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The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

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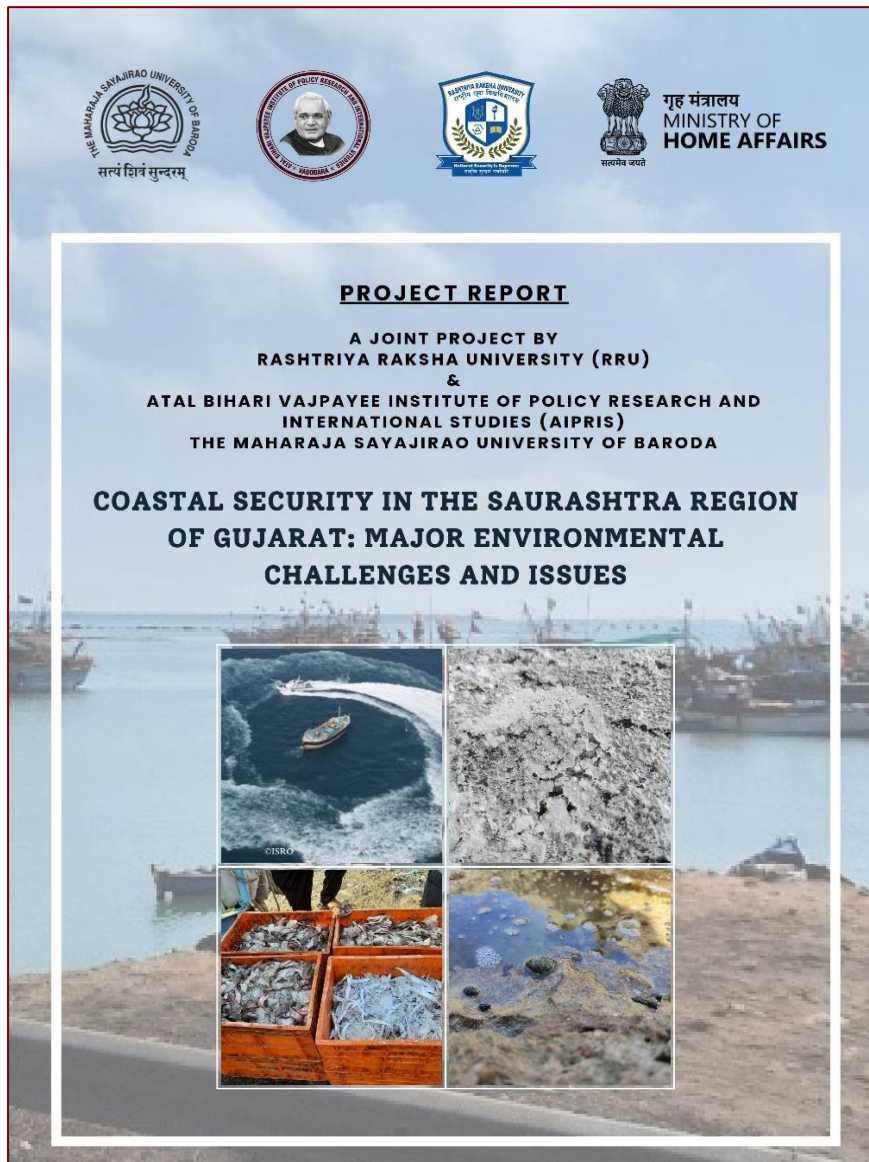
Activity Report 2023-2024

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Activity 1: Completion of the Project ‘Coastal Security in the Saurashtra Region of Gujarat: Major Environmental Challenges and Issues’



Project Name:
Coastal Security in the Saurashtra Region of Gujarat: Major Environmental Challenges and Issues

Project Type: A Joint Project between AIPRIS and Rashtriya Raksha University

Date of Completion:
31st March 2023

No. of Participants:
Not Applicable

Objective: To address various dimensions of the coastal ecosystem

and their implications for security dynamics in the selected region of the study.

