

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay



DEPARTMENT PG HANDBOOK 2020-21



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DESK

Welcome to the M.Phil program in Planning and Development of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. You are entering the program during difficult times, when the lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus has totally transformed the taken for granted ways in which we run our academic institutions, the way we conduct classes, interact with students and evaluate their performance. Academic institutions thrive when it is buzzing with students and their activities. As teachers we look forward to fresh batch of students every year. One earnestly hopes that this phase gets over soon and all of you are able to reside in the beautiful and idyllic IITB campus nestled between the Powai Lake, the surrounding hills and its rich heritage of flora and fauna.

The M.Phil program which was launched in the year 1993 is now 27 years old and still attracting very bright minds. The HSS department gives you the opportunity to interact and learn from faculty from five disciplines- Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, English literature and a centre-CIST. We will be soon recruiting faculty in the disciplines of Political Science and History. Rarely does one get such an opportunity. This year we are starting a new program MA+PhD in Philosophy and next year our first batch from the BS Economics program will graduate. Our PhD program is very robust and the doctoral students publish in top journals and get placed in reputed universities and Institutes. The construction of the seven storey HSS Annexe building should start within a few months and soon we would have more classrooms, labs and seminar and conference rooms for our Department activities. Try and make the most of the opportunities you would get in the two years at IITB as M.Phil students. Along with academics, you should participate in sports, cultural activities, start-ups and the myriad activities in which most of the IITB students are immersed. Utilize optimally your tenure at IITB campus to shape your future. The teachers, your seniors and PhD students would always be there to assist and advise you on any issue.

Attending classes online would be a new experience for you but we would all work together to make it an enriching experience.

Wishing all of you the very best!

Warm regards,

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FROM THE M.PHIL FACULTY COORDINATOR

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Department to Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Bombay! You have joined one of the most diverse and interdisciplinary departments in the Institute. The Department's MPhil program is one of our flagship programs. As such, you will find faculty from across disciplinary groups very welcome in supporting your work. You are about to embark on what is a mini-Phd program. As such, building research capacity ought to be your main focus in all your courses. That means learning to read efficiently and write long, coherent pieces. This starts with your Credit Seminar and R&D project and culminates in your dissertation at the end of the second year. Writing a long piece takes long term planning, so it is best to start thinking about the structure of your dissertation as early as possible.

While you start to plan, you will be welcome to join in all the academic and cultural programs of the Department and the Institute.

A warm welcome to you all once again.

Best Wishes,

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ABOUT ISCP

The Institute Student Companion Programme (ISCP) is specifically designed to cater to the needs of the PG community at IIT Bombay. The Post-Graduate students in the institute face various issues of both academic and non-academic nature. The ISCP provides a platform for these issues to be addressed and for students to get help through formal as well as informal routes. The current scenario, thus, calls for a Post Graduate student-oriented guidance program which addresses their needs and helps them in becoming sound scientists, researchers and citizens. The ISCP has been in effect from the academic year 2011-2012 and is monitored by the Dean AP office. Students are requested to make the best use of the resources made available to them by the ISCP. The ISCP Team of the HSS Department for the academic year 2020-21 consists of one Department Coordinator (DC) and two Student Companions (SC). Please feel free to contact any of these members of the ISCP team in case of any problem or to clarify any doubts or questions.

A WELCOME NOTE FROM TEAM ISCP 2020-21

Dear New Entrants,

These are tough times, but you are not alone.

We welcome you to one of the most prestigious institutes in the nation. Congratulations on having achieved this incredible feat. You are about to become part of a culture that will leave its traces within you for a long, long time, even if it begins 'untraditionally.' You will be the ones witnessing the first term to happen entirely online in the history of IIT-Bombay. It might feel overwhelming, and for all the right reasons, we must say. There will be several things you might be worried about, from coping up with the academics in online mode to missing out on things; however, as we said, "You are not alone."

