



INDIAN
SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC
POLICY



Creating next-gen policy leaders for a rising India

Founded with a vision to democratize policy education, the Indian School of Public Policy (ISPP) is India's first institution exclusively dedicated to shaping future public policy leaders.

ISPP blends theory and practice, data and empathy, economics and ethics—preparing scholars for impactful careers in governance, consulting, development, and beyond.

10,000+

Learners Empowered
Across ISPP's academic
programmes

150+

Recruiting Organisations
From government, consulting,
and social sectors

25

States Represented
A truly national
classroom of ideas

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Welcome to ISPP

India stands at a moment of extraordinary possibility. The choices we make today—in governance, sustainability, and technology—will shape the kind of nation we become tomorrow.

At the Indian School of Public Policy, we believe public policy is where these choices converge, transforming bold ideas into actions that touch millions of lives. ISPP was founded with a singular vision: to nurture a new generation of changemakers equipped with intellectual rigor, interdisciplinary insight, and practical skills to shape India's future.

Our curriculum blends theory with real-world application, guided by faculty who are both scholars and practitioners. Here, students engage deeply with ideas, challenge assumptions, and collaborate across disciplines to solve pressing public problems.

Our community is vibrant, diverse, and united by a shared sense of purpose. Through policy labs, field immersions, and hands-on learning, ISPP scholars are empowered to lead with empathy, think systemically, and act decisively. They learn to navigate the intersections of Samaaj (civil society), Sarkaar (government), and Bazaar (markets), crafting solutions that are inclusive, impactful, and future-ready. Whether they choose to lead in government, drive innovation in social enterprises, or influence change through the private sector, our alumni carry forward a steadfast resolve to serve the greater good—through empathy, ethics, and action.

We invite you to explore ISPP—not just as an institution, but as a movement. Join us in reimagining governance, advancing equity, and building a more thoughtful, resilient society.



Dr Parth J Shah
Dean & Co-
Founder, ISPP

ISPP Founding Team



Nadir Godrej

Chairperson, Godrej Industries



Nandan Nilekani

Co-founder & Non-exec Chairman, Infosys



Luis Miranda

Chairperson, ISPP



Parth Shah

Dean, ISPP



Shubhashis Gangopadhyay

Founding Dean, ISPP Director, India Development Foundation



Vidya Shah

Chairperson, EdelGive Foundation



Vallabh Bhansali

Co-founder, Enam group



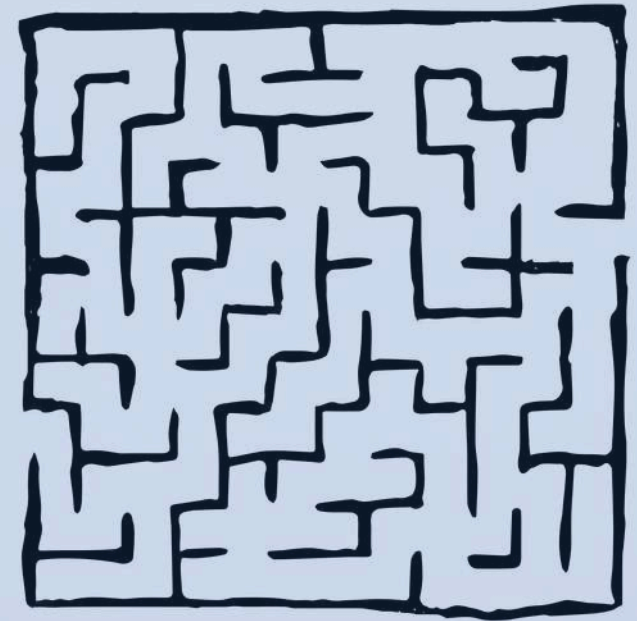
Vijay Kelkar

Former Chairman, 13th Finance commission

The World Needs Your Solutions

In an era defined by rapid change and complex global challenges, the demand for adept public policy professionals has never been greater. Governments, NGOs, international organizations, and the private sector all seek individuals who can analyze intricate problems, design effective solutions, and implement policies that shape the future.

A career in public policy isn't just a job, it's a calling to contribute, to innovate, and to make a tangible difference in the lives of millions. It's for those who envision a better society and possess the intellectual curiosity to understand how to build it.



