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IIT Delhi's School of Public Policy Successfully Places its Inaugural Masters in Public Policy Batch

New Delhi- The School of Public Policy (SPP) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi successfully placed the students of its inaugural batch of Masters in Public Policy (MPP) graduates. Among the 21 students of the first batch who received their degrees on August 12, 2023, at the 54th Annual Convocation of the Institute, 19 participated in the placement process. Of these, 18 students received a total of 21 offers from diverse organizations and sectors. A total of 27 organizations participated in the placement for a total of 30 roles.

During the MPP program, the students interacted with prominent organizations, such as Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, International Rice Research Institute, ID Insight and WRI, among others. These interactions contributed to their understanding of policy issues on the ground across various sectors. The students also carried out internships during the summer break at the end of their first year. Some of the organizations where the batch did internships are: EY, NITI Aayog, Sattva Consulting, Social Alpha and Data Security Council of India.

The placements showcased the students' versatility, with 47% students being placed in think tanks and research organizations, 21% in consulting, 16% in government roles, and 16% in various other types of organizations. Some of the organizations where the students have been placed are: CEEW, EY, Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology (FAST) India, India Semiconductor Mission (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology), Wadhwani AI, WASH Institute, and World Resource Institute.

"We are delighted to see the first batch of our Masters in Public Policy graduates getting good placements. We believe that our School of Public Policy can make a difference in supporting evidence-based policy analysis and supporting the goals of the Institute to make an impact in society", Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi, said.

The students were placed across different sectors – 58% ventured into the public and social sectors, 11% into energy and climate change-related sectors, another 16% into the ever-evolving digital economy, and the remaining into science and technology policy. All these organizations and roles are focused on contributing to long-term policy impact, and societal well-being, and sustainability. Two students of the inaugural batch have chosen to pursue academic research, with one of them enrolled in a PhD program.

Established in 2018, the SPP is the first academic unit on public policy of its kind in the country. It works at the intersection of Science, Technology, Innovation (STI), and Development, with the goal of advancing cutting-edge research, fostering the next generation of policy professionals, and contributing to significant policy impact.

The MPP is a two-year full-time program focused on training students to catalyze a robust and socially relevant STI policy ecosystem at national and international levels. Students are equipped

to be competent policy professionals, while also engaging with civil society and industry to complement their impact. Besides, students also work on a dissertation, aligned with the research verticals of the school. The SPP recently admitted its third batch of MPP, whereas the second batch will finish the program May 2023.

Talking about the MPP program, Prof. Sanjiva Prasad, Head, SPP, said, "The School of Public Policy at IIT Delhi applauds its first MPP batch for their exceptional achievements and congratulates them on their diverse placements that perfectly reflect the School's ethos, which encourages students to think differently and pursue non-conventional paths. The success of this inaugural batch reinforces the School's commitment to transforming students into top-quality policy professionals and scholars."

For more information about the School of Public Policy and its MPP program, please visit https://spp.iitd.ac.in/

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