Institute Student Companion Programme (ISCP) is a student body with the primary objective of building a relationship of trust and comfort between the final year students and the incoming students of the PG programmes. We are here to help you in getting familiar with the ways of IIT-B, which is even more critical in these times. You will become a part of a culture where people want to perfect their craft and thus work day in and day out at it. The scope of these is not limited just to academics. Various online events are and will be organized by the cultural, technical, and sports clubs in IITB, like Code in Quarantine, Fitness challenges, Dance Challenges, etc. Managing these along with online lectures might seem daunting at first, and hence, to help you with a world of problems including these, we assign you a Student Companion.

The Student Companions are self-motivated volunteers who will genuinely help you in low and high tides as an act of giving back what they received from the programme. You can look up to the team for any form of support, any information before venturing out into an unknown domain, be it academics or extracurricular activities. You can reach out to us for any issue regarding the curriculum, facilities provided, your physical, social or mental health, and last but certainly not the least, reach out to have a chat with us because that is what we are for, for you.

The COVID -19 pandemic has affected all of us. For now, Health concerns prevent your arrival in our beautiful lush-green IIT-B campus, it also prevents your participation in hostel activities, sports, cultural activities. There are many things here at IIT-B waiting for you, but the most important thing is the campus, and the buildings do not define IIT-B. It's you. You set the culture, the activities, you represent IIT-B to the world, and you make IIT-B what IIT-B is. So, knowing that time flies at IITB, we strongly suggest participating in things that happen online other than attending lectures, make memories, reach out to us for any queries, and relax with the comfort of your home. At least till we get an opportunity to welcome you into the campus, let's be safe, let's be optimistic and let's keep our learning spirits high.

Looking forward to getting to know you. Giving out some motivation for these difficult times, we end with a quote by Albus Dumbledore: “Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”

Stay Safe!

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Dear Freshmen,

Congratulations to all freshmen for making it to one of the premier institutes of the country. Despite the stiff competition, you all managed to come out with flying colours. So on behalf of the PG students of IIT Bombay it is my honour to welcome you all here.

So now all of you are a part of IIT Bombay PG community or “PG JUNTA” as we call them. The institute has a wide range of facilities and services to offer to all its students. This will not only ensure a fruitful educational experience but also promote overall skill development. In the institute there are several student run bodies, which focus on development of skills, sports and extra-curricular activities such as music, dance, drama etc. Along with academics we urge you all to explore and make the most of the excellent facilities that the institute has to offer.

As the Institute Master’s Representative, my entire team and I aim to address your grievances and help you to the best of our abilities. This time since the first semester for you all is going to be online, you might have a lot of queries in your mind. Please feel free to contact us any time. Our council PGAC is one that is for the PG students, of the PG students and most importantly by the PG students. So whenever you face a problem, we are always there to help you out.

Supporting the students in their academic endeavour is also our foremost priority and we will try to improve the IITB experience in all the ways we can. On this note, I once again welcome you all to IIT Bombay, hoping to welcome you all back in the campus as soon as situation gets better, and wishing you every success in your future endeavours.



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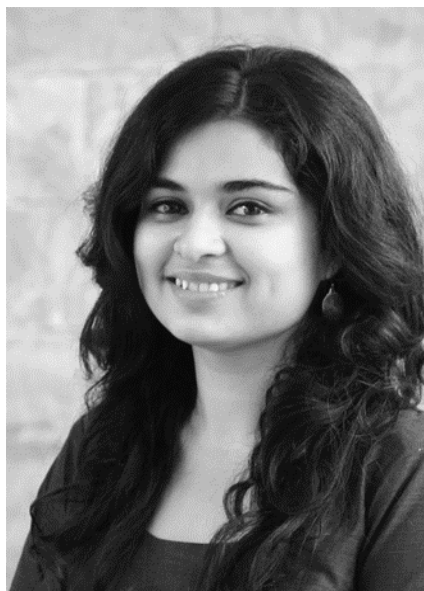
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WELCOME NOTE FROM ISCP TEAM HSS

We, the HSS ISCP team, congratulate you all for being selected to the M.Phil Programme at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and extend a hearty welcome to IIT Bombay! Welcoming the incoming batch of students is among the greatest joys of a new academic year. The energy, enthusiasm, and soaring aspirations of the young and talented are rejuvenating for everyone alike. This year, as we brave unprecedented circumstances and challenges, it is perhaps even more important to keep that energy and enthusiasm alive. Both students and teachers are entering into a new mode of learning and teaching, it is therefore a journey we begin together and one where we gain through sharing experiences and extending support.

