

Master's Program in **Public Policy**

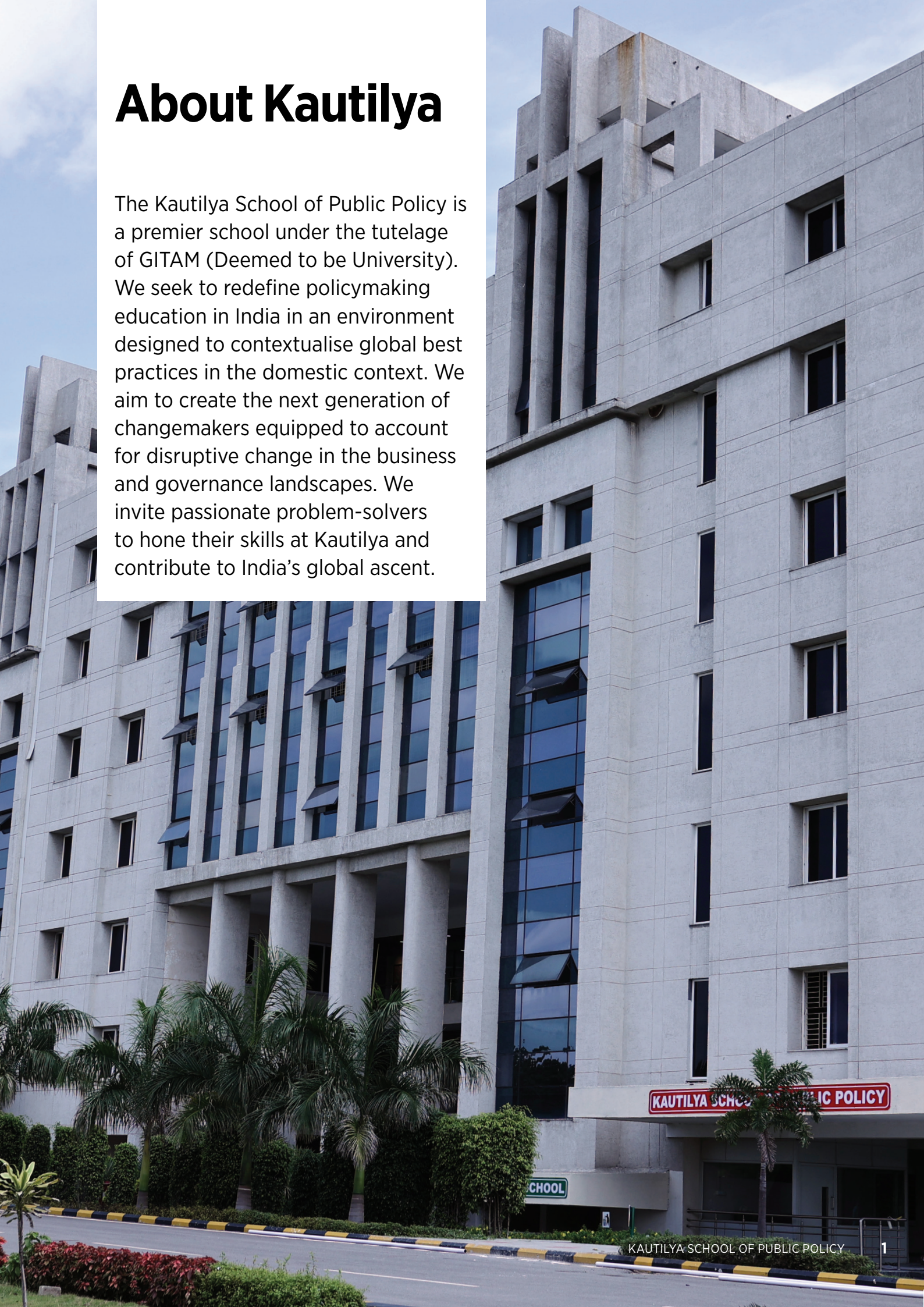


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About Kautilya

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

27k+
STUDENTS

100k+
ALUMNI ACROSS
105 COUNTRIES

21k+
PUBLICATIONS

300+
PATENTS

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NBA ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

