



**Master's Program
in Public Policy**

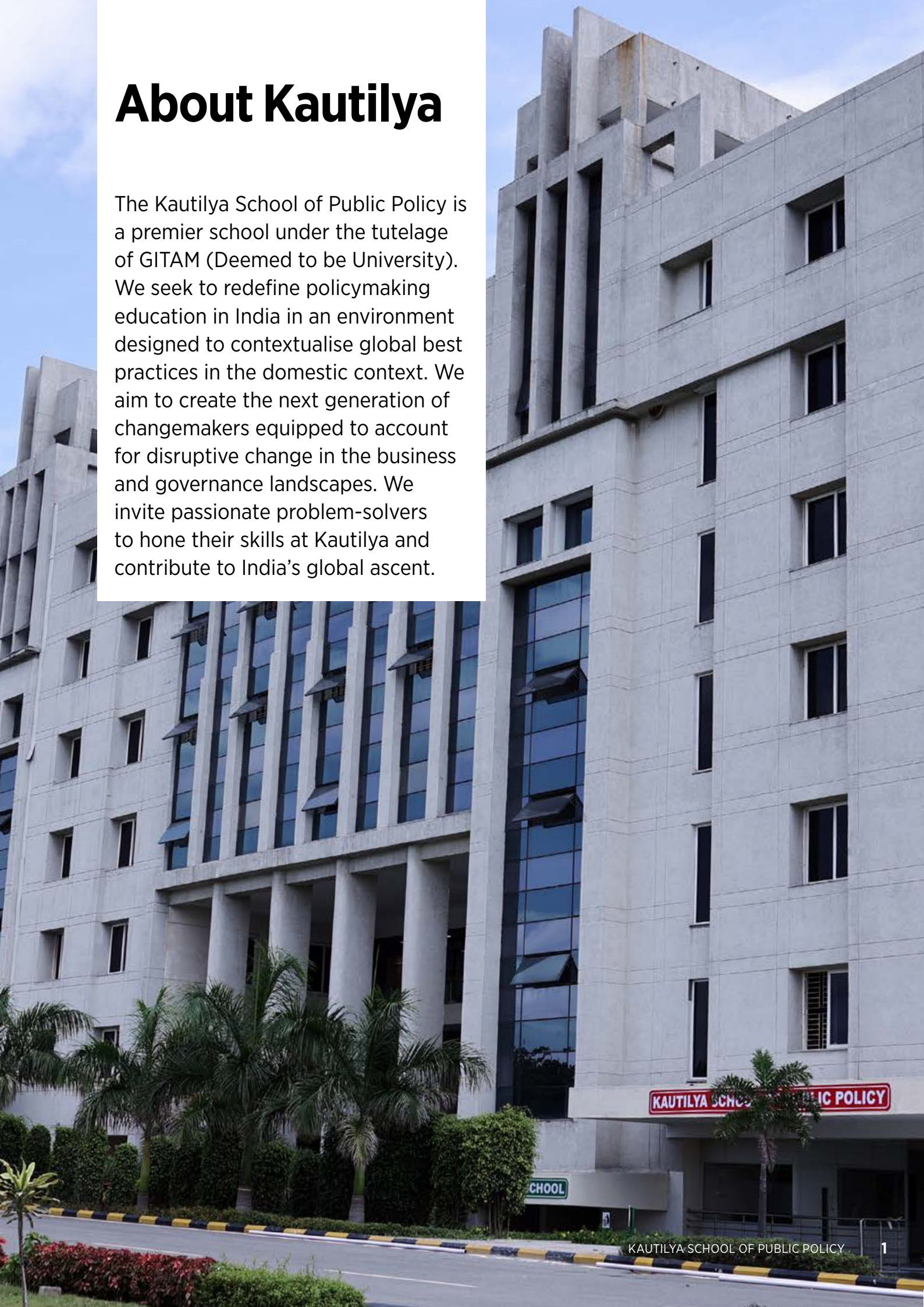
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About Kautilya

The Kautilya School of Public Policy is a premier school under the tutelage of GITAM (Deemed to be University). We seek to redefine policymaking education in India in an environment designed to contextualise 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 invite passionate problem-solvers to hone their skills at Kautilya and contribute to India's global ascent.



About GITAM

GITAM offers industry's best 120+ undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs with a combination of 600+ majors and minors at 04 campuses situated in Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Vishakhapatnam spread across 400 acres.