Project Summary: The project titled "Coastal Security in the Saurashtra Region of Gujarat: Major Environmental Challenges and Issues", a joint project between Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies (AIPRIS) MSU Baroda and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar, was a comprehensive and the first of its kind study and analysis conducted to understand the complex interplay between coastal security and environmental sustainability in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat.

The project provided data-driven analysis, actionable policy recommendations, and capacity-building efforts, the project aimed to contribute to the development of sustainable and resilient coastal communities while enhancing security along the Saurashtra coastline.

A significant aspect of the project involved collecting and analysing data on environmental issues prevalent along the Saurashtra coast. This process encompassed gathering information on diverse environmental factors, including pollution, habitat degradation, climate change, and the impacts of natural disasters. Through rigorous analysis, the project sought to identify key environmental challenges affecting coastal security.

The project undertook a comprehensive analysis to examine the intricate relationship between environmental challenges and both conventional and non-conventional security threats. By exploring how environmental degradation exacerbates security risks such as illegal fishing, maritime piracy, and conflicts over resources, the project provided valuable insights into the complex nexus between environment and security.

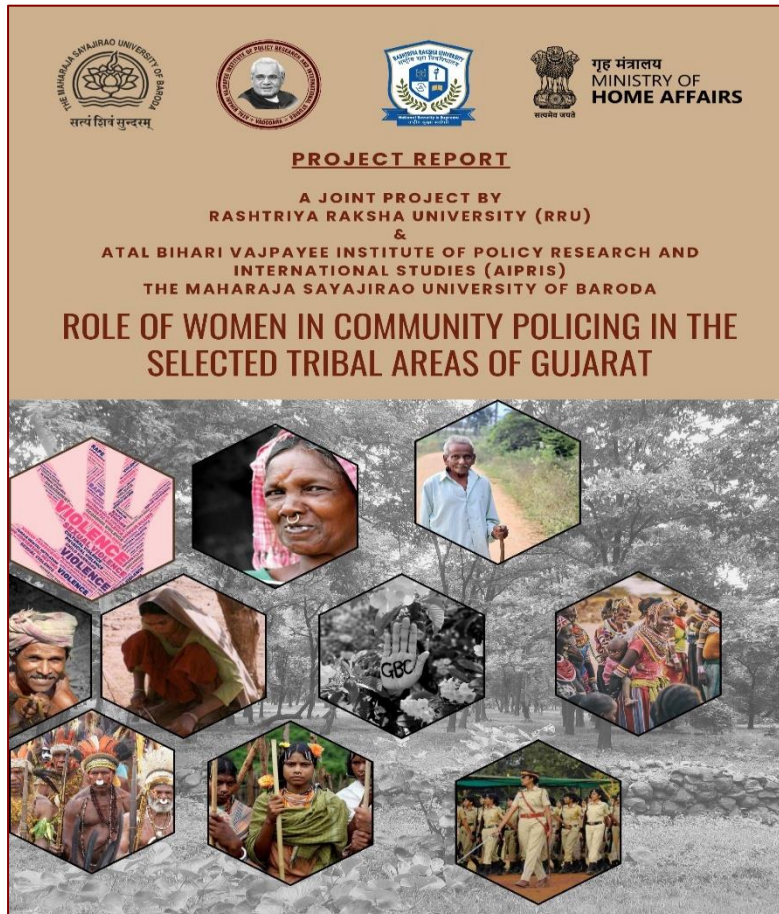
Drawing upon the findings of the analysis, the project offered policy-relevant and actionable recommendations aimed at minimizing the impact of environmental challenges on coastal security. These recommendations included measures to enhance coastal surveillance, strengthen environmental regulations, promote sustainable practices, and facilitate collaboration among relevant stakeholders. The objective was to develop effective strategies for mitigating environmental risks and safeguarding coastal security interests on the Saurashtra coast.