300+
RESEARCH PROJECTS



GITAM ACCREDITATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS



NAAC 'A ++' Grade
in 2023



शिक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

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



88 Rank University in NIRF 2025
Other Ranks Engg.: #101-150.
Pharmacy: #48, Law: #37



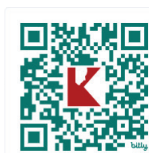
World University Rankings 2025: #751-800
(World), #240 (Asia), #125 (Southern Asia)
QS Sustainability Rankings 2025: #1161-1180
(World), #384 (Overall), #46 (Asia)



World
University
Rankings 2025

#1501+ (World), #601+ (Asia)
88 (Young Universities)

Learn more
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 Akbaruddin

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



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



Mr Samiran Gupta

Distinguished Non Resident Fellow, Kautilya School of Public Policy, and Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, Asia Pacific for ICANN



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



Mr. Arvind Balasubramanian

Director, Socratus Foundation for Collective Wisdom



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



Amb. Vijay Gokhale

Former Foreign Secretary of India



Dr. M. V. Rajeev Gowda

Former Member of Parliament; Chairman, Congress Research Department



Ms. Aditi Jha

Executive, British International Investment



Mr. Ankur Kulshrestha

Ed-tech, Finance Professor, Researcher



Lt. General Sanjiv Langer

Former Member of the Armed Forces Tribunal



Dr. Ashwin Mahesh

Social Technologist, Urbanist and Entrepreneur



Dr. Anjali Karol Mohan

Urban and Regional Planner



Amb. D.B. Venkatesh Varma

Former Indian Ambassador
to the Russian Federation



Dr. Faizan Mustafa

Vice Chancellor of Chanakya
National Law University, Patna



Dr. R. Vijayaraghavan

State Lead, Tamil Nadu, Centre for
Research in Schemes and Policies



Ms. Leela Raina

Green Finance Specialist,
Economist, World Bank



Dr. Srinivas Yanamandra

Ex Group Head - Regulatory Affairs
& Policy, Paytm



Dr. Usha Ramachandra

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

PERMANENT FACULTY



Amb. Navtej Singh Sarna

Former Indian Ambassador
to the US and Israel



Dr. Ajay Kumar Gautam

Assistant Professor,
Kautilya School of Public Policy



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, Sustainable Futures
Collaborative



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

Assistant Dean (Research),
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



Dr. Kanica Rakhra

Assistant Professor,
Kautilya School of Public Policy

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

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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*	Environmental, Social and Governance - Reporting, Investing and Governance*	Global Public Health*	Introduction to Public Problem Solving
Law & Policy of Global Trade*	Land Dialogues: Policy, Governance and Society*	Gender, State & Society	Migration and Mobility	Technology, Society & Governance
New Media & Policy Governance*	Economics of Organisations and Strategy*	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:

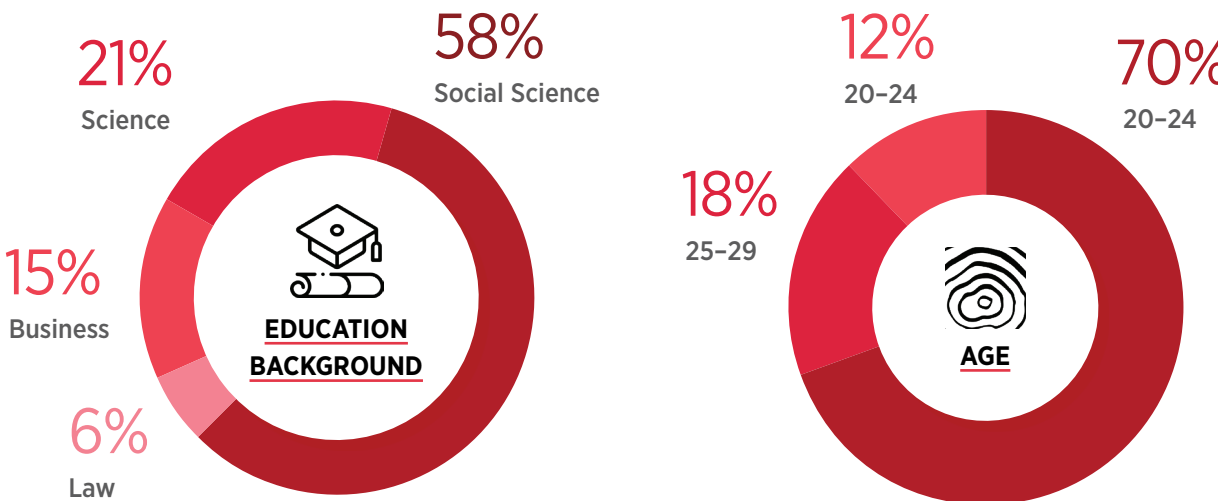
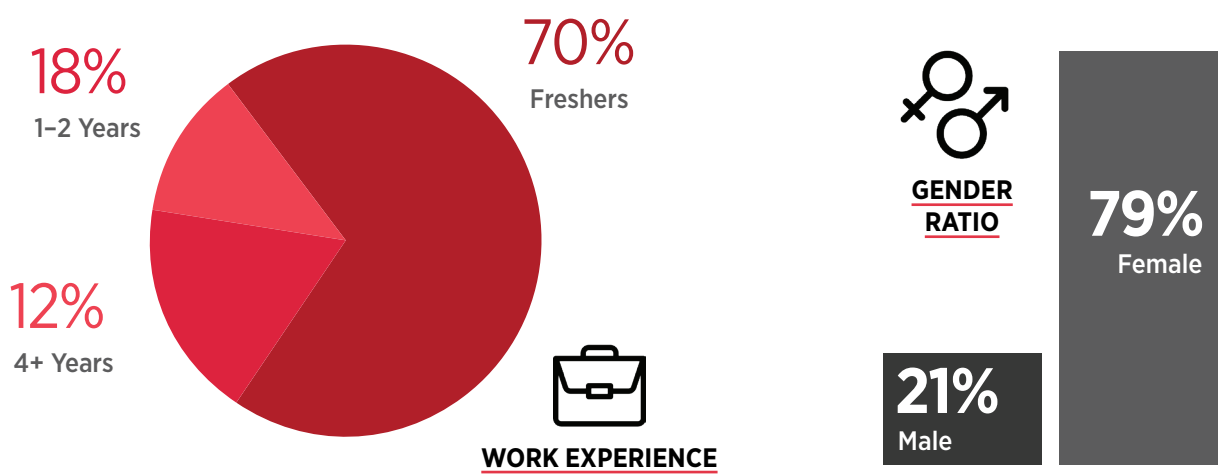
- Indian National Security Imperatives
- Media, Communication and Policy
- Negotiation
- Development Consulting 101
- Data Analysis Using Python
- Understanding Gender
- Understanding Financial Statements
- Public Policy for Climate Change
- Performance Measurement and Evaluation in Public and Non-profit Sector
- International Trade, Business and Policy
- Negotiation in Practice
- Relevance of Kautilya's Arthashastra in Contemporary Statecraft
- Contemporary Debates in S&T Policy and Diplomacy