1800+

TEACHING STAFF

1200+

**FACULTY WITH
DOCTORAL DEGREES**

26000+

STUDENTS

85000+

ALUMNI



GITAM ACCREDITATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS



NAAC 'A ++' Grade
in 2023



शिक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

UGC Recognized as Category-'I'
Deemed to be University



101-150 Rank University
in NIRF 2023



93 in QS - INDIA Rankings 2023



601+ Rank in THE ASIA Ranking 2023



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About GITAM](#)

Founders



M. Sri Bharat

Founder, Kautilya School of Public Policy;
President of GITAM; Member of Parliament,
18th Lok Sabha



Mr. Prateek Kanwal

Co-Founder,
Kautilya School of Public Policy

DEAN



Syed Akbaruiddin

Dean, Kautilya School of Public Policy;
Former Permanent Representative of
India to the UN



Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, *Former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India* in a guest lecture on “India’s Economic Development: Critical Challenges Ahead”

Advisory Board



Ms. Priyanka Chaturvedi

Member of Parliament,
Rajya Sabha



Mr. Dilip Cherian

Political Campaign Advisor and
Communications Consultant



Mr. Udaibir Saran Das

Former International Civil Servant
with International Monetary Fund



Dr. M. V. Rajeev Gowda

Former Member of Parliament;
Chairman, Congress Research
Department



Dr. Menaka Guruswamy

Senior Advocate,
Supreme Court of India



Mr. Ram Mohan Naidu

Member of Parliament,
18th Lok Sabha



Amb. Navtej Singh Sarna

Former Indian Ambassador
to the US and Israel



Mr. R. Subramanyam

Former Education Secretary to the
Government of India



Ms. Rama Vedashree

Former CEO of Data Security
Council of India

Faculty



DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS/PROFESSORS



Ms. Anita Bhatia

Distinguished Fellow, Kautilya School of Public Policy; Former Assistant Secretary General, UN Women



Mr. Udaibir Saran Das

Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Faculty, Kautilya School of Public Policy; Former International Civil Servant with IMF



Dr. Rathin Roy

Distinguished Fellow, Kautilya School of Public Policy; Distinguished Professor, GITAM



Dr. Duvvuri Subbarao

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy; Former RBI Governor

VISITING FACULTY



Dr. Sharon Barnhardt

Director - Research, Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University



Dr. Chandrasekhar Commuri

Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration at California State University, Bakersfield



Dr. Gary Dexter

Former Faculty, Stanford University Graduate School of Business



Mr. Rakesh Dubbudu

Founder of FACTLY and DATAFUL



Dr. Indermit Singh Gill

Chief Economist, World Bank



Amb. Vijay Gokhale

Former Foreign Secretary of India



Dr. M. V. Rajeev Gowda

Former Member of Parliament; Chairman, Congress Research Department



Lt. General Sanjiv Langer

Former Member of the Armed Forces Tribunal



Mr. Ankur Kulshrestha

Ed-tech, Finance Professor, Researcher



Dr. Ashwin Mahesh

Social Technologist, Urbanist and Entrepreneur



Dr. Pavan Mamidi

Director, Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University



Dr. Anant Maringanti

Executive Director, Hyderabad Urban Labs Foundation



Dr. Anjali Karol Mohan

Urban and Regional Planner



Dr. Faizan Mustafa

Vice Chancellor of Chanakya National Law University, Patna



Dr. Usha Ramachandra

Former Professor and Director-Centre for Energy Studies, Administrative Staff College of India



Amb. Navtej Singh Sarna

Former Indian Ambassador to the US and Israel



Ms. Smita Sharma

Independent Journalist



Dr. Arvind Mayaram

Former Finance Secretary of India



Dr. Judith Spiegel

Assistant Professor of Law, Kuwait International Law School



Dr. Vasudha Katju

Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy



Dr. Aman Srivastava

Fellow-Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment at Center for Policy Research



Dr. Sharique Hassan Manazir

Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy



**Air Vice-Marshal (Retd)
Dr. Arjun Subramaniam**

Fighter Pilot, Military Historian, and Author



Dr. Amrendra Pandey

Associate Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy



Dr. Jandhyala B. G. Tilak

Former Professor & Vice Chancellor, NUEPA; Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development



Dr. Vishnu S. Pillai

Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy



Amb. D.B. Venkatesh Varma

Former Indian Ambassador to the Russian Federation



Dr. Kanica Rakhra

Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy



Dr. Srinivas Yanamandra

Group Head-Regulatory Affairs & Policy, One97 Communications Limited



Dr. Sach Wry

Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy

PERMANENT FACULTY

Partnerships & MoUs

Over the years, we have signed MoUs with institutes of prominence such as the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), School of Politics Economics & Global Affairs(SPEGA) of the IE University(Spain), and the Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad. The areas of partnership involve student exchange programs, internships, course collaborations, and research collaborations.



