



FRESHER'S HANDBOOK (2022-2024)

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

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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, utilizing 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 recognized as a leader in the field of engineering education and research. The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay is one of the twenty three Indian Institutes of Technology in the country set up with the objectives of making available the facilities for higher education, research and training in various fields, such as, Science, Technology, Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, Design, etc.

The Institute is located at Powai on a campus spread over about 480 acres amidst picturesque surroundings, with Vihar and Powai lakes on its either side. Hence, 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. At present, it has fifteen science and technology Departments including the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) and twenty-four interdisciplinary groups/ centers/ schools/ interdisciplinary programmes which offer various undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral academic programmes. The institute today has over 10,000 students (undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral candidates) with outstanding caliber from around the globe. The research and academic programs 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 programs. 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 programs as well as to mobilize financial support. As a fully residential campus it accommodates its students in 18 hostels with in-house dining and has excellent sports and other recreational infrastructure.

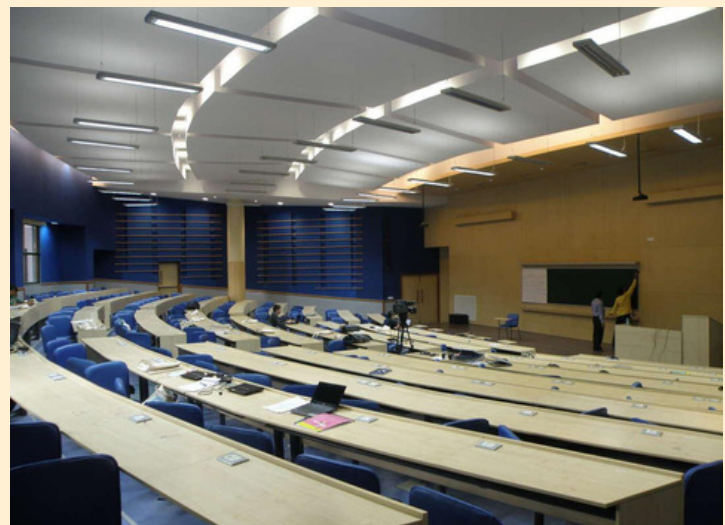
FEW GLIMPSES OF THE INSTITUTE



Main Building



Powai Lake



Lecture Hall



View of Hostel 15 & 16 from Sameer Hill



Infinity Corridor



Central Library

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences was founded in 1958. 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 2020s, the faculty strength went up from 5 to 41 and the department was re-christened as the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. It has a Four-Year B.S. Programme in Economics and also offers a wide range of courses to the B. Tech, MTech, M.A. & Ph.D. students. HSS Department courses are also attended by students of School of Management, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), IDP in Climate Studies and students of other interdisciplinary programmes.

The Department has Ph.D. programmes in Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Literature, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Sanskrit and an M.A. Programme in Humanities and Social Sciences with specialization in Research. We also have a Cell for Indian Science and Technology in Sanskrit (CISTS). 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. 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. The library has more than 2,40,000 Books, Theses, CDs & Videos. It has about 1,18,925 bound volumes of journals and more than 40,000 print/online journals. At present, about two hundred and twenty-five research scholars are working towards their Ph.D. degree. About two hundred students of this Department have already taken their Ph.D. degree in Economics/Literature/Linguistics/Psychology/Philosophy/Sociology/Sanskrit and they are now well placed. HSS Department Alumni have made a mark as excellent academicians and professionals. The Department faculty members also guide B.Tech., M.Tech., and M.Des. Projects offered by the Engineering Departments and InterDisciplinary Groups. Faculty members of the Department also have been guiding Ph.D. in the other centers of the Institute like CTARA, Centre for Policy Studies and Climate Studies. In 2022, the department launched a four-semester interdisciplinary M.A. programme with Specialisation in Research at the postgraduate level.

