

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU

(A Unitary University, Govt. Of Karnataka) School of Excellence in Economics Jnana Bharathi Main Road, Nagarbhavi (p.o), Bengaluru – 560072



PROSPECTUS 2022-23



Five-year Integrated MSc Economics (as per NEP) Two-year MSc Economics Two-year MSc Financial Economics





"na hi jnanena sadrsam pavitram iha vidyate" "Verily there is nothing as purifying as wisdom"

With the aim of establishing an institute of higher education in the field of Economics and allied disciplines, the Government of Karnataka constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri. S. V. Ranganath, Vice Chairman, KSHEC and former Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka. Based on the recommendation, the Government of Karnataka approved the establishment of the School of Economics at a cost of ₹350 crores and allotted 43.45 acres of land in the Jnana Bharathi Campus of Bangalore University.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 (Act No.17 of 1960). The foundation stone of the University was laid by Honourable President of India, Shri. Pranab Mukherjee on 14thApril 2017, in the Banquet Hall of the Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution.

The first batch of B.Sc. (Honours) Economics was admitted in June-July 2017, through an all-India entrance test conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority and classes commenced on 28thAugust 2017. The Academic session of the University was formally inaugurated at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan by Honourable former Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh on 4th October 2017.

We are proud to announce that Dr. B.R Ambedkar School of Economics, Bengaluru became a Unitary University under Government of Karnataka in the field of Economics and Social Sciences vide notification no. ED 41 UBV 2018(P-2) dated 30thOctober 2019.

School of Excellence





With the construction and completion of new campus, the University will soon have world class facilities at the disposal of the students and faculty. The 43-acre campus lies in the heart of one of the few remaining green areas in the city of Bengaluru - Nagarbhavi, a stone's throw away from Bangalore University, the Institute for Social and Economic Change, NAAC, and the National Law School of India University. The University will have state-of-the-art sports facilities, auditoriums, staff accommodation, guest house etc. We aim to secure the Platinum rating for a green campus.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is established for public benefit and accordingly its objectives are to endeavour along the lines indicated by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the main architect of the Constitution of India and a renowned economist. He wrote:

"The student so trained should learn to distinguish between what may fairly be called matter of fact and what is certainly mere matter of opinion. He should be accustomed to distinguish issues, and to look at separate questions each on its own merits and without an eye to their bearings on some cherished theory. He should learn to state fairly, and even sympathetically the position of those to whose practical conclusions he is most stoutly opposed. He should become able to examine the suggested idea, and see what comes of it, before accepting it or rejecting it. Without necessarily becoming an original student he should gain an insight into the conditions under which original research is carried on. He should be able to weight evidence, to follow and criticize argument and put his own value on authorities."

> -- From Works and Speeches of Dr B R Ambedkar, VolII-P-296-297



Academic Aspirations



Under the able guidance of Chancellor, Shri Thawarchand Gehlot (Honourable Governor of Karnataka) and Pro-Chancellor, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan (Honourable Minister for Higher Education, IT & BT, Science & Technology | Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka) and able leadership of our first Vice Chancellor, Dr. N. R. Bhanumurthy and Registrar, Smt Shobha B, KAS, we already have close to 250 students enrolled in the 2-year MSc Economics and the 5-year Integrated MSc Economics programmes (as per NEP), and we expect to start our PhD programme soon. The national character of the University is amply reflected in the many states that our students come from. Admission of the candidates belonging to Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Foreign Nationals is also started from the year 2021-22, with an intake of 5 which is in addition to the exiting intake capacity for each of the courses offered by the University. In addition to the existing two programmes, this year, i.e, 2022-23, the University is starting 2-year MSc in Financial Economics with an intake of 30 students.

University aims to make its presence felt world over as one of the finest training institutions in Economics. We will not only set a new model in teaching and research in Economics but also assist the Government of Karnataka, other state governments, Government of India and other international institutions in policy formulation. University focuses on imparting holistic knowledge in the discipline of Economics by providing an understanding of other social science disciplines such as Political Science, Sociology, Philosophy, Ethics etc. The teaching and training will focus on freedom to think and allow a free flow of new currents of thought.

University students receive a rigorous training in all the core Economics courses, wherever applicable, from a quantitative approach. Apart from core Economics courses, additional core courses include Computer Fundamentals, Computer Laboratory, Constitutional Economics, Behavioural Economics, Social and Economics Thoughts of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and Programming with R and Python. Students also have a rich variety of elective courses to choose from, including Economic Applications of SQL-RDMS, International Finance, Entrepreneurship Development, Big Data Analytics, Law and Economics, Corporate Finance, Economics of Climate Change, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, among others. Overall, our courses train students for a career in the corporate, academic, public policy or analytics depending on their interest.

Vice Chancellor and Registrar



N. R. Bhanumurthy, Vice-Chancellor

Prof N R Bhanumurthy took charge as a first Vice-Chancellor in June 2020. He is on leave from NIPFP, New Delhi, where he has been Professor since 2009. He also worked as Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at Institute of Economic Growth.