Master's Program in Public Policy**

2 yrs

DURATION

103

CREDITS

06

TRIMESTERS

13

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SKILL SHOPS

Curriculum

Master's Program in Public Policy (MPP) is a two-year, 103-credit program. The curriculum aims to expand knowledge, enhance skills, instill values, and embrace an international pedagogical outlook. Our students also engage in public policy exercises, grounded in the realities of India. This enables them to contribute in academia, government, business, and society.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

The MPP culminates in a Capstone Project (CAP) in term 5 and 6. The thesis is based on a Capstone Project (CAP). It is undertaken independently as a research project on a relevant policy topic, or with an organisation of your choice.

ELECTIVES

CHOICE OF 13 ELECTIVES (39 CREDITS)				
Business & Government	Economics for Policy	Environmental, Social & Governance Issues	Global Affairs	Technology & Society
Competition Policy & Economic Regulation*	Behavioural Insights for Innovative Policy*	Climate Change & Finance*	Emerging Security Challenges	Challenges of AI Technology Regulations
Economic Freedom, Financial Inclusion, & Digital Banking*	Elements of Econometrics	Climate Change Litigation*	Emotions in State Behaviour	Education & Development*
Interpersonal Dynamics	Reforming the Indian Economy*	ESG*	Global Public Health*	Introduction to Public Problem Solving
Law & Policy of Global Trade*	Topical Relevance of Global Economic History*	Gender, State & Society	Migration and Refugee Movements	Technology, Society & Governance
New Media & Policy Governance*		Religion, Public Policy & Law	Military Interventions, Technology & Changing Character of War*	The City*

*cross listed courses

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

SPECIALIZATIONS

In the 2 year MPP journey, students will have the opportunity to deep dive into one or more of the five areas of specializations (see below). You can obtain specialization in atmost two of these verticals.

- Business and Government
- Economics for Policy
- Environmental, Social and Governance Issues
- Global Affairs
- Technology and Society

SKILL SHOPS

Skill Shops at Kautilya focus on providing students with practical skills to complement their academic knowledge. These skill shops are of one credit each. The tentative list is given below:

- Development Consulting 101
- Indian National Security Imperatives
- International Trade, Business & Policy
- Kautilya's Arthashastra
- Media, Communication & Policy
- Negotiation
- Performance Measurement and Evaluation
- Public Policy for Climate Change
- Understanding Financial Statements
- Understanding Gender

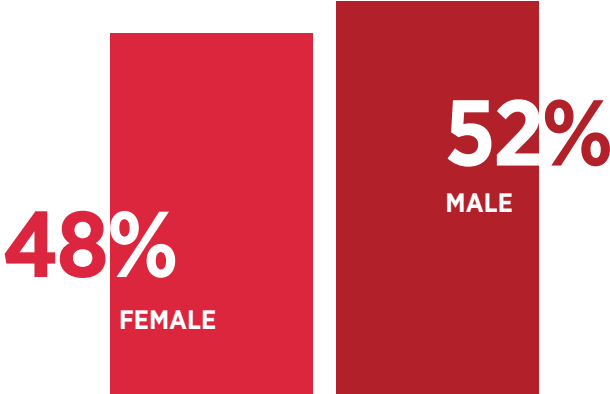


Dr. Arvind Panagariya, *Chairman 16th Finance Commission and Professor of Economics and the Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University*, speaking at Kautilya.

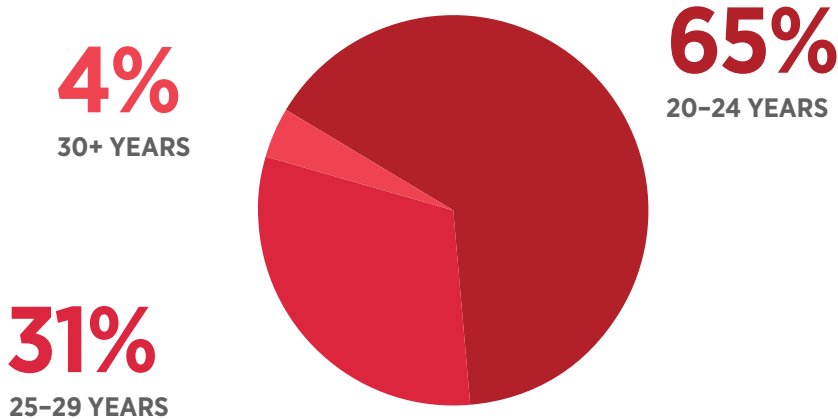
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GENDER