Why Public Policy is Your Future



Diverse Avenue

Explore vast ecosystem of opportunities in think tanks, consulting, government advisory, international development, advocacy, and social enterprises.

Direct Impact



Build skills to design, analyze, and implement policy across sectors—where decisions meet real change.



Beyond Conventional

Step into a dynamic path to influence policy, shape governance, and lead meaningful change.

Analytical Edge



Build a strong foundation in policy, economics, statistics, and governance to craft data-driven solutions.



Beyond Textbooks: The ISPP Difference

ISPP stands at the forefront of policy education in India—designed for those who seek to move beyond theory and engage with real-world impact.

Our unique SPELL framework anchors the curriculum in five pillars: Skills, Political Economy, Ethics, Leadership, and Lifelong Learning—blending academic rigour with practical application, critical thinking, and ethical leadership.

Here, you engage with renowned academics and experienced policy professionals, collaborate with a diverse cohort, and immerse yourself in India's vibrant policy ecosystem.





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UChicago Harris Advantage

Earn a credential from UChicago Harris and qualify for the Cheistha Kochhar Scholarship for a Master's degree.

02



Strategic Location

Based in New Delhi, ISPP offers unmatched access to India's policy ecosystem.

03



Distinguished Faculty

Learn from top academics, practitioners, and policymakers who bridge theory and practice.

04



Mentorship & internships

Get mentored by corporate policy leaders and intern across consulting, development, and social sectors.

05



Research Centers

Engage with five specialized centers focused on key public policy domains.



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ONE-YEAR
FULL-TIME
POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC
POLICY, DESIGN &
MANAGEMENT



Programme Structure

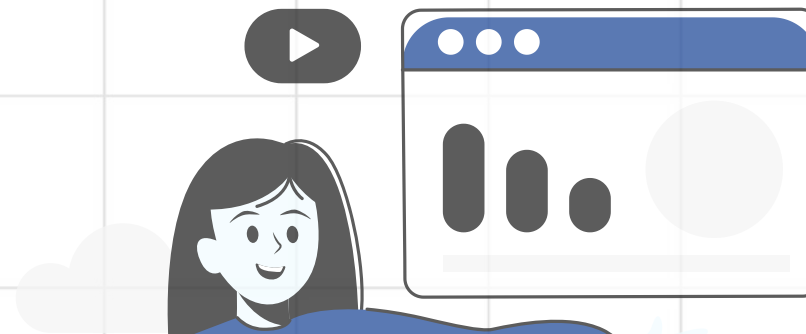
One year full time Programme with regular classes & coursework



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4 Terms of 10 weeks each + Workshops & Labs

5th term of Independent study + Internship





PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



Dual Credential Advantage

Earn a certificate from UChicago Harris and access scholarship opportunities to boost global credibility.

Learn from Policy Makers & Influencers

ISPP's faculty includes world class academicians, former IAS officers, and senior policy experts—bringing decades of research and real-world experience into the classroom.

Powerful Networking

Network with leaders across consulting, corporates, government, and non-profits for high-impact pathways.

High-Impact Curriculum

Save time and cost with an accelerated programme blending policy, management, and design thinking—globally relevant, locally grounded.

Graduate Assistantships

Merit cum need based financial support ensures access to world-class education for deserving candidates.

Internships & Placement

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Hands-on internships and dedicated placement assistance across governance, development, and consulting.

Legacy of Impact

Incubated by the trustees & advisors of Centre for Civil Society—India's leading policy think tank.

CURRICULUM

A holistic approach to policy, design and management

Designed to focus on skills, ethics, and leadership, the curriculum masterfully blends theory and practice. It integrates classroom learning with skill building, application, and leadership and management training. This comprehensive approach includes foundation, core, and supporting courses.

