” while fostering greater cooperation, collaboration, solidarity, and unity among Global South nations. Sharing this journey with diplomats from 41 countries created unforgettable memories and bonds of friendship. As I leave, I carry gratitude for this transformative experience and warm memories of your kindness. To my fellow diplomats, friends and colleagues from the Global South, my best regards—let’s stay connected and meet again. My heartfelt thanks again to SSIFS and the Government of India for this remarkable opportunity.
With respect and warm regards.



Janak Singh
Nepal

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with organizing this forum it has truly been a life changing experience, especially for me also being someone who deeply values India as my grandmother is originally Indian so I hold India very close to my heart and this opportunity has enriched my love as well as expanded my skills and knowledge as a diplomat and I look with great hope to what we can all achieve together as partners in the global south , dhanyavaad.



Abdullah Al-Zadjali
Oman

I want to sincerely thank the organizers for making this journey possible. This trip has been profoundly meaningful for me in ways I could never have anticipated. It is currently Pitru Paksha an auspicious time to give thanks and prayers for our ancestors. Without even realizing it, I was here in India from the 7th to the 21st, the exact dates of this sacred observance. My great-grandparents on both sides of my family were from India, and being here has felt like a homecoming. Walking through Bhubaneswar reminded me of my own home in Trinidad, with its familiar flora and fauna, and visiting Konark brought back memories of my grandfather’s coastal village in Trinidad. It was as if my ancestors were guiding me here. Meeting each of you and being part of this forum has truly felt like a blessing from above. Please forgive all my tears as they came from a place of deep gratitude. Earlier this year, I could never have fathomed that I would be on this journey, yet here I am, enriched by the experiences and humbled to have shared this time with you all. I am deeply thankful to the organizers and grateful to have met each and every one of you. With respect and gratitude,



Pranava Maharaj
Trinidad & Tobago

About Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service

The Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) was established in 1986 by the Government of India primarily to cater to the professional training needs of the Indian Foreign Service and the Ministry of External Affairs. SSIFS has diversified its activities to include courses for foreign diplomats in its efforts to build bridges of friendship and cooperation with countries around the world and courses of interest to staff and officers at all levels of the Ministry of External Affairs as well as other Civil Services.

Within Indian Foreign Service, SSIFS conducts training programs annually at four levels - Induction Training Program of nine months for IFS Officer Trainees at entry level, and Mid Career Training Programs of three weeks duration - MCTP I (for 10-11 years in Service), MCTP II (for 15-16 years in Service), & MCTP III (for 24-25 years in Service).

For Foreign Diplomats, SSIFS conducts every month one specific program which includes three annual flagship programs in the form of - Disarmament & International Security Affairs Fellowship Training program for three weeks in January, Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) for two weeks in May, and Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) Training Program for two weeks in September. Other months, SSIFS organises country, region, grouping, or themes-specific training programs of a maximum of two weeks, emanating from 105 MoUs that SSIFS has signed in the past three decades.

SSIFS has an extensive and expanding pool of guest faculty drawn from experts in the fields of domain competencies like International Relations, Diplomacy, Economy, Trade, Tourism, Technology, Governance, Media & Journalism, Defence & Security, Culture & Indian Knowledge System, Yoga & Ayurveda, and Behavioural Competencies like Emotional Intelligence, Purposeful & Collaborative Leadership, Communications & Negotiations Skills and Progressive Learning & Problem Solving Attitude.

SSIFS is headed by the Dean, a senior Foreign Service Officer in the Ministry of External Affairs. The current Dean is Amb. Raj Kumar Srivastava, IFS officer of the 1997 batch. The Institute is located at Baba Gangnath Marg, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi.



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