There has been an increasing awareness that social reality and development are quite complex phenomena, which can be understood in their totality only by adopting an inter-disciplinary or multi-disciplinary approach. The holistic understanding of socio-economic reality and of the various stages of development, and the availability of the expertise involved in the formulation and implementation of development policies can bring about a more sustainable and desirable development. It is in this context that the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences launched the M.A. Programme with specialization in Research, which gives both a historical account of societal view both during the existence of research and thereafter. 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. The programme includes both coursework and field work and requires the completion of a thesis. It is expected that students emerging from this programme will be capable of steering the national, state and regional planning and developmental processes. All Department related activities and news can be accessed from the Official Website - <http://www.hss.iitb.ac.in/> .

WELCOME NOTE- HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

A warm welcome to the students of the MA by Research program of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. The beautiful and idyllic IITB campus nestled between the Powai Lake and the surrounding hills, with its rich heritage of flora and fauna will surely make your stay worthwhile. You are our first batch of students and so the expectations are going to be high from both sides. I hope this new program gives you the interdisciplinary perspective and the research skills necessary for taking up employment in diverse emerging fields and also for joining any doctoral program. The HSS department gives you the opportunity to interact and learn from faculty from 7 disciplines namely Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, English, History and Sanskrit. We have amidst us our last batch of students of M.Phil in Planning and Development, a program we ran successfully for more than two decades. Two years back we started the M.A+PhD in Philosophy. Last year our first batch from the B.S. Economics program graduated and most have either got excellent placements in reputed companies or joined reputed educational institutions for further studies. Our PhD program is very robust with more than 200 active research students and the doctoral students publish in top journals and get places in reputed universities and institutes. I will advise you all to try and make the most of the opportunities that you would get in the two years at IITB. Along with academics, you should participate in sports, cultural activities, start ups and myriad activities in which most of the IITB students are immersed. Utilize optimally your tenure at IITB campus to shape your future. The teachers and other Masters and PhD students would always be there to assist and advise you on various issues.

Wishing all of you the very best.

Warm Regards,
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WELCOME NOTE- FACULTY ADVISOR

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Bombay!

You have joined one of the most diverse and interdisciplinary departments in the Institute. The department's MA.(Res) programme is our most recent programme but, as with all our programmes, is based on the a strong foundation of research and teaching experience of the faculty members.. You will find faculty members from across disciplinary groups very supportive of your work. You are about to embark on a new journey together with us.. Building research capacity is expected to be your main focus in all your courses. That means learning to read critically, to think through the ideas and, of course to write and express yourself well. . You are welcome to join all the academic and cultural programmes of the department and the Institute. We all hope that your stay here will be as enjoyable as it is educative.

A warm welcome to you all once again.

Best Wishes.

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ABOUT THE ISCP

The Institute Student Companion Programme (ISCP) is specifically designed to cater to the needs of the PG community at IIT Bombay. Its primary objective is to develop an atmosphere of cordial interaction among the PG entrants and the PG seniors. 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, academicians 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.

It strives to provide a senior student companion as a mentor to all newly admitted students. New entrants can contact their assigned companion to discuss their academic and non-academic issues or concerns. Student companions would help in providing initial information about campus, clubs; accommodate with the registration process and other technicalities like Webmail, Moodle, AS portal; Continuous interaction; guidance on Seminar and R&D and would support the juniors in case of any problem or difficulty. The ISCP Team of the HSS Department for the academic year 2021-22 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. Link to the website - <https://gymkhana.iitb.ac.in/~scp/scp/index.html> (If the link doesn't open, you will have to connect it through VPN)