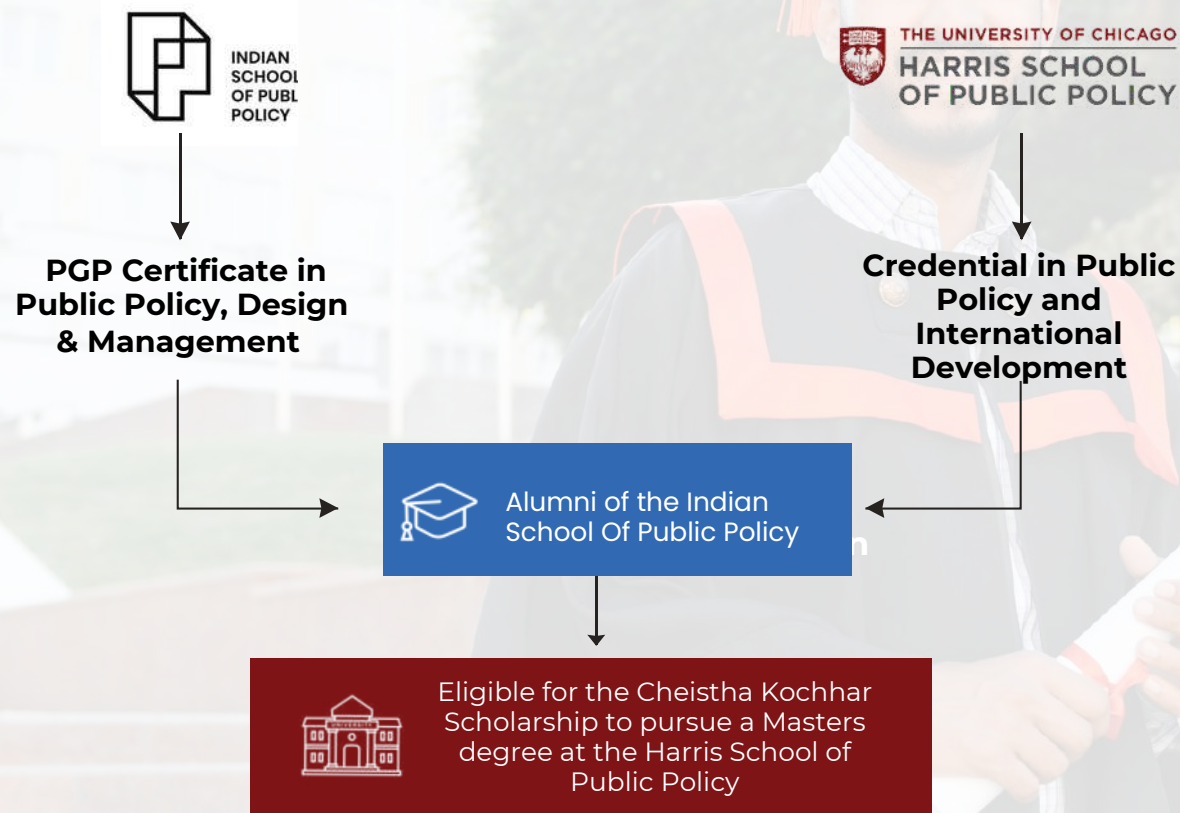
COURSES

- Introduction to Public Policy
- Governance and Public Administration
- Markets for Development
- Dynamics of Regulation
- Philosophy and Politics of Policy
- Ethics of Public Policy
- Economics for Policy Analysis
- Game Theory
- Public Finance & Macroeconomics
- Public Choice: Understanding Government Failures
- Understanding Behavior
- Business and Government
- Policy, Corporates and Geopolitics
- Law and Economics
- Statistical Reasoning for Policy
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Research Methods
- Design Thinking
- Systems Thinking

DOMAINS

- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Technology
- Urbanisation

ISPP Scholars Journey with the Chicago Harris



Scholars enrolled in ISPP's one-year Public Policy Programme are eligible for a credentials in Public Policy and International Development with Harris School of Public Policy at University of Chicago at no additional cost. ISPP scholars are also eligible to apply for Cheistha Kochhar Scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree at Harris School of Public Policy and International Development.

NOTABLE FACULTY

Experience Innovative Learning With The Best



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Shailesh Pathak

Former Principal
Economic Adviser,
Planning Commission



O.P. Agarwal

Professor of Practice,
ISPP , Former Joint
Secretary (Urban
Transport), GOI



Krishna K. Ladha

Expert in Game Theory
& Governance, Global
Academic



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Head, HR & Capacity
Building, ASER Centre,
Pratham Education
Foundation



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Founding President,
PHFI, Former Head of
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ISPP, Strategic
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Public Policy Research



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Associate Professor, Case
Study Research Centre,
Food Systems & Rural
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N. C. Saxena

Former Secretary,
Planning Commission
of India



Rajeev Kapoor

Former IAS Officer &
Director, LBSNAA,
Governance & Policy
Expert



Pronab Sen

Former Principal
Economic Adviser,
Planning Commission

Learning by Doing: Real-World Impact Starts Here

Communication Lab

Writing & Communication Lab at ISPP provides apprentice-style training to hone writing, verbal, and non-verbal skills, enabling scholars to effectively engage policy stakeholders.