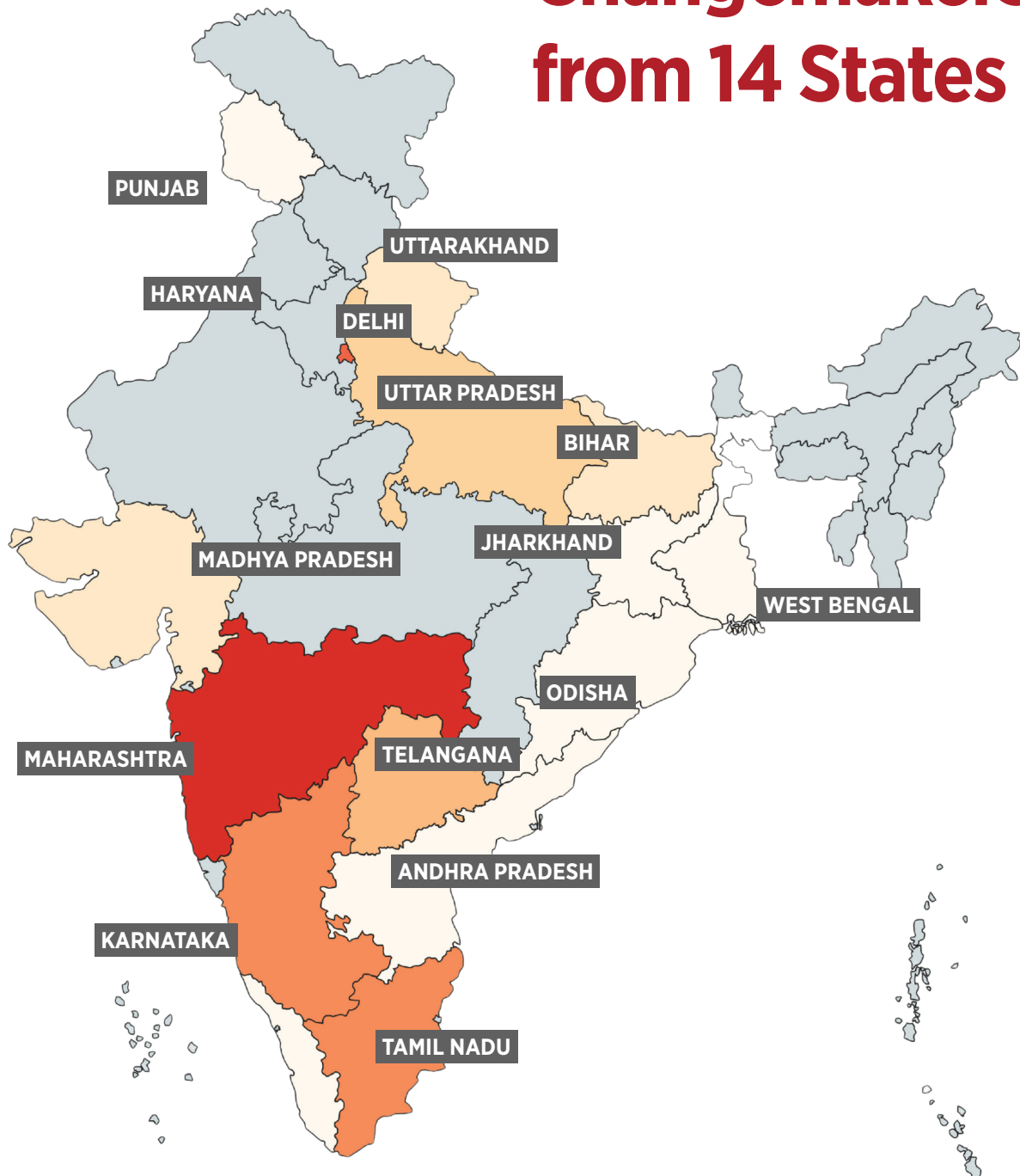
Dr. Arvind Panagariya, *Chairman 16th Finance Commission and Professor of Economics and the Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University*, speaking at Kautilya.



Batch Profile 2025-2027



Changemakers from 14 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
about our alumni
network:



Dr. Raghuram Rajan,
Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India, delivering a lecture based on his new book *Breaking the Mould*



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

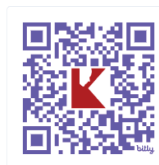
MPP graduates often begin as analysts or consultants, progressing to leadership roles in policy design, public affairs, or governance. Specialized skills in data analysis, communication, and policy areas like climate or public health significantly enhance career prospects.

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



auctusESG



nasscom



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



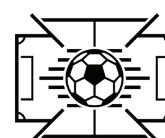
2 outdoor basketball courts



3 outdoor volleyball courts



4 outdoor badminton courts



Mini-football outdoor sports arena



Table Tennis



2 cricket nets



Indoor Pickleball Court



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.

- Professional Development Club
- Safarnama Club
- Parliamentarians Club
- Podcast Club
- Climate Action Club
- Entrepreneurship Cell
- The Behavioural Club
- Kautilya Green Pedals



To know 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:



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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.

Admission Process:



Recruiters' Feedback

"Graduates from Kautilya School of Public Policy bring a rare blend of policy knowledge, analytical thinking, and real-world problem-solving skills. At Showtime Consulting, we've seen how their training translates seamlessly into high-impact work in political strategy and public affairs."

