

CAFRAL
CENTRE FOR ADVANCED FINANCIAL RESEARCH AND LEARNING
Promoted by Reserve Bank of India



Calendar of Programs **2026-27**

About CAFRAL

The Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), promoted by the Reserve Bank of India, undertakes cutting-edge research in finance and economics and provides capacity-building programs for senior financial sector professionals and policymakers. Its research addresses key issues in financial institutions, markets, and macro-financial policy, while its Learning programs strengthen the leadership and governance framework across the financial system, supporting India's financial stability, inclusion and growth.

Vision

Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL) seeks to establish itself as a global centre of excellence for advanced research and learning in banking, finance and macroeconomics with a view to contributing to policy formulation, building cutting edge technical capacity & financial leadership competencies in the Indian financial sector and public policy space.

Mission

Learning:

To enhance its visibility, leverage on its unique strengths and reposition itself as the only capacity building institution for senior bankers and financial sector participants in niche areas, and on issues of topical relevance and systemic importance, with focus on enhancing value for all stakeholders.

Research:

To emerge as a global research hub in the areas of banking, finance, macroeconomics, and emerging areas relevant to central banking and to deliver policy-oriented research projects of relevance to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in a time bound manner.

Objectives

- Engage in highest quality academic research in finance, marco-economics and emerging areas relevant to central banking.
- Enhance the professional capabilities in banks and other Institutions in the financial sector through learning events and programmes.
- Provide a platform for dialogue between policy makers, regulators, financial sector, practitioners and academics on issues of topical relevance and systemic importance.
- Collaborating on mutually beneficial research projects with domestic institutions with similar mandate.
- Conduct short term policy-oriented research of relevance to RBI in a time bound manner.

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Learning Calendar for FY 2026-27

Sl. No	Name of the Program	No of day/s	Location	Sr. Program Director
QUARTER I – FY 2026-27				
April-2026				
1	Program for Internal Ombudsman in Banks and NBFCs	April 22, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
2	Conference of Treasury Heads of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	April 24, 2026	Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan
3	Virtual Program for NBFCs & HFCs: Governance, Risk Management & Regulatory Concerns	April 28, 2026	Online	C. Sankaranarayanan
4	Program on Business Strategy and Risk Management	April 27-28, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	Kamal P Patnaik
May-2026				
5	Conference of Chief Compliance Officers for Banks, NBFCs and FIs	May 11-12, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	Kamal P Patnaik
6	Program on Data Protection and Data Privacy	May 15, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan
7	Virtual Program on Governance & KYC/ AML for Payment Aggregators	May 22, 2026	Online	C. Sankaranarayanan
8	Leadership Program for Women Executives of Banks/NBFCs/FIs	May 26-27, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	Kamal P Patnaik
9	Virtual Program on Customer Education & Protection for Banks, NBFCs and FIs	May 27, 2026	Online	C. Sankaranarayanan
10	Program for the Nominee Directors of Commercial Bank in their Group Companies	May 29, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan
June-2026				
11	Program on Cyber Attacks, Response, Management & Digital Forensics	June 2, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	Debangshu Munshi
12	Virtual Program on AI/ML for Board Members and Senior Executives	June 17, 2026	Online	C. Sankaranarayanan
13	Virtual Program on Model Risk Management	June 29, 2026	Online	C. Sankaranarayanan
QUARTER II – FY 2026-27				
July-2026				
14	Program on Financial Frauds & Forensic Audit	July 1-2, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan
15	Virtual Program on Future-Ready Digital Banking: Strategy, Innovation, Resilience and Trust	July 7, 2026	Online	Debangshu Munshi
16	Program for Heads and Senior Officials of Inspection and Audit Functions in Banks, FIs and NBFCs	July 14-15, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan
17	Conference of Chief Risk Officers: Managing Uncertainty	July 21-22, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	C. Sankaranarayanan