The M.Phil course is rigorous and requires a proactive approach to be able to learn the requisite skills as a researcher, an academician, and an author. Being a multidisciplinary course, you have a great opportunity to explore ideas from different streams of social sciences and also get a holistic understanding of socio-economic reality. The institute has excellent resources both in academic and non-academic areas. There will be a plethora of extra-curricular activities to keep you engaged and enthused. The opportunities are limited only by the limits you put on yourself, so dive in with all your dedication and get the most out of it.

We understand that adjusting to a new environment brings about confusion and anxieties, and dealing with multiple aspects, academics and otherwise, simultaneously can be difficult and taxing. So we are there to help and support you, every step of the way and we will try our best to get you in the flow. Shed your hesitation and apprehensions and reach out to us. We won't be meeting in person for now, however, we are only a call, text, or a mail away. So get your queries answered, have your doubts quashed, seek clarifications or just buzz us to have a chat! And remember, when the situation improves for the better, there is a thriving and bustling campus waiting for you.

We wish you the best! Take care, and do connect with us.

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE



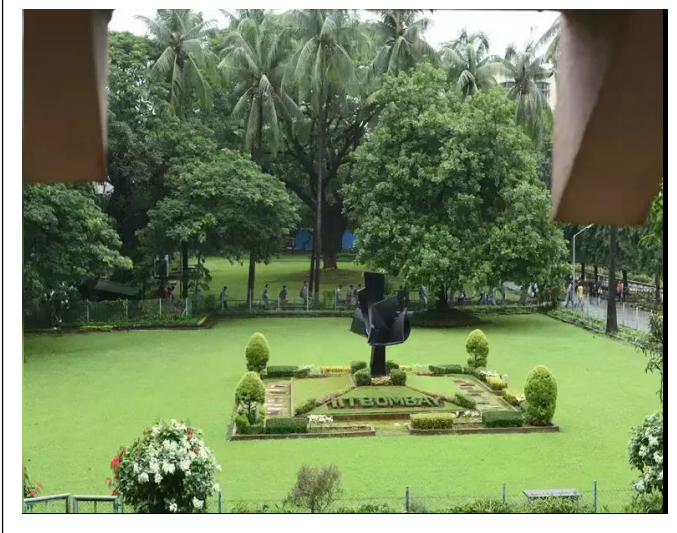
IIT Bombay was established in 1958. It was set up with the assistance and participation of the UNESCO, utilising the contribution of the government of the then USSR. It was declared an institution of national importance and was accorded the status of a university, by an Act of Parliament in 1961. Since then, the institute has grown from strength to strength and is recognised as a leader in the field of engineering education and research.

The institute today has over 10,000 students (undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral candidates) with outstanding calibre from around the globe. There are overall, 16 academic departments, 19 Centres, one school of excellence and four interdisciplinary programmes. The research and academic programmes are driven by an outstanding faculty, many of whom are reputed for their research contributions internationally. The institute has also built links with peer universities and institutes, both at the national and international levels, to enhance research and enrich its educational programmes. The alumni have distinguished themselves through their achievements in and contributions to industry, academics, research, business, government and social domains. The institute continues to work closely with the alumni to enhance its activities through interactions in academic and research programmes as well as to mobilise financial support.