Policy Praxis Labs

Public policy governs our lives. The Policy Praxis Lab tackles its central challenge: how to design common solutions that serve diverse interests, using hands-on exercises and real world case studies.



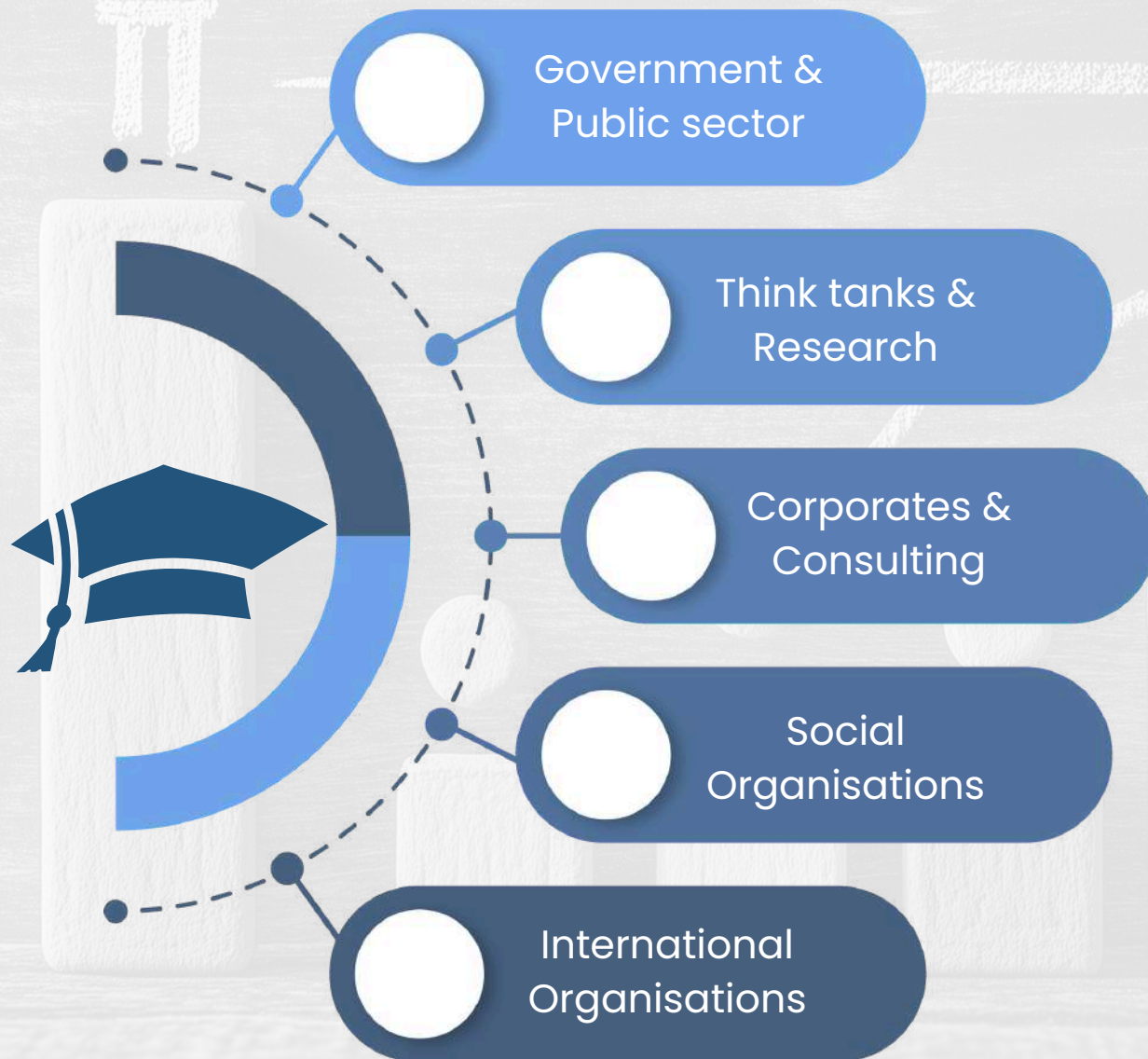
Antrang Leadership Lab

Where intimate conversations build powerful leaders. It fosters deep self-awareness and provides hands-on practice, equipping our scholars with the essential leadership skills.