RUBY KOSE
HR, auctusESG

auctusESG

"The overall hiring process was robust, engaging and resulted in hiring the right candidate for the role. Happy with the result and looking forward to an enriching experience."

SHIVANI MAHUNDRU
Recruitment Specialist, CEEW (Council
on Energy, Environment and Water)



"I'm writing to share a note of appreciation for Ms. Aradhana, a student of your esteemed institution. During her time with us, Aradhan has displayed remarkable sincerity, professionalism, and a thoughtful approach to her work. Her attitude and conduct reflect the quality of learning and values instilled by your institution. It's evident that her foundation at Kautilya School of Public Policy has played a role in shaping her. We acknowledge her work and wish her continued success."

SUYASH SURANA
Co-Managing Director, Grand Magnum Housing Pvt. Ltd.



Testimonials

"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. Absolutely amazed at how well the school is working. Great students, great facilities, brilliant faculty and so much energy!"

DR. INDERMIT SINGH GILL
Chief Economist, World Bank

"I am very impressed with the professional manner in which GITAM University has developed, and even more so with the Kautilya School of Public Policy. I had a wonderful interaction with the students today, and I would like to thank the Dean and the faculty for making it possible. Wishing the students all the very best for their future."

DR. RENU SHARMA
Retd IAS (Former Chief Secretary-Govt. of Mizoram)

"A wonderful and enriching experience, with great students, a high level of interaction, and, of course, the warmth of the hospitality."

MS. SUNITA NARAIN
Director-General, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

"A delight to be at the Kautilya School of Public Policy and to see first-hand the superb infrastructure you have created here. Public Policy is still a nascent field in our country and this institution promises to be the new gold standard in the field."

DR. SHASHI THAROOR
Member of the Lok Sabha

"I find my interactions with students of the Kautilya School both challenging and immensely enjoyable. They are bright, driven, and aspirational, constantly pushing the boundaries of classroom discussions. Their searching questions reflect intellectual curiosity, while their remarkable awareness of the world brings a refreshing depth and richness to every interaction."

DR. DUVVURI SUBBARAO
Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

“I had the opportunity to visit the Kautilya School of Public Policy as a faculty member and interact with the students on economic policy, bringing a practitioner’s perspective. I am very impressed with the overall management of the School and its innovative course structuring. It departs from the monotony of conventional teaching through its unique approach of combining textbook teaching with a strong mix of practitioners’ perspectives to make the theory more connected to the real world. Through lectures by thought leaders in different fields, the students are also able to connect to the larger vision of how to respond to increasingly more complex and vexatious issues facing humanity. At the same time, the team of staff led by the Dean has also created a relaxed environment for learning. I found the students attentive, inquisitive and using their critical faculties to question that which is taught. For me, the association with the School and my interaction with the students and the staff have been exceptionally enriching and satisfying.”

DR. ARVIND MAYARAM
Former Finance Secretary of India

Student Testimonials



“Kautilya School of Public Policy opened doors for me I didn’t know existed. The diverse courses and supportive environment helped me uncover my passion and gave me the confidence to pursue it with purpose. It’s where I found both direction and the courage to chart my own path forward.”

NANDINI DIWAN
MPP BATCH OF 2023–25

“Kautilya gave me the best two years of my life!. My cohort is now family, and I remain deeply grateful to my professors, the staff, and our Dean. The institution prepares you for life, molding you into your finest self, driven by your purpose. Choosing to be a student of KSPP will always remain the most rewarding decision I have ever made.”



P ARADHANA
MPP BATCH OF 2023–25



“My KSPP journey was transformative both academically and personally. The faculty helped develop critical thinking and writing skills and imparted life lessons I will cherish forever. The institution shaped my professional skills but also taught me that true success lies in empathy and creating meaningful impact in others’ lives.”

OAISHIK BHATTAYCHARYA
MPP BATCH OF 2023–25

“My experience at Kautilya was truly transformative. The curriculum broadens horizons while allowing you to build a niche, the faculty and Dean offer unwavering support, and the cohorts reflect India’s diversity. It equips you with the tools, perspective, and strength to create the change you aspire to.”



YVONNA STEELE
MPP BATCH OF 2023–25



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