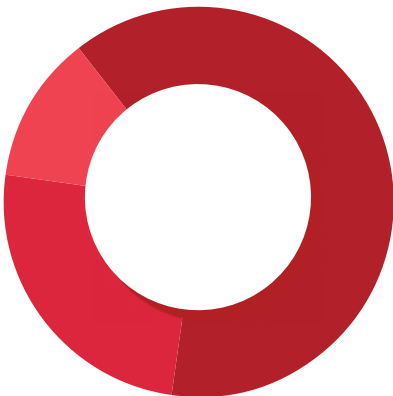


AGE



12.1%
0-3 YEARS

25.1%
3+ YEARS



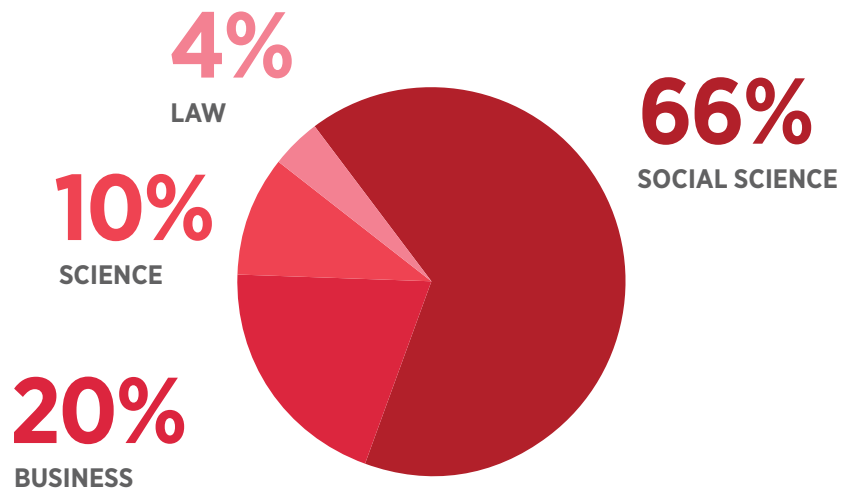
62.8%
FRESHERS



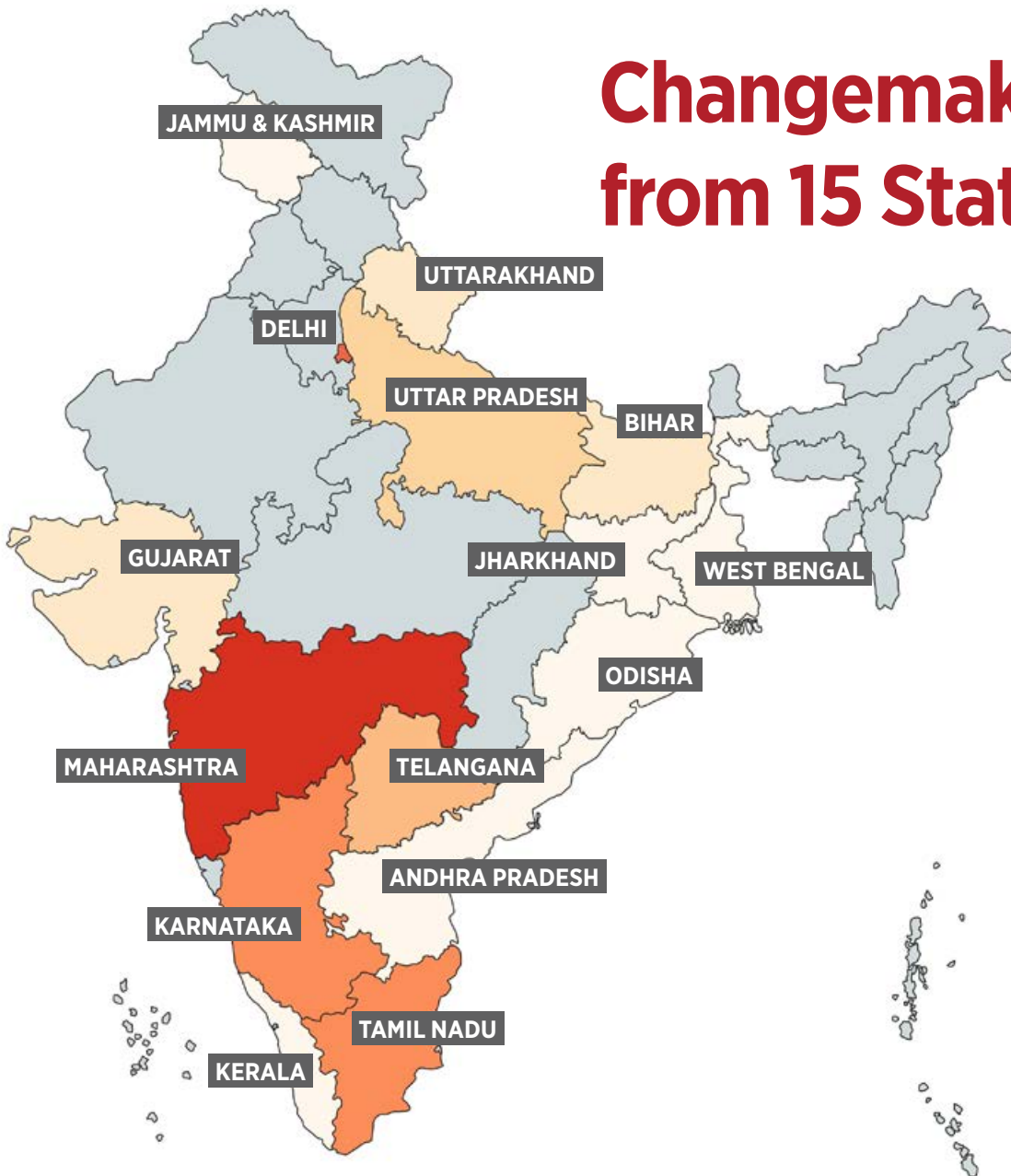
WORK EXPERIENCE



**EDUCATION
BACKGROUND**



Changemakers from 15 States





MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Through our Mentorship program, students are connected to mentors with vital personal, academic, and professional track records who can positively impact and guide their journeys during, and beyond MPP.

The Mentorship program starts in the 1st trimester.



ALUMNI GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Under the Mentorship Program, we have launched the Alumni Guidance Program to help the current students in understanding various pathways towards their journey forward in public policy sector. Our program aims to foster cooperation and coordination between students and alumni.

 [Learn More](#)



Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economics Advisor, Government of India delivering a lecture on 'Road to 2047' at Kautilya.

Career Guidance

From fin-tech to consulting, and think tanks to governance institutions—our MPP graduates drive change at India’s most exciting and relevant organizations.

INDUSTRY DEMAND

In India, there is a rising demand for MPP graduates across public policy consulting, social impact consulting, development sectors, ESG, and sustainability. Globally, MPPs are sought after in governance, climate policy, and international organizations.


CAREER PATH

MPP graduates often begin as analysts or consultants, progressing to leadership roles in policy design, public affairs, or governance. Specialized skills in data analysis, communication, and policy areas like climate or public health significantly enhance career prospects.

SECTORS

MPP graduates have pursued the following sectors:

- Government bodies
- Think tanks
- NGOs
- Consulting firms
- ESG

 [Learn More](#)

Career Fulfilment