WELCOME NOTE- ISCP TEAM

Dear new entrants,

Heartfelt congratulations for embarking on one of life's most memorable journeys - the journey of learning at IIT. On the behalf of our prestigious institute of IIT Bombay, team ISCP welcomes you aboard. Give a pat on your shoulder for having achieved this feat. Your dedication, hard work and perseverance brought you here, and we know that your experience will lead you towards great opportunities. We can guarantee that your time here on this colossal campus will be exciting and knowledgeable. A degree will just be a small portion of what you will be leaving this institute with. You will also leave with beautiful memories of late-night conversations, interesting wing cultures, and crazy birthday parties (oh you are going to miss those!!). You will have the opportunity to mingle in various clubs and societies where individuals strive to become experts in their fields and devote endless hours. As a result, there will be many chances to learn inside and outside the classroom. So entering this new universe in itself presents both exhilaration and potential difficulties. This is where we will help you by providing the tips you need to handle these difficulties and enjoy your time at IIT Bombay. Now, you should be thinking what on earth is this ISCP? Institute Student Companion Programme (ISCP) is a student body with the primary objective of building a relationship of trust and comfort between the on-roll students and the incoming students of the PG programmes. We are here to help you get familiar with the ways of IITB, guide you through your ups and downs and make sure that each voice is heard. You will become part of a culture where people want to perfect their craft and thus work day in and day out. Various events are organised by the cultural, technical, and sports clubs in the institute throughout the year. Managing these along with 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 want to help you in low and high tides as an act of giving back what they received from the programme. You can rely on the team for any advice or information on anything you are venturing out into, whether it be academics or extracurriculars, any issues that you are facing, any support or requirements that you want to raise as a part of the student community. And at last but undoubtedly not least just for regular interaction because that is all the programme holds at its core. The knowledge and the experience that our student companions have gained with their stay on the campus will help your transition become smooth. From campus tours to classroom lectures, from the grading system to completing the syllabus, from the profile to placements, from Schezwan Frankie to curry-pakora, they will be there for you. We are sure that the last couple of years has been rough for many of you. But as we know that life moves on. So, make sure that you make the best out of your journey at IIT Bombay. Come and contribute to this vast store of knowledge and help it become more vibrant and colorful. The campus of IIT Bombay awaits your presence;

See you there!



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WELCOME NOTE- HSS ISCP TEAM

Dear Juniors,

Hearty Congratulations for getting admission into one of the countries premier institutions. I feel very excited to say that your batch will be remembered for years to come as a first batch of M.A.(Research) at HSS, IITB. We the ISCP team, HSS are here to help you to fulfil all the requirements which are related to your M.A. degree. It starts with the onboarding to registration of your courses and any issues related to academic or personal. Our aim is to make your life at IITB a happy and memorable one. The HSS department is resolutely committed to delivering a program that will fulfil your degree requirements and inspire you to pursue to research or career opportunities. We have supportive faculty who are empathetic to our concerns and always take necessary actions swiftly to fulfil our requests.

Probably the most important person you will meet in your time at HSS department (especially during Seminars and Project) is your supervisor, who is there to guide your studies. However, beyond this point the generalisations end. Every supervisor has their own pace, style and structure of supervising. However, don't think that your supervisor is your sole source of academic support. Your peers too, are there to support you. Try to keep in regular contact with your supervisor about your work, so that any problems can be identified as early as possible. 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 are eagerly waiting to meet you and get all your queries answered, have your doubts quashed, seek clarifications or just buzz us to have a chat!

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WELCOME NOTE- ISSA

Welcome Freshers!

We all have gone through a lot in these past couple of years, so firstly congratulations to all of you for securing admission to one of the prestigious institutes in the country. IIT Bombay provides the best exposure to its students in all aspects, both academically as well as nonacademically. The skills you develop here, and the interactions you have with people here will stay with you throughout your life. The postgraduation demands something additional compared to the graduation, more time, more effort, more determination, and a ton of dedication. For meeting these primary requirements, often we find ourselves in a daunting situation. In order to make your stay at IIT Bombay convenient, the institute has established the PGAC (Post Graduate Academic Council). Any technical necessity, any placement-related assistance, any research queries or any academic grievances, you can always reach out to us. Each department has its own AURAA (Academic Unit Representative of Academic Affairs), whom you can approach directly in case you find any difficulties. Wishing you all a really convenient and productive IIT journey!

Regards,

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M.A. RESEARCH

SALIENT FEATURES

1. The entering students will take four common courses in the first semester.
2. Prior to the start of the second semester, students will select one of the three specialisations.
3. The research project option shall be the default option for the programme. Eligible students may elect to complete the degree with a thesis.
4. All courses are open across all tracks to allow for a more student-driven approach to course selection, and to support disciplinary crossovers.
5. The research component begins in the very 1st semester with four methods courses, followed by a seminar style 4-credit course in the 2nd semester for proposal writing, ethics clearances as needed, peer and faculty reviews. The actual independent research work (Project/s or Thesis) will span the 3rd and 4th semesters.

