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MASTER'S PROGRAM
IN PUBLIC POLICY

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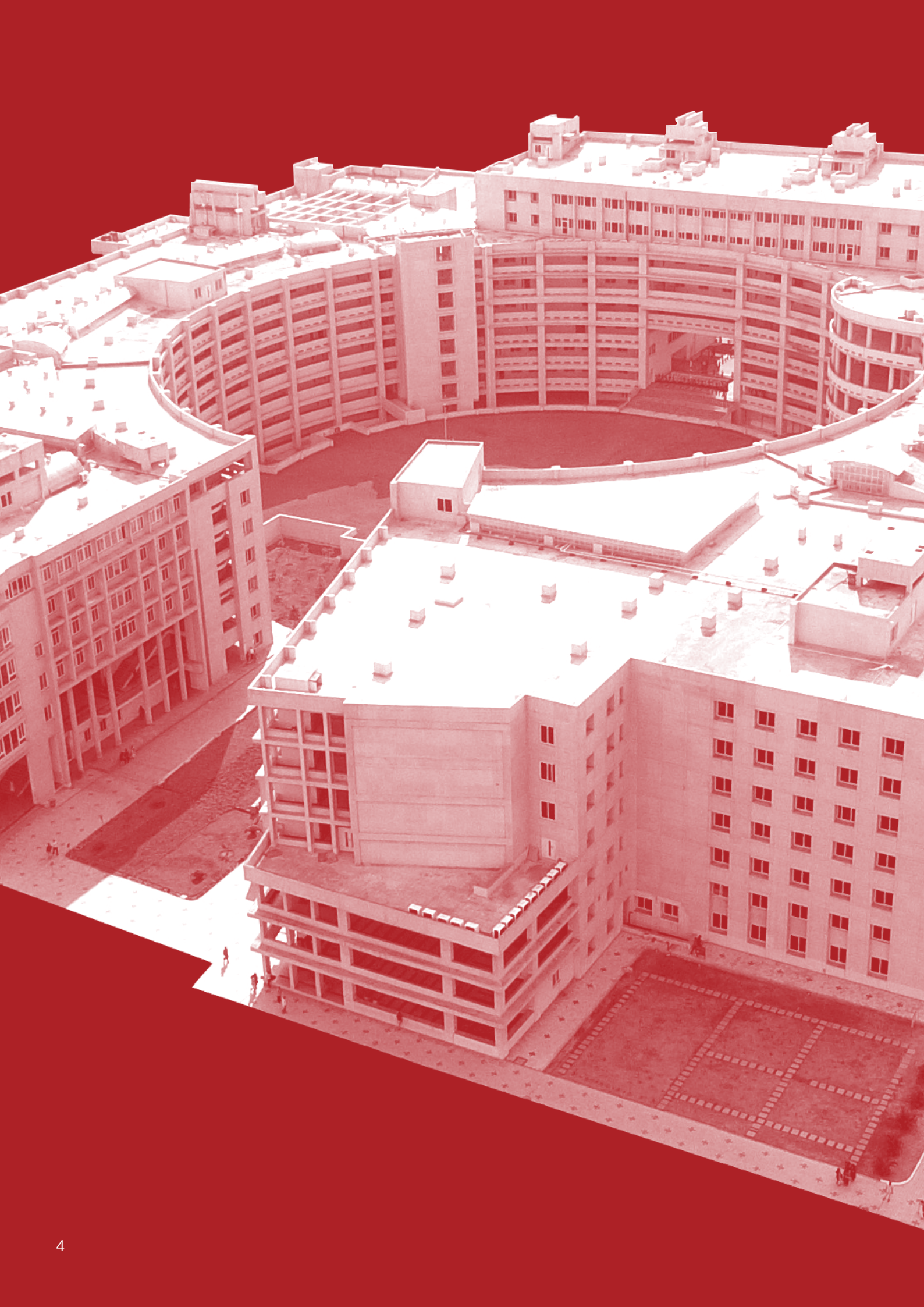


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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” What Charles Dickens wrote in the last quarter of the 18th century fits what we now witness. These are years of change and turmoil everywhere. Dramatic technological developments are altering long-held concepts. Climate disasters are becoming more common. Health concerns have grown manifold. Policies developed in the past are being reviewed and revised.