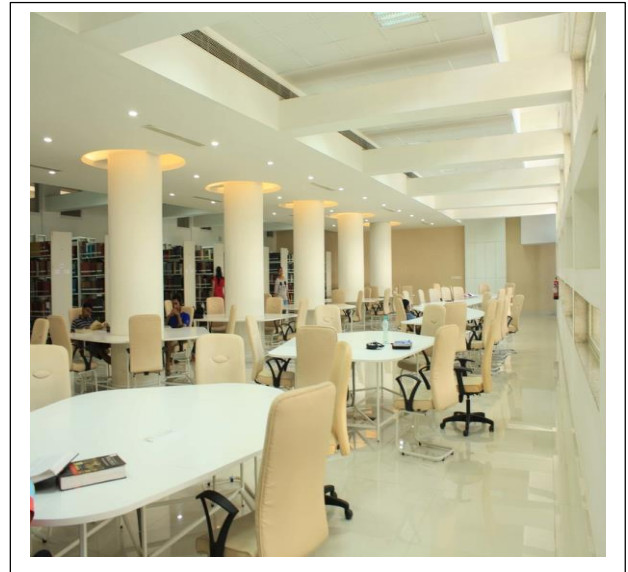
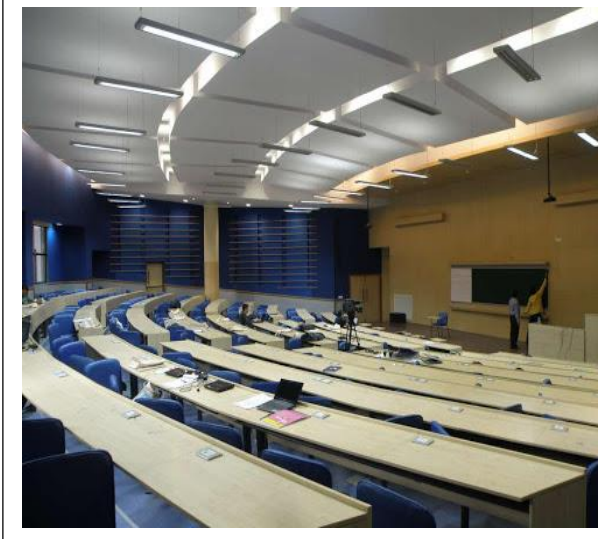
Located in Powai, the northern suburb of Mumbai, the IITB Campus is spread over an area of 550 acres and is flanked by hills and lakes, thus bringing together the best advantages of the urban financial capital as well as the lush and serene environment conducive to student life, enabling both academic and recreational engagements. As a fully residential campus it accommodates its students in 17 hostels with in-house dining and has excellent sports and other recreational infrastructure.

In July 2018, the institute was conferred the status of Institute of Eminence by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

FEW GLIMPSES OF CAMPUS



GLIMPSE OF LIBRARY, CLASSROOMS AND AUDITORIUM



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences was founded in 1958. At present, it imparts knowledge cutting across five disciplines: Economics, English, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology. We also have a Cell for Indian Science and Technology in Sanskrit (CISTS). Our faculty members offer a wide range of courses to all students of B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Phil, & Ph.D.

This department plays a unique and distinctive role in an institute where the ethos of science and technology prevails. It is believed that engineering and the sciences are, by their very nature, humanistic and socially derived enterprises. Hence, a holistic science and technology education necessitates the inclusion of the study of the liberal arts, economics, and the social and behavioural sciences so that the application of the sciences for the improvement of the quality of life is informed by an awareness of humanitarian and social concerns.

Originally known as the Department of Languages, in the year 1964-65, the department had 5 faculty members offering courses on Languages (Russian and English), Economics and Costing, Philosophy (Logic, Ethics), Sociology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Management. From 1970 to the early 1990s, the faculty strength went up from 5 to 22 and the department was re-christened as the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The current faculty strength is 41.

Since 1973, the department has been running the Ph.D. programme in all the five disciplines providing impetus and laying major thrust on inter-disciplinary topics. In July 1993, the department launched a four-semester interdisciplinary M.Phil. programme with Specialisation in Planning and Development at the postgraduate level. The programme, with its theoretical-practical approach, provides the students with a holistic understanding of contemporary socio-economic realities and the role of technology en-route towards sustainable development.