Professional Development Lab

A lab that inculcates professional ethics and behaviour traits, the bedrock of success in their careers post ISPP, making our scholars day zero leaders.

Careers in Public Policy



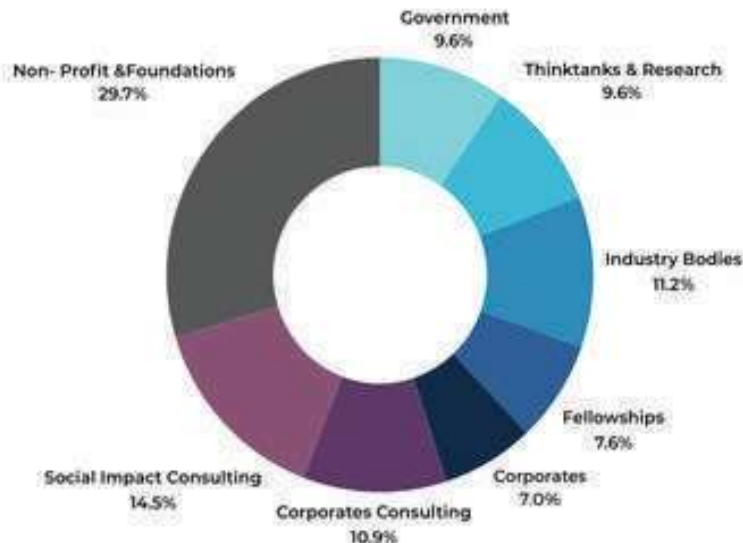
PLACEMENTS

Our Scholars Make us Proud

ISPP trains its scholars to be leaders for policy action by rigorously training them in management, communication, and leadership skills. The Careers Support Cell at ISPP assists each scholar in exploring prospective career pathways and enabling career opportunities of the scholar's choice. At ISPP, we have designed our career support process - 'The Three Es towards Employment' - Empower, Engage, Enable - to competently leverage the varied skill sets and domain expertise that our scholars offer.

Every year, ISPP engages with over 150+ organisations and companies for Immersive Learning Experiences and recruitment.

150+
Organisations
Engaged



Sector-wise Distribution of our Placements



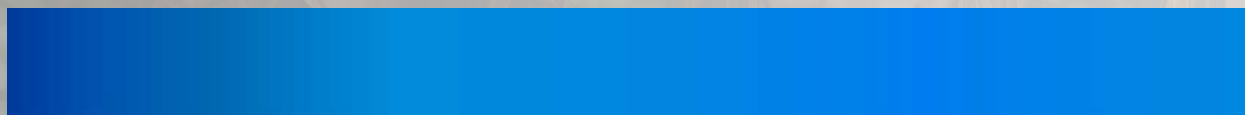
PLACEMENTS

Last Three Years (2023-26)



₹6.5 LPA

Average starting Package (2023-26)



₹19.8 LPA

Average Highest Package (2023-26)



308% Percent
increase in Average
CTC after joining ISPP



Average CTC for the
Class of 2026
stands at ₹8.2 LPA

Placement and Internship Partners

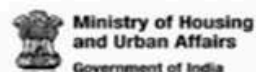
Corporates



Social Impact Consulting



Government & Quasi-Government



Corporate Consulting



Placement and Internship Partners

Non-Profits & Foundations



Think Tanks & Research



Fellowships



Industry Bodies



From our Recruiters

"Our experience with ISPP has been extremely positive and fruitful. The career centre is very poised to coordinate our recruitment timelines with those of its fellows. Scholars from ISPP are very strong, they come with a deep body of knowledge and clarity of thought and action. Their performance as team members evidences ISPP's role in training these young professionals to take on public sector roles with critical thinking, a multi-faceted lens, and a focus on on-ground practicality. ISPP students have our continued support in their careers and I believe that ISPP is a great place for young professionals. My interactions with ISPP have been extremely professional, well-timed, and built on a desire to aid each other's organisational priorities."