18	Virtual Program on Financial Inclusion and Customer Protection	July 24, 2026	Online	Debangshu Munshi
19	Program on Strengthening Vigilance Frameworks	July 29, 2026	Mumbai Non-residential	Debangshu Munshi
August-2026				
20	Virtual Program on Operational Risk Management for Board Members & Executives of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	August 7, 2026	Online	Kamal P Patnaik
21	Program on Board Governance, Regulatory Expectations & Strategic Role of Company Secretaries	August 12, 2026	Mumbai	Debangshu Munshi
22	RRBs at an Inflection Point: Governance, Strategy & Transformation: A Programme for RRB Chairmen, Board Members and Senior Executives	August 17, 2026	Mumbai	Debangshu Munshi
23	Program for CLOs & Senior HR Officials in Banks, NBFCs and FIs	August 21, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
24	Conference of Chief Financial Officers	August 28, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
September-2026				
25	Program for Commercial Bank	September 4, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
26	From Underwriting to Resolution: Navigating the New Frontiers of Credit Risk & Stressed Assets Management	September 8-9, 2026	Mumbai	Debangshu Munshi
27	Program on Business Strategy and Managing Strategic Risk	September 10, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
28	Virtual Program on Data Protection & Data Privacy: The Road Ahead	September 11, 2026	Online	Kamal P Patnaik
29	Program on IS Audit	September 17-18, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
30	NBFCs & HFCs: Navigating the New Era of Governance, Risk & Regulation	September 22, 2026	Online	Debangshu Munshi
31	Conference of Senior Economists of Banks, Financial Institutions and NBFCs	September 24, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
32	Program on Compliance & Risk for Senior Officers of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	September 28-29, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
33	Virtual Program on Cyber Security & Resilience	September 30, 2026	Online	Debangshu Munshi
QUARTER III – FY 2026-27				
October-2026				
34	Programme on Risk Management for Board Members & Senior Officials of Commercial Bank	October 12-13, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
35	Virtual Program on Compliance in Trade and Forex Transactions	October 15, 2026	Online	Debangshu Munshi
36	Program on Third Party Risk	October 27, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
37	Making Boards future ready: Governance, Oversight & Leadership in a Changing Financial Landscape: A Program for Non-Executive Chairmen & Directors on the Boards of Banks, FIs and NBFCs	October 28-29, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik

38	Workshop on Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Implementation: From Framework to Business-as-Usual	October 29-30, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
November-2026				
39	Program on Climate Change and Sustainable Finance	1 Day	Offline	
40	Program on KYC/ AML for Senior Executives in Risk & Compliance Department in Banks, NBFCs and FIs	November 5-6, 2026	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
41	Program for Internal Ombudsmen of RBI	1 Day	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
42	Virtual Program on IT Governance, Risks, Controls & Assurance	1 Day	Online	
43	Program on Compliance and Risk for Officers of Small Finance Banks, Payment Banks and Fintech Operators	1 Day	Offline	
44	Leadership program for Commercial Bank	November 16-20, 2026	Mumbai	C. Sankaranarayanan
45	Program on Ethics & Transparency in BFSI Sector	November 26, 2026	Offline	
46	Program on Regulatory and Supervisory Issues for UCBs	1 Day	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
47	Inbound Program for Bankers of Global South	5 Days	Offline	
December-2026				
48	Program on Governance and Assurance for Directors on the Boards of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	December 11-12, 2026	Offline	
49	Program on Developments in Financial Market: Trends & Challenges	1 Day	Mumbai	Kamal P Patnaik
50	Conference of Chief Human Resources (CHROs) and Chief Learning Officers (CLOs)	1 Day	Offline	
51	Program on Agro-MSME	1 Day	Mumbai	Debangshu Munshi
52	Program on Efficiency and Innovation in Currency Management	1 Day	Offline	
53	Program on Operational Risk Management and Resilience	1 Day	Offline	
54	Program on Effective Leadership for Senior Officers of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	5 Days	Offline	
QUARTER IV – FY 2026-27				
January-2027				
55	Virtual Program on Data Protection, Data Privacy & Data Localization	1 Day	Online	
56	Program for Board Directors, CEOs and Senior Executives of SFBs	1 Day	Offline	
57	Program on Governance and Risk for Insurance Sector	2 Days	Offline	
58	Program on Compliance, Risk and Credit Management for UCBs	2 Days	Offline	
59	Program on Consumer Protection and Customer Service & Grievance Redressal	1 Day	Offline	
60	Program on Project Finance	2 Days	Offline	
February-2027				
61	Program on KYC/ AML for Board of Directors of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	1 Day	Offline	
62	Virtual Program for Statutory Auditors of Banks	1 Day	Online	

63	Virtual Program on Liquidity Risk Management for Banks, NBFCs and FIs	1 Day	Online	
64	Program on Fintech & the Transformation in the Financial Services	1 Day	Offline	
65	Program on Expected Credit Loss Method of Provisioning	1 Day	Offline	
66	Program on Governance and Risk for Urban Cooperative Banks	1 Day	Offline	
March-2027				
67	Virtual Program for Internal Auditors of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	1 Day	Online	
68	Virtual Program on Quantum Computing for Board members of Banks, NBFCs and FIs	1 Day	Online	
69	Program for Board Directors, CEOs and Senior Executives of MFIs	1 Day	Offline	
70	Webinars/ Roundtables on Current Emerging Regulatory Concerns	1 Day	Offline	
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