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2024-25

MA DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

School of Humanities
and Social Sciences

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

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Message from the Chairperson

The program Master's in Development Studies (MDS) at IIT Mandi began its journey in 2018 at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Our graduates serve as evidence of the effectiveness of our robust and dynamic program, which provides a well-balanced blend of theoretical understanding and practical skills essential for advancing research and engagement in different domains of sustainable development.

Our graduates undergo a progression from in-depth coursework to hands-on projects addressing real-world developmental challenges, ensuring a comprehensive and practical educational experience. Nestled in the scenic Himalayas, IIT Mandi offers a distinctive geographical advantage, granting students unique insights into the intricacies and challenges specific to the region, thereby enabling a niche skill within the sustainability domain.

The program is flexible, allowing students to tailor their paths with their career goals. They can delve into research through dissertations or gain professional exposure through guided internships. Our alumni have demonstrated notable success, making significant strides in diverse fields such as research, academia, and the corporate sector.

Among our graduates, you will find dedicated, insightful, and competent professionals prepared to make substantial contributions to various developmental arenas. We extend an earnest invitation for your esteemed organization to consider our graduates as potential contributors to your organization as they stand prepared to confront challenges and propel impactful initiatives within the sphere of sustainable development.



Dr. Shyamasree Dasgupta
Associate Professor and Chairperson
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Message from the Faculty Placement Advisor

The Placement Coordination Committee of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology Mandi is dedicated to fostering and strengthening partnerships with key organizations across various pivotal sectors in India. Our collaborations span from public policy organizations to think-tanks and leading Universities. Our students are making significant contributions as professionals and researchers. The committee is committed to maintaining enduring partnerships with all recruiters and values their feedback on their engagement with our students.

We warmly invite all recruiters to our school and assure you that within the M.A. Development Studies batch of 2023-25, you will encounter a group of diverse, socially conscious professionals who are enthusiastic about contributing to social change.



Dr. Mayanka Ambade
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Course Structure- In class learning

CORE COURSES

- History of Development Thought
- Human Geography: A Western Himalayan Perspective
- Indian Social Structure and Development
- Information Technology and Development
- Research Methodology for Humanities and Social Science
- Natural Resources and Development
- Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection

ELECTIVE COURSES

Methodology

- Statistical Methods
- Statistical Data Analysis
- Advanced Qualitative
- Research Methods
- Research Writing

Economics

- Development Economics
- Energy Economics
- Indian Economic Development and Policy Analysis
- Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection

Management

- Essentials of Entrepreneurship
- Personal Finance Management

History

- India Since Independence
- Popular Culture in Modern India: A Historical Perspective
- Introduction to World History
- Epidemics in World History: From the Black Death to COVID-19

Sociology

- Urban Development
- Gender and Development
- Decision Making for Social Change
- Advance Social Psychology
- Science and Society
- Ethnicity, State, and Nationalism in India
- Modern Western Social Thought
- Classical Social Theories
- Global health and Demography



Core Competencies

Multidisciplinary Expertise

Graduates of the program develop a comprehensive understanding of the development challenges by engaging in diverse fields such as economics, sociology, history, global health and geography. This multidisciplinary knowledge equips them to approach complex issues from various perspectives.

Practical Experience

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Effective Communication and Project Management

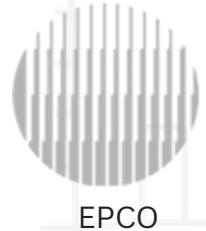
Graduates are skilled in communicating their research findings and development proposals to diverse stakeholders, both technical and non-technical audiences. Additionally, through their internships equips them with the ability to plan, execute, and evaluate development initiatives efficiently, ensuring successful project outcomes.



Fieldwork Experiences

As an essential component of our program, students are sent to varied organizations to complete their summer fieldwork experiences. Students are given the flexibility to choose the organization wherein they wish to gain fieldwork experiences. Some organizations visited by our students are-

Ekta Parishad
Ajit Foundation
Government of Jharkhand
Centre for Good Governance
People for Himalayan Development
Environmental Planning & Coordination (EPCO)
Kailash Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion
Technology and Government Support Forum
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Piramal Foundation
Prayog Samaj
ALFAA



Development Practicum : A Real-world learning

Our coursework foundational experience is the development practicum, where we evaluate and apply the lessons we've learned in class by working on real-world issues outside of the classroom. Some of the practicums that our batch worked on are the Folklore of the Mandi District

Tales from the Hills: A Study of Folklore and Gender Representation in the Folklore of the Mandi District

Tibetan Diaspora at Cultural Crossroads through the Lens of Tibetan Literature: A Struggle Between Existence and Cultural Sustenance

Understanding Drama Practices and its Social Impacts in Mandi District

Civil Society, Political Parties, and Development

Indoor air pollution and global health: A systematic review

Anthropological Study of Museums in Himachal- Making of identities and culture

Comparing the Legal Framework Governing Blasphemy and Hate Speech: A Netnographic Study of Internet Users in India, the USA, and Saudi Arabia

Exploring the Possibilities and Strategies of 'Rural Entrepreneurship'



Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

Date	Event
03 May 2024	Talk on People Owned and People Governed Tourism in Himachal Pradesh
20 April 2024	Two-day workshop on New approaches to economy & society: Exploring popular economy as a research agenda
10 April 2024	Circular Narrative Forms Breaking with Linearity by Dr. Juan Luis Toribio Vazquez
03 April 2024	Mental Health in India: the path forward' by Dr Nachiket Mor
15 March 2024	Exploring Program Evaluation Realities Navigating Methods in Practice by Dr Satabdi Samtani
14 March 2024	Workshop on 'Survey Methods for Social Science Research" by Prof Laishram Ladu Singh
25 February 2024	Writing from the Heart: Dil Se Direct and Harvesting Memory: Writing on Myths, Folktales and Local Narratives by Dr Easterine Kire
22 February 2024	Celebrating International Mother Language Day with Films in Indian Regional Languages
16 November 2023	"Bureaucratic Archaeology: State, Science, and Past in Postcolonial India", and film screening of two of his wonderful films "Brihnnlal ki Khelkali" and "Antraal" by Dr Ashish Avikunthak,
10 October 2023	Spatial Transformations and Contestations in South Asia



Where do we fit in?

Our multidisciplinary expertise, advanced research and analytical skills, practical experience, and proficiency in effective communication and project management position them as highly valuable assets in fields/organizations such as :

Development and Policy Analysis

International Development and Aid Organizations

Nonprofit and NGO Management

Development Communication & PR

Social Services and Community Development

Environmental Sustainability and Policy

Academia and Education

Consulting and Research

Healthcare Management and Public Health

Urban and Regional Planning

Education Policy and Administration

Data Science and Analysis

Economic Analysis and Forecasting

Market Research and Consumer Insights

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Human Rights Advocacy and Policy

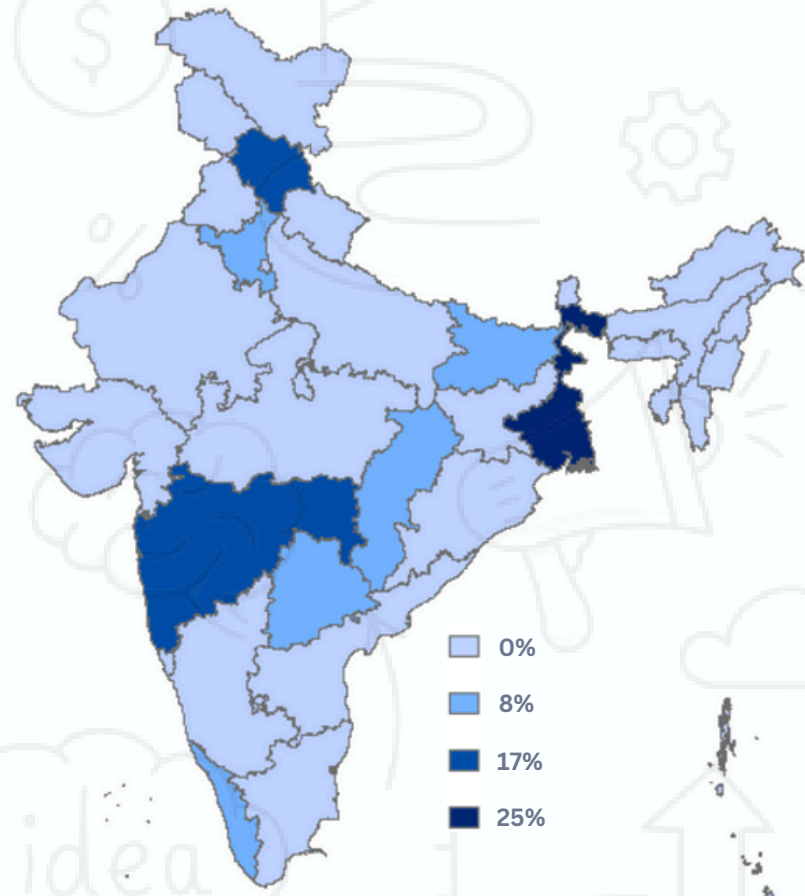
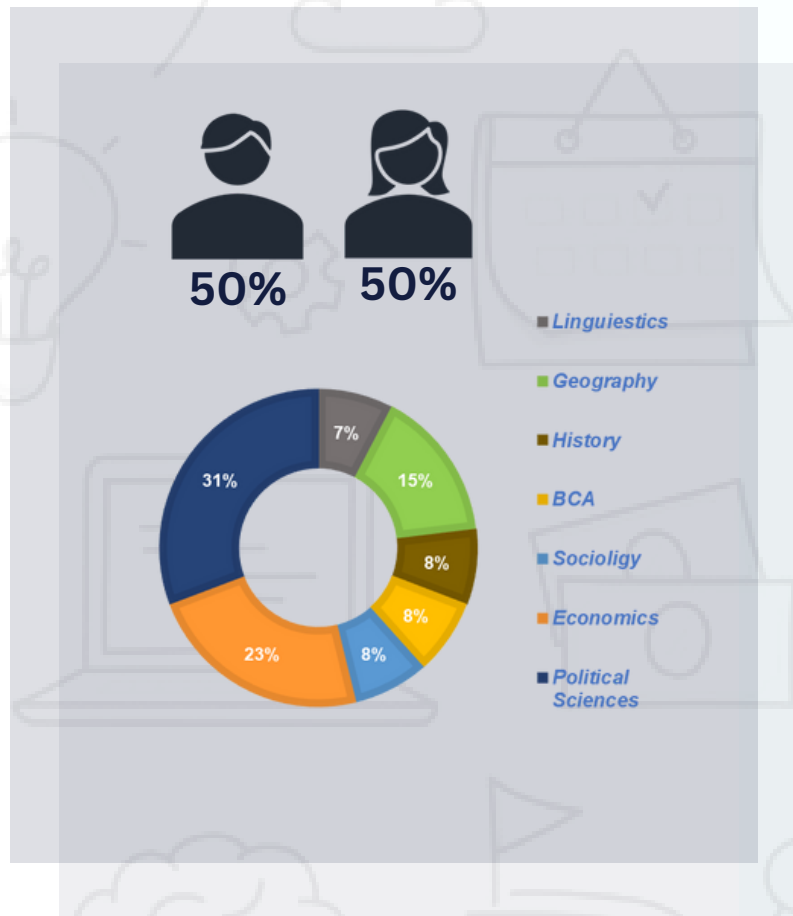