The International Innovation Corps



"I see ISPP as a nursery for passionate and competent public policy professionals. It is therefore a very important institution with huge potential to positively impact the human development journey of India and Indians. We are delighted to have few ISPP scholars as fellow travellers in Janaagraha, and are deepening our collaboration with ISPP on the academic front too."

Srikanth Viswanathan

Chief Executive Officer

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy



JANAAGRAHA CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP & DEMOCRACY

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



NIPUN RATHI

(Class of 2021)

Mr Nipun Rathi is an accomplished professional with experience in corporate, government, and consultancy sectors. He currently heads Public Policy & Government Affairs at boAt Lifestyle. A Chartered Accountant, Nipun holds a postgraduate degree in Public Policy, Design, and Management from ISPP. He has worked with OPPO Mobiles India, MeitY, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and NITI Aayog. Nipun specializes in aligning business strategies with government policies, supply chain optimisation, and policy advocacy for emerging technologies. His background enables him to drive policy initiatives that promote sustainable growth, particularly in the digital economy.

Praneta Kansal, an ISPP graduate with a strong background in economics, is a dedicated public policy professional focused on empowering senior citizens. As Programme Manager at the Inspiring Seniors Foundation (ISF), she leads initiatives like the Health Hub program, improving healthcare access for seniors. Praneta also develops resources, conducts stakeholder analysis, and has been instrumental in designing a volunteer-attracting website during her internship at ISF. Her work reflects her commitment to policy-driven social change for senior citizens' rights and well-being.