Recognising the importance of stakeholder engagement, the project emphasized sensitization, awareness, and capacity-building initiatives targeting various stakeholders. These efforts aimed to educate and empower coastal communities, government agencies, policymakers, and other key actors to address major environmental issues and security concerns effectively. Through workshops, training programs, and awareness campaigns, the project focused to raise a greater understanding of the interdependence between environmental sustainability and coastal security.

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Activity 2: Completion of the Project ‘Role of Women in Community Policing in the Selected Tribal Areas of Gujarat’



Project Name: Role of Women in Community Policing in the Selected Tribal Areas of Gujarat

Project Type: A Joint Project between AIPRIS and Rashtriya Raksha University

Date of Completion: 31st March 2023

No. of Participants: Not Applicable

Objective: To empower women, enhance community policing strategies, and create a

safer and more inclusive environment for all members of tribal communities.

Project Summary: The project titled "Role of Women in Community Policing in the Selected Tribal Areas of Gujarat", a joint project between Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies (AIPRIS) MSU Baroda and Rashtriya Raksha



University (RRU), Gandhinagar, was a comprehensive and the first of its kind study which aimed at understanding and addressing gender-based

crimes within tribal communities with actionable policy recommendations.

With a multi-faceted approach, the project attempted to make both qualitative and quantitative analyses of the nature, types, and degree of gender-based crimes prevalent in the tribal areas of Gujarat. It sought to document existing community policing strategies in these regions, evaluating their effectiveness in tackling gender-based crimes.

The project further aimed to recommend new and improved community policing strategies tailored specifically to address gender-based crimes in tribal areas. It examined the roles and responsibilities of women working in the police force and proposed recommendations for enhancing their contributions in combating such crimes. This included suggesting new sets of roles or revised responsibilities to empower women within law enforcement agencies effectively.

The project sought to make suitable recommendations for the relevant stakeholders such as NGOs, self-help groups of women, state police force, community-based organizations, and educational institutions to actively engage in reducing gender-based crimes through community policing initiatives. By proposing collaboration between law enforcement and community stakeholders, the project attempted to create a more robust framework for addressing gender-based crimes in tribal areas.

The project aimed to conduct policy-relevant analyses and provide actionable recommendations aimed at increasing the role of women in community policing while effectively reducing gender-based crimes in Gujarat's tribal areas. By addressing systemic challenges and gender inclusivity within law enforcement and community engagement efforts, the project sought to contribute to lasting social change and improved safety and security for tribal communities.

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Activity 3: Tibet's Past and Future

The poster is for a special lecture titled "Tibet's Past and Future". It is organized by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, and the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. The university is accredited with Grade 'A+' by NAAC. The lecture is cordially invited for special lecture and interaction on "Tibet's Past and Future". The speakers are Ms. Tsering Lhamo, Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile, and Mr. Dorjee Tseten, Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile & Alumnus, MSU. The lecture will be chaired by Prof. Adhya Saxena, Dean, Faculty of Arts. The patron is Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. The lecture is held at Sri Aurobindo Seminar Hall, Above Ladies Common Room, on 18th August, 2023, at 11.30 am onwards.

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Tibet's Past and Future

Our Speakers

Ms. Tsering Lhamo
Member of Tibetan Parliament
in Exile

Mr. Dorjee Tseten
Member of Tibetan Parliament
in Exile
&
Alumnus, MSU

Chair: Prof. Adhya Saxena
Dean, Faculty of Arts

Patron: Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Location: Sri Aurobindo Seminar Hall, Above Ladies Common Room

Date: 18th August, 2023

Time: 11.30 am onwards

Program Name: Tibet's Past and Future

Program Type: Special lecture

Date: 18th August 2023

No. of Participants: Approx. 120

Objective: To understand Tibet's historical narrative and its looming future.