At the department-level, students have access to the resources available in the Department Library and Computer Lab. The department also possesses a well-equipped Language Laboratory and a Psychology Laboratory. For the fulfilment of its teaching and research goals, the department has competent faculty members who keep pace with the current developments in their fields of specialization.

Based on the IIT Bombay Future Vision 2010, Growth Plan of HSS documents (1996-1998), a review and restructuring of the undergraduate programme was implemented. Shortly, foreign student affiliations began with the study abroad programme. Apart from the augmentation of individual research as well as sponsored activities, the department has also placed emphasis on establishing collaborations with the outside world through industries, business houses & NGOs.

All Department related activities and news can be accessed from the Official

Website - <http://www.hss.iitb.ac.in/>

M.PHIL. COURSE STRUCTURE

The M.Phil. Programme consists of four semesters. The course structure, along with the minimum number of credits required per semester, is as follows:

Semester	Credit Course		Research Work
	Core Course	Elective Courses	
1	4 (6 credits each)	1 (6 credits)	Seminar (4 credits)
2	2 (6 credits each)	2 (6 credits each)	R&D Project (12 credits)
3	-	2 (6 credits each)	Dissertation Stage I (24 Credits)
4	-	-	Dissertation Stage I (48 Credits)

Points to Note:

- There will be a compulsory Field Trip for 10 days at the end of the First Semester.
- A compulsory course on Communication Skills (I and II) will have to be taken during the Second Semester.
- Core Courses are provided by the Department only.
- A minimum of 1 UG Elective, 3 Departmental Electives and 1 Institute Elective (course from another department) are to be taken during the entire duration of the course.
- There is no restriction on the number of credits one takes in a semester. Please choose the number of credits wisely as per your capacity to handle the courses.
- Attendance in first three lectures of every course is compulsory.
- Lectures of Communication Skills (I and II) are compulsory to attend with a minimum attendance requirement of 80% along with successful completion of IITBombayx Online Course.
- Audit courses and Non-credit courses can be taken from any department of the Institute as per interest.
- Audit courses and Non-credit courses are reflected on the mark sheet, only if you adhere to the instructions given by the Course Evaluator/Teacher, which may differ from course to course.
- One can take up audit courses up to a maximum of 3 per semester.
- There are two sets of examinations in each semester.
- The mid semester examinations usually take place around September Second week (Autumn Semester) and Feb third week (Spring Semester).

- The end semester examinations take place around mid-November (Autumn Semester) and mid-April (Spring Semester).
- Explore the ASC portal (<http://asc.iitb.ac.in>) for Academic Personal Details such as your CPI (Cumulative Performance Index)/SPI (Semester Performance Index) and courses registered and Scholarship related details.
- Remember to register your Canara Bank Account number on the ASC webpage.

Grading Policy:

For every course, a student is assigned a grade based on his/her combined performance over the semester in all the assessments in that course. These grades are described by the letters AP, AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, CD, DD, FF, FR and XX, each of which indicates a qualitative assessment of the student's performance along with a quantitative (numeric) equivalent called the grade point as given below:

Letter Grade	Grade Point
AP	10
AA	10
AB	9
BB	8
BC	7
CC	6
CD	5
DD	4
FF	0 Fail (Eligible for one re-exam)
FR	0 Fail (Repeat the course)
XX	Fail (Lack of attendance-Repeat the course)
II	Incomplete (on health grounds)
DR	Dropped
PP	Passed
NP	Not Passed
AU	Audit

Grading Statistics for previous years can be viewed from the ASC website link under Academic tab on the left dropdown under **All About Courses Tab:** <http://asc.iitb.ac.in/acadmenu/index.jsp>

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THINGS TO KNOW:

Once the academic life on campus resumes, here are some things for you to know:

- Always carry your ID Card.
- Remember to submit your TA Form to TA Duty Coordinator every month in the department office.
- Those who have qualified for JRF need not do the TA form submission every month but they have to submit the required documents at the academic section of the main building.
- Download the M-Indicator app on your phone to find your way around Mumbai. It provides timings of local trains and buses along with auto and taxi fares.
- The nearest station to the IIT-B campus is Kanjurmarg, which is located on the Central Line of the local train network.
- Download the Insti Map app on your phone to find your way around the campus.
- Do take out time to enjoy the glorious sunset at boathouse (lakeside) and a beautiful view of the campus from Sameer Hill. The official timings to visit these places are 6 am - 6 pm. (Don't forget to keep your mosquito repellent with you.)
- To satisfy midnight hunger pangs, every hostel has a canteen which usually opens in the evening and runs till 3 am.