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Batch Demography



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Internships and Higher Studies



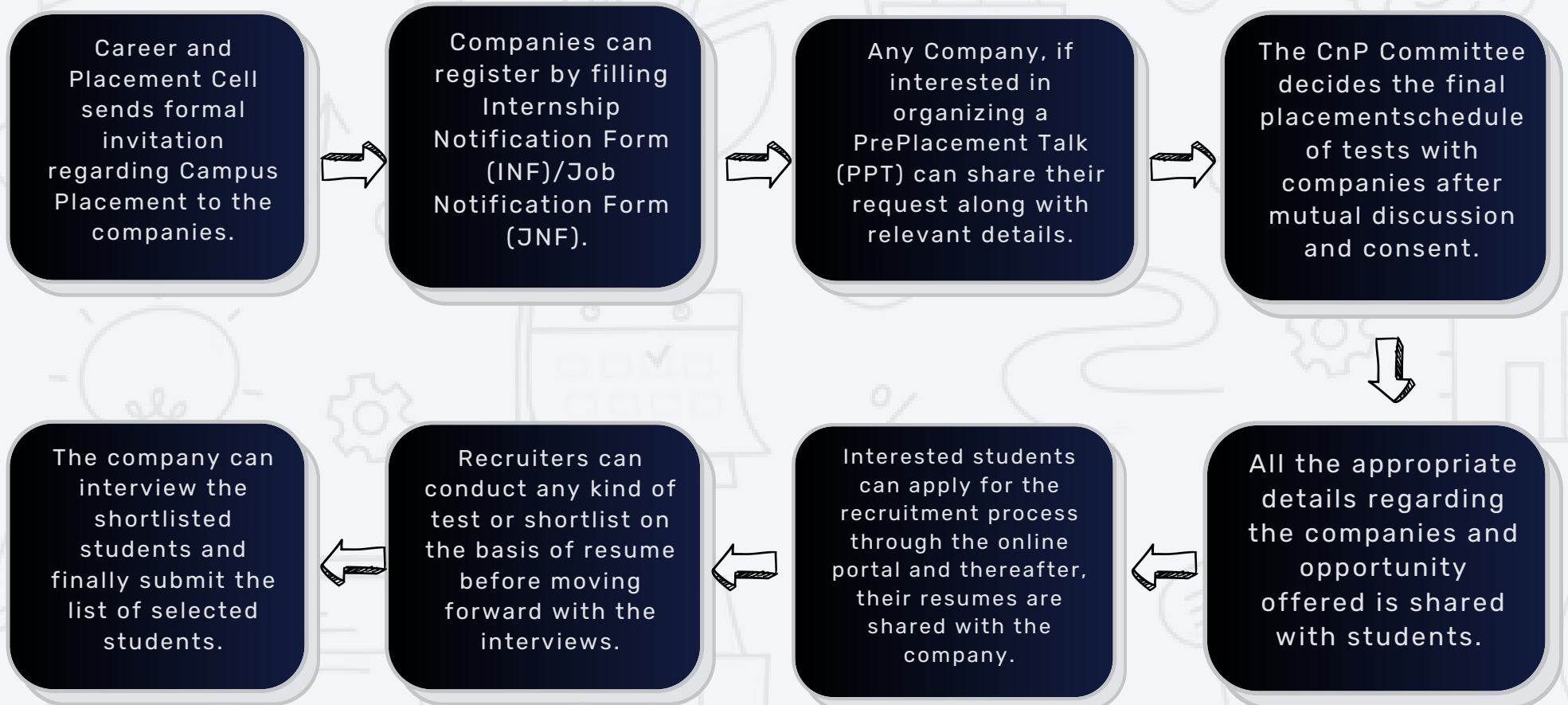
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Past Recruiters



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Placement Procedure



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