CAREERS

On successful completion of the programme, students can be employed in public and private corporations, development sectors, in NGOs, financial and banking institutions, national and state level planning boards, co-operative federations, governmental and non-governmental agencies, development research and academic institutions in India or abroad, etc.

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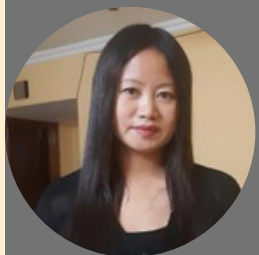


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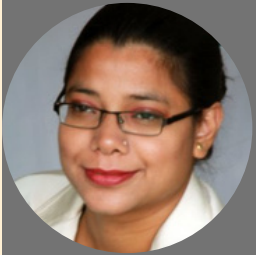


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Casual Labour

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Seminar Guide: Prof. Sharmistha Saha

Research & Development: Understanding educational experiences of dalit woman

Research & Development Guide: Prof. Sharmila

Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: Anthropology and Disaster, Framing Caste, Technology and Policy.

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Seminar: Aided Schools and Policy

Seminar Guide: Pro. Suryakant Waghmore

Research & Development: Aided schools: Qualitative study

Research & Development Guide: Pro. Ramesh Bairy

Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: Policy, culture and Technology, Framing caste

Research Interests: Education



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Seminar: Methods for analysis of social security schemes India (Review)
Seminar Guide: Prof. Anush Kapadia
Research & Development: Agriculture Emissions and Financial Inclusion (Literature review)
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Pooja Padhi
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Seminar: Political Economy of Climate Change.
Seminar Guide: Rocky Ziipao
Research & Development- Understanding Digital Education Infrastructure
Research & Development Guide- Rocky Ziipao
Electives- Gender, Caste and Class in Colonial Indian History; Sociology of Infrastructure; Human-Computer Interaction for Educational Technology
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Seminar: The Right to the City and Delhi Development Master Plan 2041
Seminar Guide: Prof. Kushal Deb
Research & Development: Mobile health interventions employed by ASHA workers : Problems and Potentials
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Amrita Banerjee
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: TD 601, HS 4108, HS 626, PS 636, PS 634
Research Interests: Health, gender and technology, Platform economy, Labour and data policies



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Seminar: Inequalities and Sports
Seminar Guide: Prof. Ramesh Bairy
Research & Development: Poverty and its Multi Dimensional Impacts
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Tara Shankar Shah
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: Constitutional law and Public Policy, Framing Caste.
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Seminar: Women's Attitude towards Financial Literacy and Decision Making in India
Seminar Guide: Prof. Mrinmoyi Kulkarni
Research & Development: A Comparative Study of Women's Attitude towards Financial Literacy and Decision Making
Research & Development Guide: Prof Mrinmoyi Kulkarni
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: TD 601 (Development Theory & Policy: Indian Context), HS 643 (Sociology of Infrastructure), HS 4108 (Gender, Caste & Class in Colonial Indian History)
Research Interests: Gender, Finance and Education



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Seminar: Framing Effects During The Pandemic: A Study of How News Sources Depicted The Government Strategies and Efforts During the Covid 19 Crisis
Seminar Guide: Prof. Mrinmoyi Kulkarni
Research & Development: Media Framing and Its Persistence in the Public Perception: Memory and Strategies
Research & Development Guide: Prof Mrinmoyi Kulkarni
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: Anthropology and Disaster, Technology Culture and Policy, Framing Caste
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Seminar: Health Literacy in India
Seminar Guide: Prof. Rama Paal
Research & Development: Socio-economic determinants of health literacy
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Souvik Banerjee
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: PS 619 Health Policy: An introduction, HS 4108 Gender, Caste and Class in Colonial Indian History, HS 635 Managerial Psychology
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Seminar: Politics of urban forest conservation & development: Aarey forest & Urban Political Ecology
Seminar Guide: Prof. Mahendra Shahare
Research & Development: Decentralized Environmental Governance: Special reference to forest & groundwater governance in India
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Sarmistha Pattanaik & Prof. D. Parthasarathy
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: 1st semester - PS 606(Public Policy in India). 2nd semester - HS 629(Ecology and Society) & HS 4108 (Gender, Caste & Class in Colonial Indian History)
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Seminar: The Issue of Governance and the Informalization of Solid Waste Management
Seminar Guide: Prof. Mahendra Shahare
Research & Development: A literature survey on Caste and Class Dynamics
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Anush Kapadia
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester: Development Theory & Policy: Indian Context, Framing Caste, Gender, Caste and Class in Colonial Indian History
Research Interests: Political Economy of Caste and Gender, Intersectional Studies, and, Policy Studies