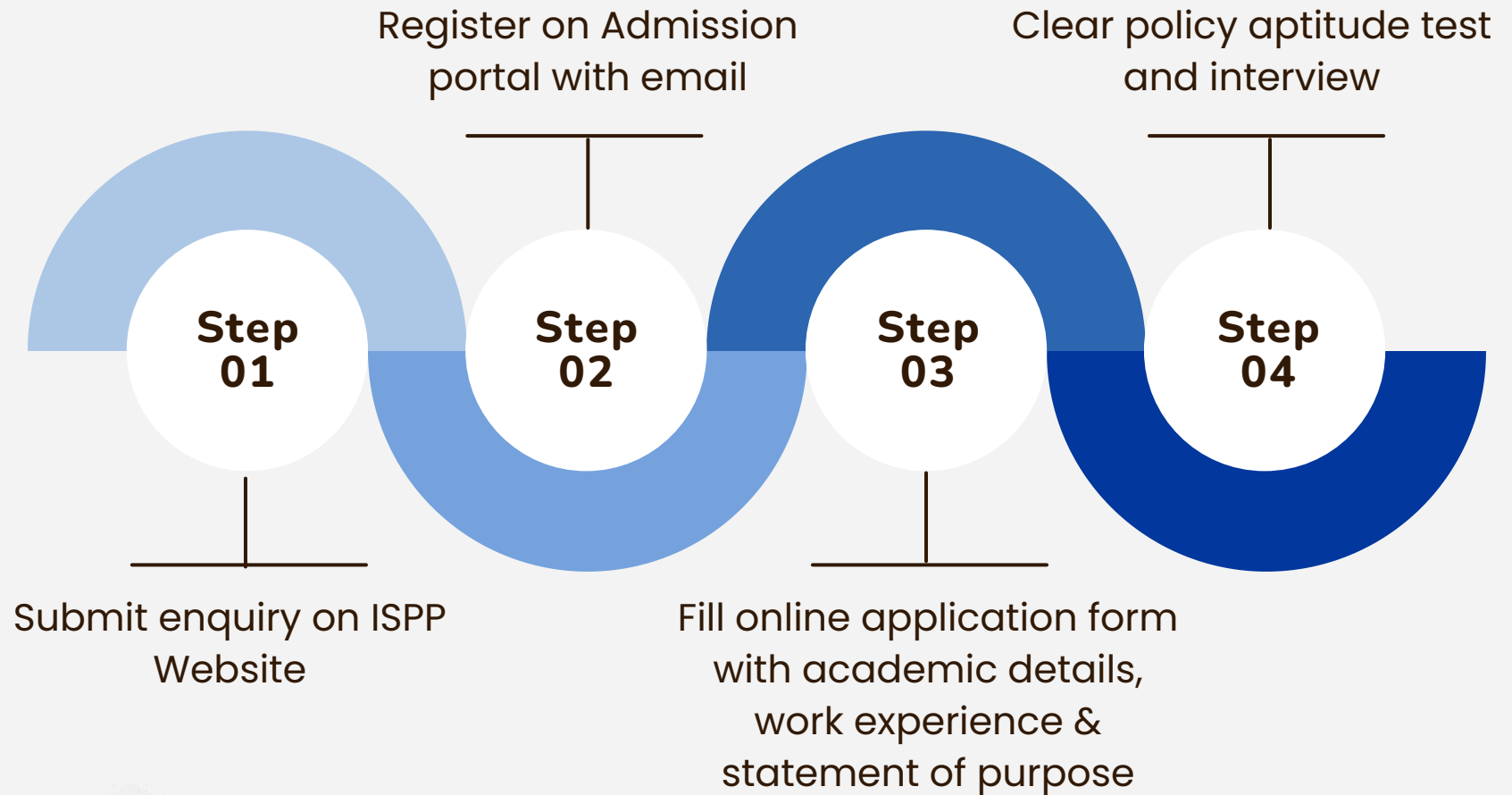


PRANETA KANSAL

(Class of 2024)

**Programme Manager,
Inspiring Seniors
Foundation**

Admission Process



Note: An applicant may only submit one application per year. If you do not clear the ISPP Policy Aptitude Index, you are welcome to reapply next year.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission:

- A Bachelor's degree with a minimum aggregate score of 50%
- Open to working professionals from any academic or professional discipline
- Basic numerical literacy and fluency in English
- Demonstrated interest and commitment to public policy & governance.

Application Fee: ₹1,000 (effective January 1, 2025)

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Fee and Graduate Assistantship

Fee Structure :

- Admission Fee: ₹1,00,000 + GST
- Tuition Fee: ₹8,00,000 + GST
- Development & Alumni Fee: ₹40,000
- Security Deposit: ₹20,000 (refundable; GST not applicable)
- Total Programme Fee: ₹9,40,000 + GST + ₹20,000 (refundable security deposit)

Graduate Assistanceship :

Graduate assistantship is provided to deserving candidates on merit-cum-means basis. The Financial Aid committee scrutinises every application and their merit and means to finally decide appropriate aid for deserving candidates. To apply for financial aid, refer to the following process:

Step 1 - Candidate self-reports his/her financial situation by filling the financial aid form on the application portal.

Step 2 - Candidate uploads soft copies of all supporting documents pertaining to their financial situation. These documents will be reviewed by the admissions team.

Step 3 - Admissions team may seek additional information, if required. Financial aid committee decides on award of financial aid to the candidate and the amount.



Life@ISPP

ISPP aims to cultivate a community of policy leaders with a multidisciplinary view of the world. ISPP is a vibrant and diverse community of scholars and public policy practitioners. The scholar senate, clubs, squads and the school's scholar-run online-journal is where our scholars learn a multitude of skills and lay the groundwork for lifelong learning and friendships.

Support at ISPP

In an effort to provide an optimal learning experience for all the scholars at ISPP, we have tied up with YourDost, an online counselling and emotional support platform designed to foster mental wellness. YourDost provides online, in-person counselling and mental wellbeing workshops for the entire community at ISPP. The in-person counselling has helped with issues of relationships; stress and fatigue; career; academics and self-improvement. Past group sessions have dealt with anxiety management, emotional wellness, managing placement stress during COVID-19, and coping with the challenges of online learning.



Hackathon

Through this initiative, we take the format of a hackathon and tweak it towards solving public policy problems. Policy organisations will present existing problem statements to the scholars, and the scholars will work towards drafting workable policy solutions within a specified time period.



Solving Policy Challenges
Through Innovation



Simulating Parliament,
Shaping Policy

Sansad

Sansad at ISPP is a two-day mock parliament event. Students from leading institutions convene to simulate the legislative process, debating and drafting policy proposals on pressing national issues, gaining hands-on experience in governance.