Amidst these changes, India is emerging as a pivotal country in global affairs. It has the largest population (which is still growing), with a per-capita GDP of just one-quarter that of China, leaving enormous scope for productivity gains.

The Kautilya School of Public Policy learning environment has been calibrated to help students fully grasp the ongoing global rebalancing. Globally reputed academics and experienced practitioners are at hand to help them understand how to seize emerging opportunities in governance, business, advocacy, consultancy, research, and analysis.

Syed Akbaruddin

Dean

Kautilya School of Public Policy



From the **Dean's** desk



From the Admissions Desk

Global business and governance contexts have evolved in the face of economic instability, supply chain disruptions, and the climate crisis. Traditional methods are either too rigid or too inadequate to handle these emerging complexities.

As we move towards a technology revolution driven by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, it is even more important for policymakers to embrace the opportunities data, research, and analysis have to offer.

At the Kautilya School of Public Policy, we believe the way to the future lies in bridging shifting dynamics with tangible, modern-day solutions. We aim to achieve this by training decision-makers of the future in a contextualized, dedicated format.

We assembled a global talent pool of industry leaders, policy experts, strategists, government officials, and communication professionals to design a curriculum that prepares you for leadership roles.

Hitesh Kakkar

Director, Admissions & New Initiatives,
Kautilya School of Public Policy





About Kautilya

The Kautilya School of Public Policy seeks to redefine policymaking education in India in an environment designed to contextualize global best practices in the domestic context. We aim to create the next generation of changemakers equipped to account for disruptive change in the business and governance landscapes. We call on passionate problem-solvers to hone their skills at Kautilya and aid India's global ascent.

Master's Program in Public Policy

The MPP is a 2-year full-time, residential master's program. The program is divided into six trimesters.

In the first year, students will undergo foundation courses that develop their core competencies in economics, history, data analysis and law.

After the first year, students will have the opportunity to complete a 3-month internship with India's leading think tanks, corporate houses and premier government entities.

In the second year, students can choose from our pillars of specialization to focus on a distinct domain.

A blend of classroom learning and industry immersion

We aim to bring together people from across disciplines, age groups, and work and education backgrounds. Students can maximize their time at Kautilya through engagement sessions with industry leaders, policy experts, strategists, and communication professionals. This enhanced level of engagement ensures industry preparedness and is critical to developing communication skills, strategic thinking, analytical skills, and interpersonal dynamics.

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Core Courses

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Electives

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Skill Shops

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Pillars of
specialization

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Capstone
Project



Faculty



Dean

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Former Permanent Representative of India to the UN



Dr. Duvvuri Subbarao

Former RBI Governor



Amb Navtej Singh Sarna

Former Indian Ambassador
to the US & Israel



Dr. Indermit Singh Gill

Chief Economist, World Bank



Amb Vijay Gokhale

Former Foreign Secretary
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Mr. Steve Jarding

Former Professor,
Harvard Kennedy School



Amb D.B. Venkatesh Varma

Former Indian Ambassador
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Dr. Moshik Temkin

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Mr. Udaibir Das

Visiting Faculty,
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Dr. Gary Dexter

Visiting Faculty,
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Lt. General Sanjiv Langer

Former Member of the Armed
Forces Tribunal



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Former Member of Parliament;
Chairman, Congress Research
Department



Ms. Anita Bhatia

Distinguished Fellow,
Kautilya School of Public Policy



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Author, Retired IAS Officer



Dr. Faizan Mustafa

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National Law University, Patna

**Dr. Jandhyala B G Tilak**

Former Professor & Vice Chancellor,
NUEPA, Distinguished Professor,
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Associate Professor, Kautilya
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Former Media Advisor to the Prime
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Director, Centre for Social
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Assistant Professor of Law, Kuwait
International Law School, Visiting
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Professor of Design, Vidyashilp
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Director, Centre for Energy Studies
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Independent Journalist;
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Founder of FACTLY and
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**AVM (Dr) Arjun
Subramaniam (Retd)**

Fighter Pilot, Military Historian,
Author, Visiting Faculty, Kautilya





Mentorship Program

The Mentorship Program is one of the key benefits of the MPP. Students can choose a mentor from our panel of esteemed industry leaders to maximize their learning curve. Students can gain an enhanced industry perspective and map their career paths with hands-on guidance. The interactions with mentors are pivotal in building professional networks and gaining an understanding of the capabilities that the industry is looking for.