Other things to remember:

- Join Facebook groups like Freshmen Group, IITB Food Recommendations (while you get adjusted to mess food), Buy and Sell IITB (for all purchases/sales inside IITB), Hostel Groups.
- Join the Google Groups of various institute clubs such as literary arts, performing arts, speaking arts, photography, etc. as per your interests.
- Subscribe your official institute email ID to the Events mailing list to stay informed about the various events happening on campus.

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE (SWC)

It is not uncommon for students to feel burdened even after joining the institute due to ever growing demands and pressures from within and around our selves. These issues can stem from academic concerns, social (family and peer) pressure, culminating in feelings of loneliness, low confidence, anxiety, stress, anger and sadness, etc. To help students cope better with these challenges and to help them retain focus (academically and otherwise), the institute has a Student Wellness Centre with a team of professional counsellors, who provide individual counselling and other facilities. As students' anxieties have increased during this period of uncertainty, the SWC is continuing its counselling services telephonically.

For more details: <http://www.iitb.ac.in/swc/en>

GENDER CELL at IITB

Previously known as the Women's Cell, the Gender Cell (GC) works proactively towards developing a safe and secure environment for employees, and works to ensure that all students may gain their education without fear of prejudice, gender bias, hostility or sexual harassment. Its focus is on prevention, prohibition and redress of sexual harassment. IIT Bombay's Gender Cell is an institutional body which works towards promoting equality, non-discrimination and gender justice on the campus. It enquires into complaints of sexual harassment through its Internal Complaints Committee (GC-ICC). The Gender Cell also conducts different activities round the year, including talks, movie screenings, painting competition, etc, which are being conducted in an online mode this year.

For more information: <http://www.gendercell.iitb.ac.in/en/about-womenscell>

LIBRARY AND COMPUTING FACILITIES AT HSS

Teaching and research in the HSS department are supported by excellent computing facilities and a small but well-managed library. The library houses a sizeable collection of the old issues of various magazine such as *The Economist*, *The Economic and Political Weekly* and *The Times Literary Supplement*, M.Phil., and PhD dissertations of its students and a number of books on various subjects donated by the faculty and the students of the department. In addition to well-stocked collection of books, the library has two computers and sufficient space for reading.

The department has a common computer lab with ample space for reading for the Bachelor's, Master's and research students. The Department has a full-fledged Language Laboratory, which offers a variety of services such as Recording, High Speed Copying, Test Preparation, Intercom, Student Monitoring, etc. The Department also boasts of having a Psychophysiology Laboratory, which caters to the needs of research related to experimental cognitive psychology, psychophysiology, cognitive neuroscience and criminal psychology, and an Infant Language Centre, which is the first of its kind in the country to study the very early stages of language development in young children.

COVID RESOURCES DURING PANDEMIC

In view of the Covid-19 challenge most of the students and Scholars are studying/working from home, Central has taken the initiative of making the Library subscribed content available remotely, so that you can continue research and coursework as smoothly as possible from your homes, in addition to remote access to online content, Library Officers and staff are available by email and mobile/WhatsApp number (email is checked regularly) to provide services to the users. Here is the link for Library remote access.