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Previous Degree: MA Women Studies, TISS Mumbai
Seminar: Gendering Surveillance
Seminar Guide: Prof. Ahonaa Roy
Research & Development: Gender Bias in Algorithms
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Ziipao
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester:
1st Sem: Anthropology of Disaster, 2nd Sem: Sociology of Infrastructure, Technology, Culture and Policy
Research Interests: Gender and Technology



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Seminar: Capitalist Development Paradigm and Environmental Sustainability
Seminar Guide: Prof. Sarmistha Pattanaik
Research & Development: Digitalisation, Precarity, and (mis)classification of gig work: A case study of Uber
Research & Development Guide: Prof. Shishir K. Jha & Prof. Anupam Guha
Electives taken in 1st and 2nd semester:: HS 637 - Anthropology and Disaster, HS 629 - Ecology and Society, PS 636 - Information, Platforms and Governance
Research Interests: Digital Privacy, Labour rights and movements, Environmental exploitation

POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY



KOYAL
SINDHU

AURAA, PGAC (2022-2023)



DIVYA
PATTNAIK

Student Member, Gender Cell
(2022-23)

EVENTS

Webinars have been conducted in the past year with 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 the department student. Some of the recent webinars that the department organized are as follows:

1. Inflation Expectations of Indian Households: Are they Rational? By Prof Kajal Lahiri
2. Place-Based Policies and Migration by (co-authored with Ritam Chaurey and Radhika Menon) Ama Baafrā Abeberese
3. Minding the Business of Others: Language as *Parārthānumāna* in Mahimabhaṭṭa. by C. Rajendran
4. Is there a *Pramāṇa* for Other Minds? Walking along the epistemologies of the *Cārvākas* by Pradeep P. Gokhale
5. Potential and the Gender Promotion Gap by Alan Benson
6. Disclosure Policy in Presence of Negative Externality by Srijita Ghosh
7. Mapping Firms' Locations in Technological Space: A Topological Analysis of Patent Statistics by Mitsuru (Michi) Igami
8. Knowing the Other Knowers: Jayanta Bhaṭṭa on Other Minds by Sachchidanand Mishra
9. Knowing the Other Knowers: Jayanta Bhaṭṭa on Other Minds by Sachchidanand Mishra
10. Narrow vs Broad Bracketing in Bargaining by Dr. Karagözoğlu

SPORTS @IITB

IIT Bombay Sports boasts of a rich culture, thriving on immense participation across 18 hostels and the kind of infrastructure most colleges can only dream of. Under its vast umbrella, we have sports at several levels. From Intra-hostel to Inter hostel, and of course, the crowning glory for every sportsperson here at IIT Bombay, the Inter IIT Sports meet. Aavhan is the Annual Sports Festival of IIT B.

- AQUATICS
- ATHLETICS
- BADMINTON
- CRICKET
- TABLE TENNIS
- FOOTBALL
- BOARD GAMES
- BASKETBALL
- LAWN TENNIS
- SQUASH
- VOLLEYBALL HOCKEY



Department Participations (M.Phil)

- **Fitness Challenge:** Koyal, Pradnyesh, Asief and Himanshu
- **Chess:** Koyal, Satyendra and Shilpika