Scholarship & Teaching Assistantship

Students can gain the benefit of a scholarship through a Teaching Assistantship. These are positions that offer students a chance to work closely with the course instructor and learn the nuances of management, coordination, administration, and much more. TAs may be asked to assist the instructor on a variety of tasks, including, conducting tests, grading assignments, and coordinating schedules

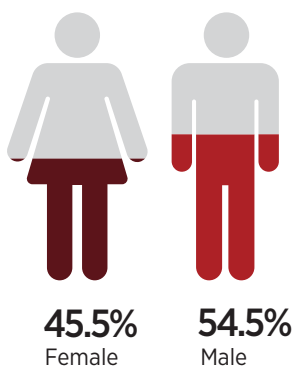


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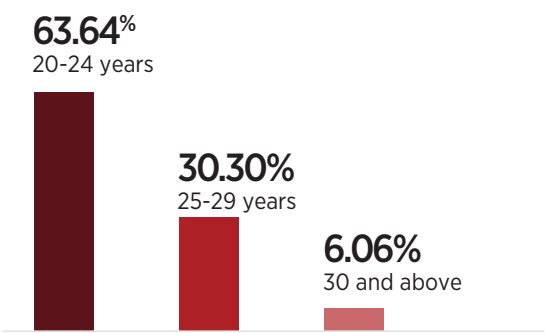
President, GITAM; Founder,
Kautilya School of Public Policy

Batch Profile (2023-25)

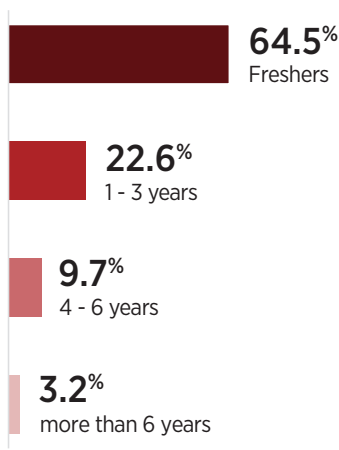
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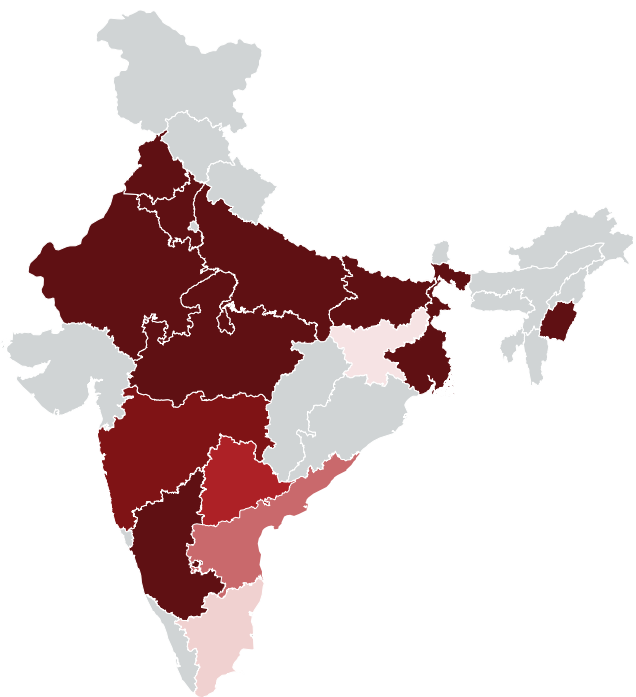
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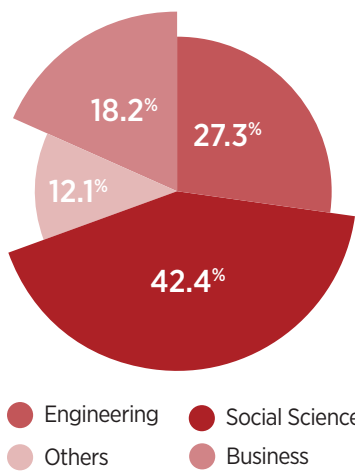
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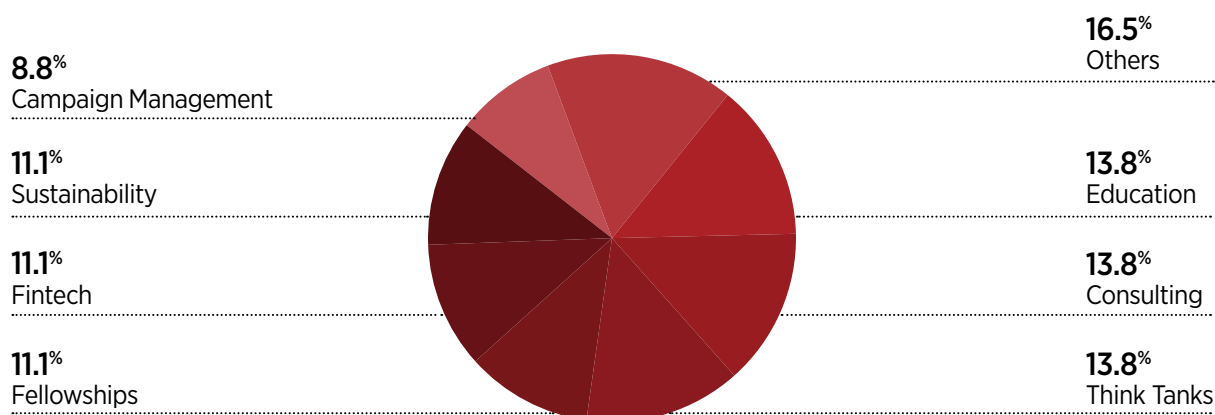