Fees: Not Applicable

Speaker: Ms. Tsering Lhamo, Member of Tibetan parliament in Exile and Mr. Dorjee Tseten, Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile and Alumnus, MSU

Time: 11:30 AM (IST)

Total days: 01

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Seminar Hall, Above Ladies Common Room, MSU Baroda

Event Summary: Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda jointly organized a special lecture on 'Tibet's Past and Future' on 18th August 2023. Ms. Tsering Lhamo began the lecture by shedding light on the multifaceted challenges confronting Tibetans under Chinese rule. She poignantly

highlighted the systematic denial of fundamental rights, including education and the suppression of Tibetan culture and heritage. Furthermore, Ms. Lhamo highlighted the coercive measures imposed upon Tibetan nomads, compelling them to abandon their traditional lifestyles and relocate to urban areas, thereby altering the fabric of Tibetan society.

Mr. Dorjee Tseten's presentation resonated deeply with the audience as he delineated Tibet's strategic importance within China's expansionist agenda. Mr. Tseten explained how Tibet serves as a pivotal region for China's pursuit of military dominance and territorial expansion. He articulated concerns regarding China's environmental exploitation of Tibet, particularly its diversion of rivers and mining activities, which have profound implications for the region's ecological balance and the livelihoods of millions downstream.

The event also featured notable contributions from Prof. Amit Dholakia and Dr. Amit Jyotikar, the Convener of the Core Group for Tibetan Cause (India). Their perspectives enriched the dialogue, offering insights into the broader implications of China's policies in Tibet and the imperative of international solidarity in advocating for Tibetan rights.

Addressing the queries of scholars and professors present, the guest speakers also talked about the urgent need for global awareness and action. This talk was of immense benefit for the students and faculty members of the MSU.

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Activity 4: Writing Research Paper in Social Sciences



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jointly organize

**A Workshop
on
WRITING RESEARCH PAPER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Highlights of the Workshop
Conceptual Aspects of Research Writing
Parts of Research Paper
Referencing, Anti Plagiarism
Identification of Journals

SPEAKERS

Prof. P J Patel
Former Vice Chancellor
Sardar Patel University,
Eminent Sociologist

Prof. Amit Dholakia
Head, Dept. of Political Science
Director, AIPRIS

Dr. Deepti Acharya
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science

Dr. Mayank J. Trivedi
University Librarian
Smt. Hansa Mehta Library

Participants: PhD and Masters Student of the
Department of Political Science

Schedule
Tuesday, 6th February 2024
01:00 pm- 6:00 pm

 **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy
Research and International Studies**


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Event Coordinator - Ms. Bhoomi Shroff : (+91) 9099060005

Program Name: Writing
Research Paper in Social
Sciences

Program Type:
Workshop

Date: 6th February 2024

No. of Participants:
Approx. 90

Objective: To provide a
comprehensive overview
of various essential
aspects of academic
writing.

Speaker: Prof. P J Patel,
Former Vice Chancellor
of Sardar Patel University
and a distinguished
sociologist, Prof. Amit

Dholakia, Head of the Department of Political Science and Director of AIPRIS, Dr.
Mayank J. Trivedi, University Librarian at Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, MSU, and Dr. Deepti
Acharya, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, MSU

Time: 01:00 PM (IST)

Total days: 01

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Seminar Hall, Faculty of Arts, MSU Baroda

Event Summary: Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International
Studies and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao

University of Baroda jointly organized the research workshop which delved into critical areas fundamental to making impactful research papers and offered a holistic understanding of the intricacies involved in academic writing. Participants were guided through conceptual aspects of research, gaining insights into formulating research questions, developing hypotheses, and selecting appropriate methodologies. Additionally, the workshop focused on the intricacies of composing different sections of a research paper, including abstracts, introductions, literature reviews, methodology sections, results, and discussions.

Participants received valuable instructions on referencing, understanding on how to properly cite sources and anti-plagiarism practices essential for maintaining academic integrity. This segment of the workshop provided practical tips and tools to ensure adherence to ethical standards.

The workshop also facilitated detailed information on the identification of suitable journals for publication, equipping participants with knowledge on evaluating journals based on their scope, impact factor, and relevance to their research topics. This aspect of the workshop aimed to empower students with the information needed to navigate the publication process successfully.

