



AIPRIS



Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

ABOUT MSU



The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSU) has been acknowledged to be among the most outstanding higher education institutions in India. The University has adhered to a strong commitment to the sustenance and promotion of an environment that is favourable to academic excellence and development of intellectual, moral, critical and creative capacities of its students and teachers.

The beautiful and majestic dome of the Faculty of Arts building – the second largest in Asia built in the Indo-Saracenic style - symbolizes the rich architectural heritage the MSU campus is endowed with. Dotted with beautiful buildings and heritage structures, and covering an area of 275 acres with six campuses (four urban and two rural), the University carries forward a glorious legacy of most eminent names among teachers and alumni. An illustrious scholastic background nurtured by renowned teachers, contemporary and interdisciplinary curriculum framework and wide range of choice-based programmes, technology-embedded pedagogy, a variety of national and international collaborations, advanced research programmes, support services for students, and healthy governance practices place MSU far ahead of its peers to emerge as a university of international repute. It is perhaps the only University in India that offers programmes from kindergarten to Ph.D. on a single campus and under a single umbrella.

Residential and unitary in character, MSU has a different administrative and academic structure than most other universities in the country. The University today caters to the educational needs of more than thirty-five thousand students who are receiving education in its fourteen Faculties and in constituent colleges and institutions. They are served by about a thousand well-qualified teachers and more than one thousand five hundred administrative staff members. MSU is well-known for its research output in major knowledge areas such as science, technology, literature, social sciences, and business studies. It maintains a strong interface with industry and corporate organizations for the purpose of employment and training.

VISION

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies (AIPRIS) is a nonpartisan institution under the umbrella of a public university to emerge as a think tank of excellence engaged with core themes of public policy and international studies, with a special focus on concerns that are relevant for the Western India region. The Institute is aims at generating and disseminating actionable knowledge through analytical, interdisciplinary studies and applied research. It would stimulate informed and critical debates on policy issues and increase public participation in such debates. Its principal beneficiaries would be academic experts, researchers, public policy professionals, civil society organisations, media and others. The Institute would emerge as a hub for networking and partnership among similar think tanks and centres in India and abroad. The Institute's activities would help build and strengthen bridges between academia and government agencies involved with public policy making and execution.

MISSION

- To conduct research projects on public policies and international issues.
- To offer capacity-building and training programmes on relevant areas of international studies and public policy.
- To promote exchange of idea through webinars, conclaves, seminars, workshops, public lectures etc.
- To offer certificate and diploma programmes.
- To invite distinguished scholars and practitioners as adjunct fellows and experts for sharing ideas and perspectives
- To publish books, occasional papers and monographs through conventional and digital modes
- To make impact assessment of government programmes and schemes
- To offer internship opportunities to postgraduate students and research scholars
- To carry out such activities that enhance awareness and understanding of public policy issues and international affairs

Hon'ble Chancellor's Message



Rajmata Shubhanginiraje Gaekwad

I am very happy that The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has taken an innovative step by establishing a public policy think tank in the name of the former Prime Minister and statesman Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Apart from his many other contributions as a leader, Shri Vajpayee's ideas on good governance and foreign policy approach are very relevant for contemporary India. I am confident that with the efforts and wisdom of its directors, advisors and fellows, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies (AIPRIS) will engage with the pressing challenges and issues of our time and offer viable choices, insights and advice to the policy makes in the public and private spheres to make our country take further strides on the path of development and security for all. I wish all the best for AIPRIS in its future endeavours.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Message



Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava

The inter-related fields of public policy and international studies hold centrality in our lives. Hence, research and studies in these areas hardly merit justification, particularly when India has emerged as a major player at the global level and is grappling with new global challenges and opportunities. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies (AIPRIS) has been established with the objective of promoting applied and relevant research within an interdisciplinary context. The output of research and activities of AIPRIS will also provide necessary inputs to the agencies of the Government of Gujarat and Government of India. AIPRIS charts a new course as it is the only one of its kind think tank under a university system in Western India. I congratulate Team AIPRIS for their dedicated efforts to build the Institute and wish it great success for the future.

Founder Director's Message



Late Shri Shakti Sinha, IAS Former Private Secretary to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

All of us at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies, or AIPRIS for short, are excited to be part of this journey. That we are setting up the institute makes us feel special tempered by a sense of responsibility. The guiding pillars of AIPRIS are, firstly, the vision of Shri Vajpayee in the two areas that he left a deep mark, namely good governance and international affairs.

Second, we must strive to bring into our work the geographical perspective of being located in Gujarat, on India's western coast. AIPRIS cannot simply duplicate work done in the established Indian think tanks, mostly located in Delhi. Though we would learn from their efforts and strive to achieve high levels set by them. The fact that we are a think tank set up in Gujarat by the state government, and located in the state's premium university, makes us conscious of the high expectations that we have to live up to.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, or Atal ji as he was popularly known, was a consensual but decisive leader whose government substantially changed the way the country looked at itself, and at the world. And the way the world looked at India. His understanding of strategic issues is now generally accepted, drawing on his decision to cross the nuclear Rubicon, seeing that the window to so had almost closed. China's rise and the challenge it would pose made him push the country to re-assess its situation and the need to deepen relationship with the USA. And yet, as a neighbour of China, India would have to live with that country, so it was useful to try and identify the areas where both countries could work together. What is less well appreciated was his leadership on economic issues which served India very well. His long experience and understanding convinced him that his government should focus on unleashing the economic spirits of the people which had been hamstrung by archaic processes and by the prevalent deep scepticism about the private sector. His instincts told him that the state must facilitate entrepreneurship. But invest in infrastructure, both highways and rural roads, and that affordable and accessible telecommunication facilities was vital to the poor, as it empowered them to exercise agency and take advantage of the new opportunities of growth.

A decade after he demitted office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declare December 25, which is Atalji's birthday, as Good Governance Day. It cannot be just a coincidence that it was Shri Narendra Modi who as Chief Minister of Gujarat conceived of establishing a think tank in Gujarat, reflecting a need to broad-base policy thinking in India.

We at AIPRIS would strive to achieve excellence guided by the visions of the person after who we are named and the idea behind establishing our institution.

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- Seminars/ Conferences/ Conclaves
- Projects
- Capacity Building Programmes
- Publications
- Public Lectures
- Audio-Visual Productions
- Social Audit of Public Policies and Schemes

Current Projects

COASTAL SECURITY IN THE SAURASHTRA REGION OF GUJARAT: MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

Joint Project Between
Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
&
Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and
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ROLE OF WOMEN IN COMMUNITY POLICING IN THE SELECT TRIBAL AREAS OF GUJARAT

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Our aim may be as high as
the endless sky,
but we should have a
resolve in our minds to walk
ahead, hand-in-hand,
for victory will be ours.

-Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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