Kautilya School of Public Policy prepares students for successful placements that align with their specializations and career aspirations. Our dedicated placement cell works closely with each student to understand their preferences and abilities, ensuring they are matched with organizations where they can make meaningful contributions. Through a blend of academic rigor and practical experience, along with extensive

support in resume building, mock interviews, and mentorship from industry experts, our graduates are well-equipped to tackle complex policy challenges. They have secured impactful roles in think tanks, consulting firms, and various governance sectors, reflecting the effectiveness of our personalized placement approach.

KEY RECRUITERS



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Beyond Academics

Facilities Features



Air-conditioned rooms



Wifi connected campus



Computer lab



Bus service on weekends



Well balanced nutritious, chef-curated meals, cafeteria, vending machine, midnight cafe



24 hours security services, and CCTV surveillance



Bed, study table, chair and separate wardrobes



State of the art gym facilities



24/7 nurse, essential medicines, emergency ambulance, doctor, and monthly counseling



Laundry service and tuck shops

Sports Infrastructure



3 outdoor volleyball courts



4 outdoor badminton courts



Mini-football outdoor sports arena



2 outdoor basketball courts



2 cricket nets



Student Clubs

Students can enroll in any 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
- Parliamentarians Club
- Safarnama Club
- Social Empowerment Club
- Software Literacy Club
- Think-In Podcast Club
- Kautilya Entrepreneurship Cell



 [Learn More](#)





Study @ Kautilya


Doctoral Program at Kautilya


The doctoral program at the Kautilya School of Public Policy nurtures scholars committed to rigorous theoretical and applied research that tackles complex policy challenges. It emphasizes impact-driven research with real-world applications while advancing public policy theory. Our students bridge theory and practice, creating meaningful contributions to research and policymaking in fast-evolving policy landscapes.