Activity 5: Not So Political Fest 2024 (Day – 2)



Day - 2

Department Of Political Science
In Collaboration With
**Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy
Research and International Studies (AIPRIS),**
MSU Baroda.
28th February 2024

**Where Poetry Blooms , Art Flourish And
Letters Speak : Join The Fest !**

Department Of Political Science
Presents
Not So Political Fest - 2024

-Poster Making And Letter Writing Competition
(Theme - “Gender: Mein Aur Meri Pehechan”)

-Poetry Recitation Competition
(poetry can be on any theme/topic of participant’s choice)
(open for all the students of Faculty of Arts, MSU and AIPRIS)

Dress Code : Black And/Or White Dress

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Venue:
**Conference Room (second floor),
Department of Political Science**

Program Name: Writing
Research Paper in
Social Sciences

Program Type: Poster
Making, Letter Writing
and Poetry Recitation
Competition

Date: 28th February
2024

No. of Participants:
Approx. 80

Objective: To provide a
platform for students to
showcase their
creativity and express
themselves through
various artistic
mediums

Speaker: Not
Applicable

Time: 02:00 PM (IST)

Total days: 01

Venue: Conference Room (second floor), Department of Political Science, MSU Baroda

Event Summary: Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies and the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda jointly organized an exciting event titled "Not So Political Fest -

2024" on 28th February 2024. The event aimed to celebrate creativity and expression through various activities.

The Day – 2 of the fest featured two main competitions:

1. Poster Making and Letter Writing Competition: With the theme "Gender: *Mein Aur Meri Pehchan*" (Gender: Me and My Identity), participants were invited to showcase their artistic skills and encouraged participants to express their take on the complexities of gender identity and express their thoughts, feelings, and perspectives through visually appealing posters and heartfelt letters. The chosen theme aimed to spark conversations and raise awareness about the diverse experiences and challenges related to gender identity.
2. Poetry Recitation Competition: Open to all students of the Faculty of Arts at MSU and AIPRIS, this competition allowed participants to share their poetic talents on any theme or topic of their choice. Participants were encouraged to express themselves freely through the beauty of poetry.

The event encouraged participants to dress in black and/or white attire, adding to the aesthetic and thematic elements of the fest. The event was vibrant and full of creativity where participants contributed through their ideas and artistic skills and emotions and celebrated diversity, shared their perspectives and encouraged community engagement.

Activity 6: AIPRIS Internship Certificate Distribution Ceremony 2023-24

Program Name: AIPRIS Internship Certificate Distribution Ceremony 2023-24

Program Type: Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Date: 18th March 2024

No. of Participants: Approx. 50

Objective: To recognise and applaud the diligent efforts of AIPRIS interns who completed their internship program.

Chief Guest: Dr. Sudhir Joshi, District AYUSH Officer and SVEEP Coordinator, Vadodara

Time: 01:00 PM (IST)

Total days: 01

Venue: AIPRIS Building, MSU Baroda

Event Summary: Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda organized 'The Internship Certificate Distribution Ceremony' for the academic year 2023-24 was held on March 18th, 2024. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to all attendees, including interns, faculty members, staff, and esteemed guests. Participants were greeted with an atmosphere of anticipation and excitement as they gathered to commemorate the achievements of the interns.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of internship certificates to the graduating interns. Each intern was called upon stage individually, where they received their certificate from the Chief Guest amidst applause and cheers from the audience.

Chief Guest Dr. Joshi's insightful address resonated with the audience as he shared words of wisdom and encouragement for the interns embarking on their professional journeys. His presence added prestige to the ceremony, inspiring the interns to strive for excellence in their future endeavours.

The interns also shared their experience, learnings and acknowledge the contributions of faculty members, mentors, and staff who supported the interns during their internship journey. Overall, it was a celebration of achievement, growth, and collaboration within the AIPRIS community. As the interns received their certificates, they departed with a sense of pride and accomplishment. The ceremony served as a testament to the institute's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering excellence in research and policy studies.

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