CULTURALS @IITB

IIT Bombay undertakes a variety of cultural activities, which are broadly classified under 11 genres – Dance, Dramatics, Film and Media (F&M), Literary Arts, Music, Photography and Fine Arts (PFA), Speaking, Indian Languages, Lifestyle, Design and Classical & Folk Arts. Given the current pandemic scenario, the extra-curricular activities have adapted and evolved with the virtual frontiers, trying its best to bring students together and engage their creative talents wherever possible. Just to name a few- 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, play reading sessions, Summer school to develop acting skills, activities related to the films and arts and even weekend musical concerts. You can explore various clubs based on your interest. You can visit the Gymkhana Website: <https://gymkhana.iitb.ac.in/~cultural>, <http://www.iitb.ac.in/en/activities/student-clubs>

Department Participations (M.Phil)

- **Geetyara**- Shilpika Ghosh (1st Winner, Vocals)
- **Sanskriti** - Aishwarya K.S. (1st Runner Up, Nrityarupam)

LIBRARY AND COMMUTING FACILITIES

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. The library has more than 2,40,000 Books, Theses, CDs & Videos. It has about 1,18,925 bound volumes of journals and more than 40,000 print/online journals. 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 (psychophysiologylab@hss.iitb.ac.in), 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. One can contact Infant language centre by mailing at ilc@hss.iitb.ac.in.

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE

“When we talk our feelings, it becomes less upsetting”. 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. This centre caters to the psychological needs of the IIT-B students. In case you wish to talk to counsellor over the phone, kindly contact on the given numbers during the below-mentioned timings:

Ms. Lavina Lewis - 9769340435

You can also book an appointment on <https://www.iitb.ac.in/swc/en/appointment>, or can mail on wellness@iitb.ac.in.

For more details: <http://www.iitb.ac.in/swc/en> For events and workshops: <http://www.facebook.com/icareiitb>

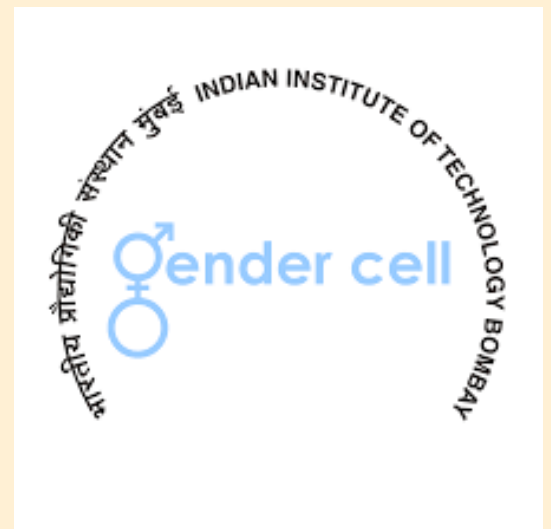
GENDER CELL

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. It has been in existence since 2002 and focuses 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. The team consists of Faculties, students’ representatives at UG and PG level, and staff members. You can get in touch with the following number to contact the cell –

Female QRT (Quick Response team) in-charge: 9167398598

Mail id- gendercell@iitb.ac.in

For more information: <https://www.gendercell.iitb.ac.in/team.html>



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Once you join in the campus, here are some things for you to know:

- Always carry your ID Card.
- Remember to submit your TA Form to the 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) which is near to Hostel 10 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, Official page of IIT Bombay.
- 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.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

A) ACADEMIC RELATED

- 1) Webmail – webmail.iitb.ac.in This is your personalized 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.

B) Internet related:

- 1) Hostel Internet Connection – www.cc.iitb.ac.in
- 2) Computer centre internet connection – <https://internet.iitb.ac.in/>

C) Hostel related:

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

SOME OTHER USEFUL 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-bombayholidays-list>
- 8) Link for circulars <http://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/circular.jsp>
- 9) SARC (Student Alumni Relation cell)- <https://www.alumni.iitb.ac.in/en/content/sarc>

CONTACT DETAILS

TELEPHONIC NUMBERS

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Hospital – 022-2576 (7051)

Main Gate – 022-2576 (1123)

Market Gate – 022-2576 (1121)

Security – 022-2576 (1100)

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ISCP WEBSITE: <https://gymkhana.iitb.ac.in/~scp/scp/>

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