His research areas are macro-monetary economics, fiscal policy, international money and finance, macroeconomic modelling and development economics. In these areas he has authored over 70 research papers and five books. He has had brief stints at several international developmental organisations and served in 24 Government and Semi-

Government Committees. At the national level, currently he is serving on the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics' constituted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; 'High Level Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation' by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India; Committee on Capacity Building for Implementation of NEP, 2020, Ministry of Education, Government of India and Research Advisory Committee, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

He has received two prestigious awards: *Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (National) Award* for the year 2014 for his outstanding contributions to the field of quantitative economics in India; and *VKRV Rao Prize in Social Sciences (Economics)* for the year 2015, for high quality research and for significant contributions to social science research in India.

Shobha B, KAS (Senior Scale)

Smt. Shobha B., a Senior Scale Karnataka Administrative Service Officer, has taken charge on 23/11/2021 as the Registrar of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru. She has earlier served at various prominent posts in the State Government viz., Joint Director in Directorate of Municipal Administration, Additional Commissioner



(Admin)- Excise Department, Government of Karnataka, Assistant Commissioner of Kumta subdivision, Joint Director (Admin), Agriculture Department, Admin Officer in Directorate of IT & BT. She has a vast experience in Administration.



FACULTY DETAILS [Qualification & Research areas]

- 1. **N R Bhanumurthy** Vice Chancellor, PhD Economics from Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 2003. [Macro-Monetary Economics, Fiscal Policy, International Money and Finance, Macroeconomic Modelling, Development Economics]
- 2. **Amartya Paul** Assistant Professor, PhD Economics (submitted) from Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, 2021. [Inequality, Poverty, Public Policy, Applied Econometrics]
- 3. **Bipin Sony** Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Madras School of Economics, Chennai, 2019. [Financial Economics, Corporate Finance, Macro economics, Econometrics]
- 4. **Mohd. Shadab Danish** Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIT Indore, 2021. [Technology Management, International Economics, Innovation and IPR policy, Economic valuation of patents]
- 5. **Muhammed Rafi OPC** Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Pondicherry University,2020. [International Finance, Applied Econometrics; Open-Economy Macro economics]
- 6. **Pleasa Abraham** Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIT Bombay, 2017. [Environmental Economics, Infrastructures economics]
- 7. **Rajesh B** -Assistant Professor, PhD Computer Science from REVA University, Bangalore, 2020 [Signal Processing, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning]
- 8. **Sheetal Bharat -**Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from University of California, Riverside, USA, 2012. [Economic History, History of Economic Thought, Development Economics, Political Economy]
- 9. Sumirtha Gandhi Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from IIT Chennai, 2021. [Health Economics, Behavioural Economics, Applied Econometrics]
- 10. Aritri Chakravarthy Assistant Professor, PhD Economics from Centre for Development Studies (affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University), Thiruvananthapuram

VISITING FACULTY [Courses they have taught at the University]

- 11. N S Vishwanath Ph.D (Agricultural Marketing) M.P. Birla Institute of Management
- 12. Mehak Majeed Ph.D, Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru. [Statistics for Economics ii]
- 13. Lalith Achoth- PhD [Statistics for Economics ii]
- 14. Sneha Martin MA English Literature, St Teresa College, Eranakulam [English]
- 15. **Balaji Naik L,** KSET Mysore University, PG Translation Diploma Bangalore University, M.A in English Mangalore University (DCC), M.A in Hindi, Bangalore University. [Basics of Kannada and Hindi]
- 16. Pathan Hasan-PhD Hindi, Central University of Karnataka [Advanced Hindi]
- 17. Shivamallu PhD, Bangalore university, B.A, B.E. [Advanced Kannada]
- 18. H.K.Moulesh M.A in Sociology, Bangalore Uiversity [Economics of Caste and Discrimination]
- 19. Neeraj Hatekar Ph.D, Mumbai [Advanced Microeconomics]

Students

Students are the finest asset of the University, and there are dedicated faculty members and office staff to support them.

First batch of students showed great initiative and drive through their internship process. Some undergraduate dissertations are already published. This is apart from the conference presentations made by the students of the University. Students, very early in their undergraduate Economics programme have won prizes at various undergraduate level research competitions across the country. The University Placement Cell (UPC) manage internships/placements for students and secured 100% internship placement for MSc Economics batch 2020-21 and currently final placements session is on-going.

The faculty at this University are young and enthusiastic about research and teaching. Their classroom discussions are lively and students are fully engaged - intellectually. This is achieved through a seamless integration of their own research findings with the University curriculum. The areas they are currently researching include Macroeconomics, Public Finance, International Finance, Information Asymmetry, Financial Economics, Choice Modelling, Modelling Returns to Skill, Data Mining, History of Economic Methodology, Political Economy, Environmental and Energy, Labour, and Health Economics among others. As we are soon going to be recruiting more full-time faculty members, we expect this list to expand greatly. The University recently initiated University Working Paper series to disseminate faculty/student research. For more details, please visit www.base.ac.in.



Summer Internships - 2021 for 2 years MSc Economics



Entrance and Course Details

Programs Offered:

- Five-year Integrated M.Sc. Economics as per NEP 2020 [75 seats for Indian candidates + 5 seats for PIO/Foreign Nationals]
- Two-year M.Sc. Economics (20 seats for Indian candidates + 5 seats for PIO/Foreign Nationals
- