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ABOUT

GOKHALE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

The Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE), Pune, was established in 1930 by the Servants of India Society. It is the oldest research and training institute in Economics in the country and is dedicated to research into the socio-economic dimensions of Indian society. The Institute carries forward the legacy of Gopal Krishna Gokhale through its commitment to academic rigour, public service, and evidence-based policy engagement.



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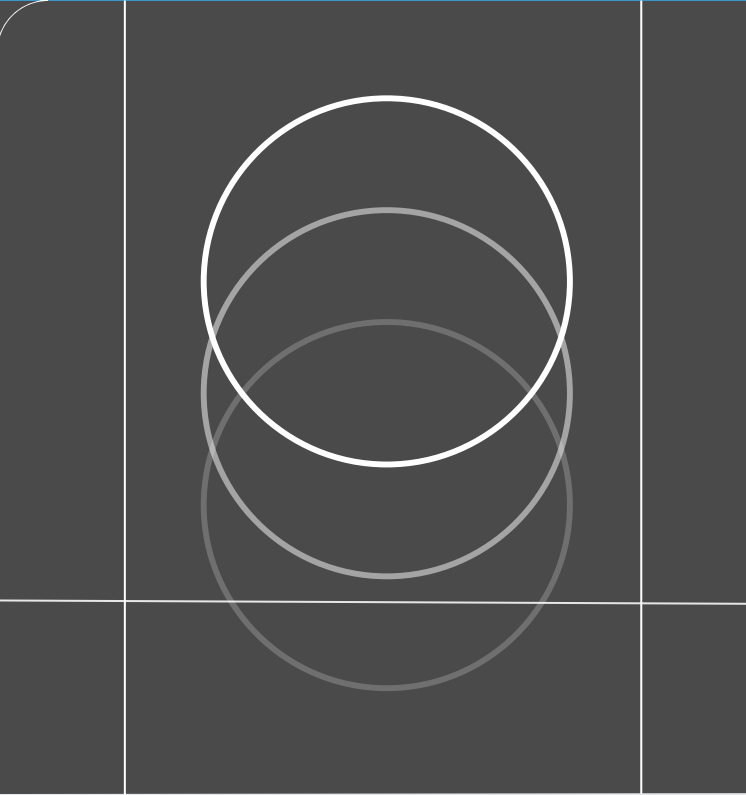
The Centre for Technology, Innovation, and Economic Research (CTIER) was established in 2015 to raise the level of debate and awareness among policymakers, industry, and researchers in India about the essential role of technical capability in economic development, and how it is best fostered. CTIER aims to inform policymaking based on high-quality empirical economic research and impact higher education in India. Over the years since its inception, CTIER has become the foremost think tank for innovation in India.



ABOUT EQUILIBRIA

Equilibria is the quarterly editorial publication of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, curated and published by the Master's students of the Institute. Each edition is themed and brings together analytical pieces that engage with contemporary debates, policy discussions, and evolving socio-economic issues.

Interspersed with topical content, Equilibria is an interdisciplinary platform that encompasses a wide variety of genres including economics, public policy, finance, literature, art, and creative expression. Through Equilibria, students seek to foster informed dialogue while articulating original and critical perspectives.



AAROHAN BEGINS NOT WITH ANSWERS, BUT WITH QUESTIONS.

ABOUT AAROHAN '26

Policies are designed with specific objectives, however they often fail to deliver on the intended outcomes. Why? AAROHAN is a first-of-its-kind policy conference and hackathon designed to challenge the conventional logic of policymaking. Instead of creating policy-trying to get to the solution- this hackathon follows troubleshooting, debugging; the challenge is to diagnose and fix the problem within the policy.



Students of public policy, economics, law, political science, and development studies



Members of policy and debating societies



Young professionals in consulting, governance, and social impact roles



Anyone interested in understanding how policies work or fail in practice
Participants need not have prior policy experience; curiosity, critical thinking, and a willingness to engage deeply with complex issues are the only prerequisites.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE? AAROHAN IS OPEN TO:



**TOPICS ALLOTTED ONLINE ON
28 JANUARY.**

PRESENTATION FORMAT

7 minutes – Presentation
2 minutes – Questioning

Each presentation must clearly address:

- Policy Objective
- One clearly stated objective of the policy
- Evidence of Failure
- Data or indicators showing a gap between intended and actual outcomes
- Causal Explanation
- Explanation of the failure using the assigned analytical lens
- Corrective Insight
- One concise, feasible suggestion addressing the identified failure

ROUND I: FINDING LOOPHOLES

OBJECTIVE

This round evaluates participants' ability to critically analyse public policy outcomes using evidence, identify implementation or design failures, and defend their analysis under structured questioning.

Each team will be allotted:

- One policy domain, and
- One analytical lens through an online draw of lots.

Multiple teams may be allotted the same policy. Teams analysing the same policy may arrive at similar failure outcomes, but will be evaluated on the strength and clarity of their causal explanation and evidence.

Each team will analyse the policy strictly through one assigned lens:

- Behavioural / Incentive Failure
- Institutional / Governance Failure
- Design & Implementation Failure
- Technological / Capacity Failure

ROUND 2: FIXING THE LOOPHOLE



The policy problem for this round will be revealed only on the day of the event. All qualifying teams will receive the problem statement simultaneously to ensure a level playing field.



STAGE 1: POLICY FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT

The policy problem will be revealed to all teams. Each team will be assigned one stakeholder from the innovation ecosystem, government, industry, higher education institutions, or publicly funded R&D labs.

Teams must design a policy framework from the perspective of their assigned stakeholder, clearly outlining:

- The role their stakeholder should play in addressing the policy problem
- The levers of change available to the stakeholder to perform this role

Teams will prepare a short presentation focused on their assigned stakeholder.


STAGE 2: PRESENTATION AND POLICY CHALLENGE

Teams will present their stakeholder-specific policy frameworks before the judges and other participants. Following each presentation, other teams may challenge the framework, while judges may question assumptions, feasibility, and highlight potential loopholes. Teams are expected to defend their proposals during this stage.



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