Placements

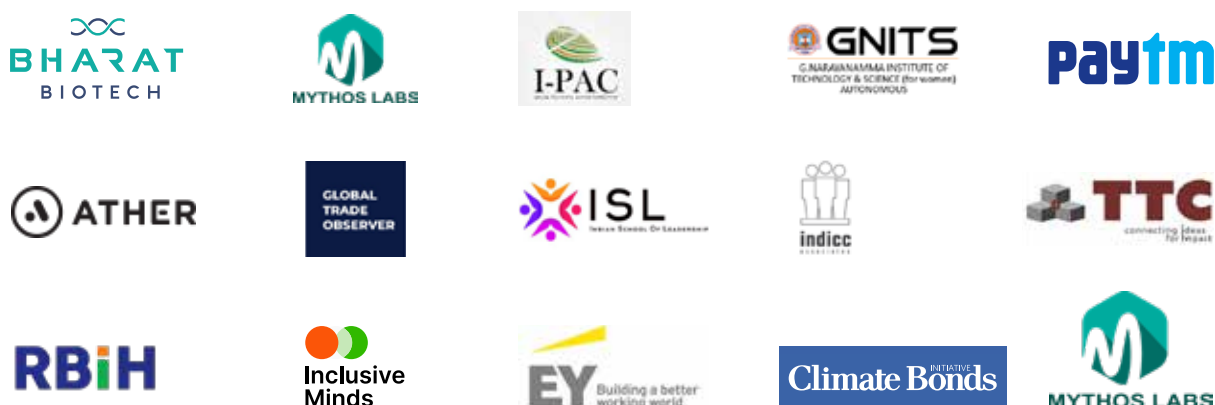
MPP graduates are steering change for some of India's biggest private and public organizations. From fintech to consulting and from think tanks to governance institutions, Kautilya graduates are driving change for the most exciting and relevant organizations in India.

28+	10+	40%	14%	15%	41L
Recruiters	Industry Functions	Hired by Corporate Companies	Hired by Think Tanks	In Public Sector Companies	Highest CTC

Hired across 10+ sectors



Top Recruiting Companies



Student Clubs & Activities

Students can enroll in any of the student-led clubs on campus to broaden their horizons beyond the classroom. Each club offers opportunities for students to foster growth-focused conversations and discover unique perspectives.

