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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



I'm extremely glad that the placement cell at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics has evolved immensely since its inception, of which most recent developments have been included in its latest brochure. I'm confident that this brochure highlights key aspects of our Masters programme in Economics and our students' profiles. I believe that the information contained in the brochure would generate active interest among prospective organisations to visit our institute's campus for offering coveted career opportunities to the students of our instifute.


Arup Maharatna<br>Professor \& Officiating Director

The Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics has been imparting a very rigorous post graduate programme in Economics for the last 5 decades and more. The programme has been highly acclaimed nationally and internationally due to the distinguished faculty and high caliber students that enter the programme.

Up until the mid-eighties the principal aim of the M. A. Economics programme was to produce policy making experts, and indeed GIPE alumni will today be found to be working in international economic institutions, development banks, planning bodies, ministries and development planning institutions.

Since the early nineties, however, the emphasis of the programme has undergone a radical shift towards business planning and decision-making. Thus students now undergo rigorous programme in industrial economics, industrial organization, game theory and strategic decision-making, financial economics, international trade and finance and econometric application.

A typical GIPE graduate is therefore trained to apply contemporary analytical skills with rigorous work discipline to practical business applications. This makes the GIPE graduate invaluable in areas of business and financial planning, analysis of the consequences of economics policies at national and international levels, industry analysis and demand forecasting, business optimization and quantitative decision making and financial and business consulting.

At GIPE, we are always conscious of the fact that rich legacies engender high expectations. And to meet those expectations requires placing oneself on steeper and rougher learning curves. Although we are conscious of our venerable heritage and take due pride in it, we take pains to build upon it through continuous and rigorous enhancement.


Dr. Rajas Parchure Joint Director


The placement cell in GIPE has been playing a catalytic role for the placements of our students in divergent fields and provides avenues for their promising future prospects. As the co-ordinator, I sincerely believe that the ultimate test of what we teach has to be evaluated by the market. The most important things in this evaluation process are the strength of syllabus, standard of teaching and of course individual performance.

About the first two it can be said that the structure of the syllabus is such that the number of compulsory papers has been kept to the minimum, while optional papers cover a wide range of topics. The basic idea behind such a frame is that students must have freedom of choice and they must be conversant with different areas of economics once they complete the M.A programme.

In order to encourage students to pursue their own area of interest, a Thesis paper is offered in the course which gives the opportunity to carry out independent research under the guidance of our distinguished faculty. It helps to hone the research skills of students and enables them to put their theoretical knowledge to practical use. This experience is useful for students going into the job market as professional experts often encounter challenging projects which requires novel solutions.

The institute has a specialised agro-economic research centre established in 1954 and population research centre which was established in 1964. Several faculties in the institute have done important and pioneering research work in the field of agriculture economics and population research. The institute is also venue for various seminars and lectures, delivered by eminent economists and scholars on contemporary and academic economic issues, which expose the students to new ideas and viewpoints.

Indeed, I am highly delighted to invite you to visit our campus and provide placement opportunities to students of the batch 2008-09.
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