<https://e-access.library.iitb.ac.in:2582/login>

For queries and availing services related to document delivery, article request, plagiarism detection tool access (Urkund access) contact: Journals@iitb.ac.in

For more information on COVID-19 related queries kindly visit:

<http://www.iitb.ac.in/covid>

EXTRA-CURRICULAR DURING THE PANDEMIC

The institute is forever bustling with activities, given that it has multitudes of cultural and technical clubs and a sports council that organises round the year sporting events and championships at various scales. Given the current pandemic scenario, the extra-curricular activities too have adapted and evolved with the virtual frontiers, trying its best to bring students together and engage their creative talents wherever possible. Over the last four months, there has been something for everyone - be it online quizzes, coding and hacking competitions, chess competitions, cult school for those inclined to pick up a new instrument/ hone their musical talents or learn a new language, campaigns for social cause, activities related to the films and arts and even weekend musical concerts- just to name a few.

In addition to this, one can truly take advantage of the multidisciplinary fabric of the institute that comes in the form of online lecture series, webinars, and workshops that allow one to engage with a wide spectrum of topics and the opportunity the interact with different field specialists.

Pay a visit to these sites to know all about the Culturals at IITB and the student clubs!

<https://gymkhana.iitb.ac.in/~cultural/web/>

<http://www.iitb.ac.in/en/activities/student-clubs>

DEPARTMENT LEVEL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Webinar

Webinar is the initiative taken by faculties of HSS department to ensure the students and research scholars continue to learn in this pandemic period. Various webinars are organized where not only institutes' distinguish professors but professors from all around the world are invited to present their thoughts and give lectures on different topic related to their expertise. It is good learning opportunity for department student.

Some of the recent webinars that the department organized are as follows:

- 1) Measurement of Systemic Risk by Prof Viral Acharya
- 2) Meritocracy and Democracy: the Social Life of Caste in India by Prof. Ajantha Subramanian
- 3) Grand Challenges for Engineering identified by the US National Academy of Engineering for the 21st century by Dr. Merwan Mehta

USEFUL LINKS AND NUMBERS

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- ACADEMIC RELATED

1) Webmail – webmail.iitb.ac.in

This is your personalised email in IITB .You will get your Email Id and you get enrolled in IITB

2) Academic reading material – moodle.iitb.ac.in

It is the website which provides for academic interactions between faculty and students in IIT Bombay. From Moodle, you can download all the course materials uploaded by the Course Instructor for the course you have registered for and also interact with the faculty and it is a forum for academic discussions

3) Academic or course related information – asc.iitb.ac.in

This is the main website for all your administrative needs. You can your fees, register for courses, check syllabi of various courses and can check your own academic performance and many more

4) Library- <https://library.iitb.ac.in/>

The website for the central library offers a search engine for books available in the library. You can also check the number of books issued at any given time, renew them and “queue” up for any book already drawn by some other individual.

5) CAMP: <https://camp.iitb.ac.in/>

The following things will be available in CAMP Website

- Changing Password
- Changing UserID (Only Once)
- Modifying Personal Details
- Set / Reset mail Auto Reply Text
- Set / Reset mail Forwarding Address
- Department Sys-Ads List
- Hostel Sys-Ads List
- Find your UserID from Roll number / Employee Number Link:

- INTERNET RELATED

1) Hostel Internet Connection – www.cc.iitb.ac.in

2) Computer centre internet connection – <https://internet.iitb.ac.in/>

- HOSTEL RELATED

- 1) Hostel related queries – gymkhana.iitb.ac.in
- 2) Hostel maintenance complaints - <https://support.iitb.ac.in/support/login.jsp>

SOME OTHER LINKS

- 1) Accessing IITB Internal Sites with VPN - <https://www.cc.iitb.ac.in/page/services-vpnssh>
- 2) Configuring IITB-Wireless in laptop/android/desktop
<https://www.cc.iitb.ac.in/page/configurewireless>
- 3) Free Licensed Software <https://www.cc.iitb.ac.in/page/services-software>
- 4) Link for External ASC site <https://portal.iitb.ac.in/asc/Login>
- 5) Link for academic calendar <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/toacadcalender.jsp>
- 6) Link for academic timetable <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/timetable.jsp>
- 7) Link for IITB Holiday List <http://www.iitb.ac.in/en/about-iit-bombay/iit-bombay-holidays-list>
- 8) Link for circulars <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/circular.jsp>

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