Chabootra - Communication with dramatics

Parliamentarians Club - An eye on the nation's policies

Safarnama Club - Exploring the outdoors

Social Empowerment Club - Enhancing the social relevance of policies

Software Literacy Club - The A-Z of Data for Policymaking

Think-In Podcast Club - Learning from the journeys of industry veterans

Kautilya Entrepreneurship Cell - Forge professional networks and foster holistic leadership abilities



Experiential Learning at Kautilya

Extensive field training is a critical part of the MPP program. Students explore the various facets of policymaking at the grassroots level during these trips. These experiences build a deeper understanding for students about the multidisciplinary nature of policymaking from the lens of each stakeholder. Students get an enhanced view of how theoretical concepts are being implemented in real time business, operations and governance contexts.



Facilities

The rigor of the 2-year MPP demands an environment that incubates creativity, debate, and collaboration. We designed our campus to enable conversations and research. From a state-of-the-art media lab to pristine accommodation, the campus caters to every need an MPP student is likely to have over their 2-year stay.

The campus is equipped with an expansive library, a fully-equipped gym, yoga center, comfortable lounges, a world-class cafeteria, and much more.



Well-equipped gaming area



Twin & individual accommodation



World-class cafeteria



Lavish rooms



Well-stocked gym



State-of-the-art lounges



World-class hospitality

Admission Process

We follow a comprehensive process to review your application. Each stage is designed to examine your strengths and skills.

Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria will be required to attend a personal interview.

How to Apply

Scan the QR code to access the application form



Your completed application form must contain these details:

Personal Details

Academic Qualifications

Awards and Honors (if any)

Statement of Purpose

Policy Questions

Scholarship (I-T Returns of the past 2 years must be furnished if applying for a fee waiver)

Recommendations

Scholarships & Financial Aid

We offer limited scholarships on a merit-cum-means basis to deserving candidates. We also arrange financial aid with leading banks and financial institutions.

***Pending approval from the UGC, for conferring the degree of our preferred nomenclature of MPP, we may, in lieu, use M.A (Public Policy)**



Priyanka Roy

General Manager,
Admissions & Outreach,
Kautilya School of Public Policy

Testimonials



Luis E. Breur
IMF

A pleasure to visit the school and see the impressive program and infrastructure. Good luck to the first group of graduates as they move to apply the useful lessons picked up here. Many thanks for the invite!



Arun Goyal
Member, Central Electricity
Regulatory Commission

It was a pleasure to visit KSPP and interact with the students about the power sector. I enjoyed my session and the questions by students were sharp. The institute has very good infrastructure and I am sure that it will go a long way in the years to come. My best wishes to the school for all its future endeavors.



Rajiv Kumar
Chairman, Pahle India
Foundation, Delhi

Greatly enjoyed my visit to KSPP, especially the interaction with the students. KSPP has all the potential to become a world-class center for public policy.



Mr. Sanjay Kumar
CSDS, Delhi

It was a great experience interacting with the students. Would love to be back again.



Mr. R. Subrahmanyam,
Secretary, Centre for
Research in Schemes
and Policies (CRISP)

Full of bright faces and committed teachers.
This campus has a great future.



Amb. Sanjay Bhattacharya,
Secretary, Ministry of External
Affairs; Former Ambassador to
Switzerland, Turkey & Egypt;
BRICS Sherpa

An amazing experience to interact with a brilliant group of students set to blaze a new trail in the realms of public policy and governance. Congratulations to Kautilya and its faculty for providing an environment that promotes excellence. Best wishes for more success.

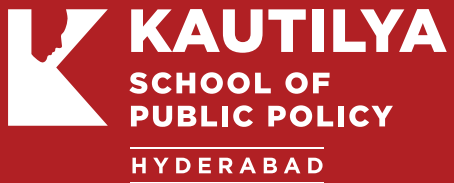


Dr. Gary Dexter
Visiting Faculty,
Kautilya School of Public Policy

What an honor to be asked to come to the school, to meet the Dean and to be able to work with the students. We feel totally spoiled by all the support we have received here. First and foremost from Shivangi Sharma and all the support staff who made our travel, daily meals, housekeeping and classroom experience possible. We love Indian cooking and have been so happy to eat here. Thank you all for helping us feel like we belong.



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