



# Department of Liberal Arts

Master of Arts (Development Studies)

Class of 2022

Placement Brochure



Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad



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# About The Department

The concern with development encompasses all aspects of human life - physical, psychological, cultural, political, economic and ecological. How can we address each of these while simultaneously appraising their interdependence? The challenge is to train and conceive of professionals and roles that can critically inform ways in which these different areas of life affect one another. The Development Studies program at the Department of Liberal Arts, IIT-H does just that. Through its interdisciplinary approach, it offers a plurality of ways in which the discourse of Development can be innovatively adapted to the ever changing fabric of human life. Faculty coordinating the different courses in this program come from disciplines of Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Psychology and the Humanities. With courses offered in field of Health, Gender, Technology Studies, Economics, Urban Settlements and Disease Management, and a dedicated Internship component, this two-year program offers students a formidable platform to engage with contemporary research in India and globally.







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## Words From Faculty

*The Master's in Development Studies program seeks to provide learning environments and cultures that foster teamwork, information-sharing, critical thinking, and innovative ideas. Our coursework draws on contemporary and critical scholarship in a diverse range of disciplines engaging with concerns of human development and well-being. Taught by faculty with expertise in anthropology, cultural studies, economics, psychology, sociology, the program endeavors to provide interdisciplinary and engaged perspectives on a range of issues impacting human society. With a rigorous coursework spanning three semesters, an engaged internship over the summer, and a thorough dissertation on a topic of their choice, our students have learned to apply critical thinking and analysis to contemporary issues of development, with a focus on socially relevant policy and practice. Our ongoing seminars, conferences, and events bringing together the best of minds seek to facilitate exposure to an active and dynamic climate of continuous learning, thereby facilitating independent thinkers and practitioners.*



**Dr. Shubha Ranganathan**  
**Associate Professor and Head of Department**

*The MA in Development Studies at IIT Hyderabad is a two year multidisciplinary program that interweaves rigorous academic training with practical field experiences. Students critically engage with development theories and discourses, and are trained in a wide range of thematic areas and methods such as: environment and sustainability, health and society, globalization, state and humanitarianism, poverty, inequality, social research methods – qualitative and quantitative, and impact evaluation, among others. These skills are particularly relevant for stakeholders such as the industry, civil society, government and academia. As detailed in this brochure, the students of the batch of 2022 are from diverse backgrounds, including those with prior work experience in development and other sectors. On behalf of the Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Hyderabad, I am delighted to welcome your organization to campus for a fruitful recruitment process.*



**Dr. Amrita Datta**  
**Assistant Professor and Course Coordinator**



**Dr. Chandan Bose**  
**Assistant Professor and Dept. Placement Coordinator**

*Industry in contemporary India is an increasingly dynamic and changing phenomenon. There are many emerging aspects of our relationship with the communities and spaces we live with, with technology, with our co-workers and our work spaces, and with our environment that industry is currently concerned with. Through the Development Studies program, our students are trained to study and innovatively think about these relationships from a perspective of social justice and equity. Research and data generation are two significant and methodological pegs through which our students approach questions concerning human resource, skill and development. As Department Placement Coordinator, I envision that our students contribute to institutions and organizations that are part of India's drive towards generating new kinds of knowledge and knowledge communities. The collaboration between young minds and industry towards social and environmental change has always been a potent one, and it is our intention to continue and add value to this legacy.*





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# List of Courses

- Development Theory and Practice
- Development Economics
- Health and Society
- Contemporary India
- Media and Development
- Social Exclusion, Social Justice, and Development
- Environment and Society
- Disability, Mental Health and Development Studies
- Social Research Methods
- Population and Development
- Impact Evaluation
- Politics, Pictures, Resistance: Graphic Narrative
- Labour and Development
- Migration, Mobility and Development
- Cultural Perspectives on Development: Race, Class, Gender
- Chronic Disease Management
- Health Economics and Policy

# GRADUATING BATCH PROFILE



## **Anish Saravakota**

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts (Social Science), GITAM Deemed to be University

Areas of interest: Tribal Development, Public Policy, Education, Health

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## **Khatrawath Arun Naik**

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts, (History, Economics, Public Administration), BJR Govt Degree College (Osmania University)

Areas of interest: Public policy, Tribal studies, Migration

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# GRADUATING BATCH PROFILE



## **Kumar Gaurav Shankar**

Qualification: Master's in Computer Application from Jaipur National University,  
Master's in Social Work from Shobhit University (Distance education)

Areas of interest: Education, Health, and Gender

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## **Priyasha Choudhary**

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts, Triple Majors in Economics, Political Science,  
and Public Administration from St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad

Areas of interest: Health, Disability, & Gender

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# GRADUATING BATCH PROFILE



## **Sayantan Mitra**

Qualification: Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Development (Hons.) from XIM University, Bhubaneswar

Areas of interest: Public Health, Public Policy, Sustainability

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## **Abhishek Sharma**

Qualification: Bachelor in Journalism from Delhi School of Journalism, Delhi University (North Campus)

Areas of interest: Media and Conflict studies, Tribal Development, Rural Development and Politics of Local Government

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