Kautilya will admit scholars in the following six pillars:

- Economics for Policy
- Technology & Society
- Global Affairs
- Environmental, Societal and Governance Issues
- Business & Government
- Gender

*At the time of the announcement of the Ph.D admission process every year, the specific areas under the aforementioned pillars to which scholars will be admitted during the admission cycle will be listed.

 [Research
FAQ's](#)

 [Admission
Process](#)

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Eligibility

We welcome ambitious, driven, and focused applicants who are:

- Pursuing a final year undergraduate program
- Fresh graduates
- Working professionals

Candidates should be committed to playing a role in public policy.

Financial Aid:

- Benefit of up to 100% merit-cum-means scholarships on 1st year tuition fees.
- Scholarship is reviewed after 1st year, and continued based on the student's academic performance.

*Students seeking scholarships are required to write an essay in the application process. Continuation of the scholarship is contingent upon maintaining satisfactory academic performance and adherence to code of conduct.

Testimonials

“I am very thankful for the support I received from the Career Cell during my placement journey. Their personalized guidance, resume workshops, and mock interviews equipped me with the skills and motivation I needed to secure a role that aligns with my career goals.”



Sunidhi Singh

Senior Associate at AuctusESG;
MPP Batch of 2024

“As one always desirous of passing on my knowledge, experience, and understanding of global issues—and what they might mean for India—I found Kautilya mentees as impressive partners! Three qualities defined them: motivation, curiosity, and a desire to excel. Regular virtual conversations or e-mail discussions worked exceptionally well to establish partnerships. The good thing is that I learned as much from my mentees as they might have through my mentoring! I am confident that upon graduation, Kautilya mentees will become invaluable additions to India’s professional workforce and help guide the public and the private sector in making informed and technically sound choices in the context of a resurgent India.”

Mr. Udaibir Saran Das

Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Faculty, Kautilya School of Public Policy; Former International Civil with IMF

“I’ve taught public policy at Duke and Georgetown universities. I can say without any doubt or hesitation that classroom discussions were richer and more stimulating at Kautilya than these top-notch US schools.”

Dr. Indermit Singh Gill

Visiting Faculty, Kautilya School of Public Policy;
Chief Economist, World Bank

“It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to interact with the students of KSPP, who seem engaged, informed, and curious. I look forward to coming back again and to deepen the partnership between ICRIER & KSPP through research, internship and more events like the one I attended today! All the best!”

Dr. Deepak Mishra

Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER





“Over the last two years, I have mentored a few Kautilya MPP students. They came from various backgrounds and with varying experience, but one thing in common has been their keen interest in learning more, making the best of the opportunities given to them and the sharp focus on their career paths. All of them have been placed well and are reportedly doing exceedingly well. Their exposure in Kautilya seems to have honed their interest in the niche areas of infrastructure and climate finance, as they have ventured into fields that are normally not taught in conventional master’s programs. The internship placement, in public sector entities or private companies, also gives them exposure to the practical application of classroom learning of public policy.”

Sharmila Chavaly

Retd IRAS; Independent Non-Executive Director, Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd.; Former Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Gol

“The college provided me with invaluable opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. The support and exposure I gained through their placement program enabled me to intern as an Executive Assistant to Mr. Nara Lokesh. Now, I am honored to continue my journey as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to him in his role as the Minister of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications and Real Time Governance (RTG), Government of Andhra Pradesh. The skills and knowledge I acquired during my time at the college have been instrumental in my professional success.”



Vinayaka Sai Chaitanya

Executive Assistant to Mr. Nara Lokesh; MPP Batch of 2024

“We are impressed with how your recruitment process prepares students for the job market. The candidates we have hired from Kautilya are among the best in the competitive market. Your dedication to excellence resonates with our standards, and we are excited about potential partnerships with your future graduates.”

Rutuja Sawant

HR Manager at Auctus ESG



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