Guest Lectures

ISPP enriches its curriculum with an exclusive guest lecture series, bringing top policy leaders to campus. Scholars gain invaluable, first-hand insights from distinguished practitioners who have directly shaped public policy at the highest levels.



Insights from India's Top
Policy Leaders

Scholar Initiatives

Student managed communities to develop communication, networking, self awareness and consensus building among others.



Academic Experience
Representatives



Scholar Senate



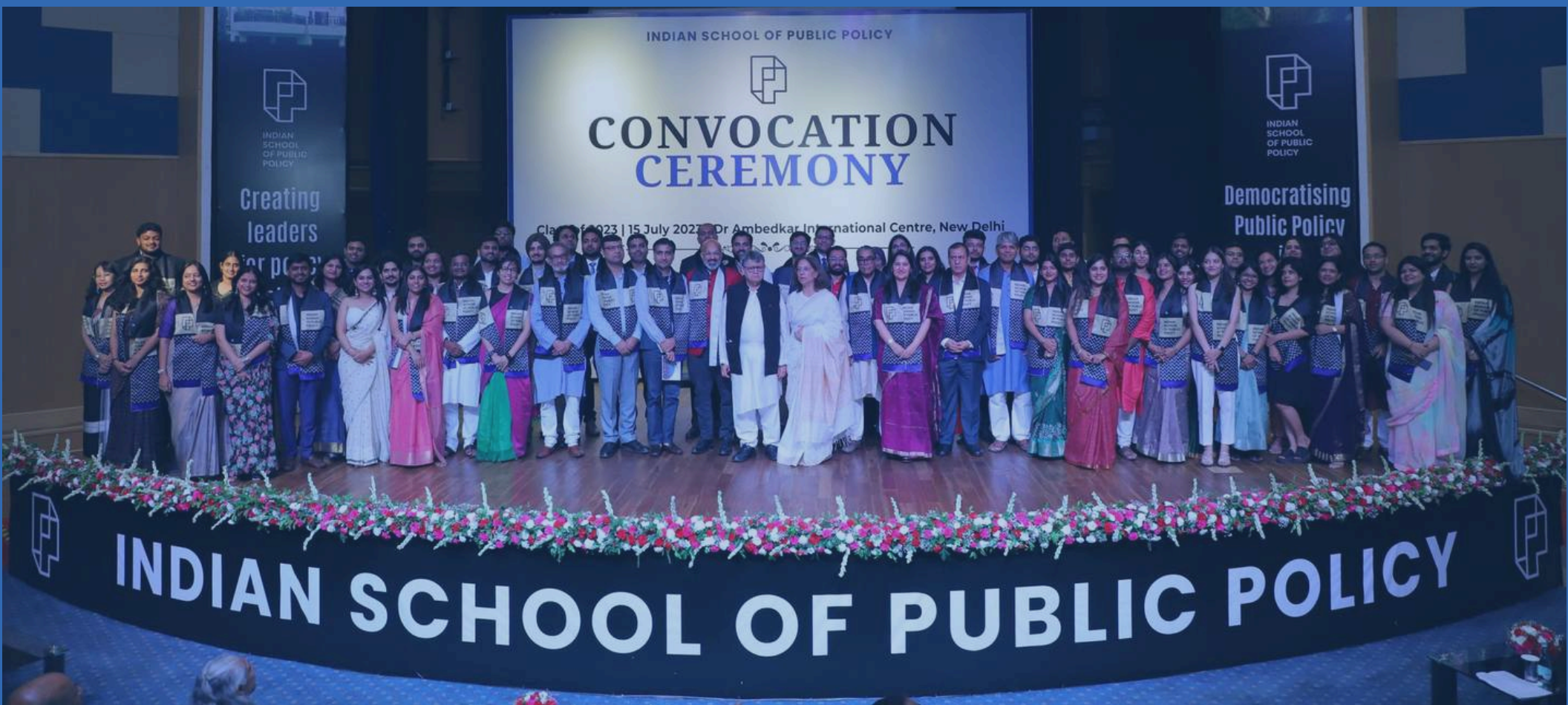
Career Service
Representatives



Artificial Intelligence in
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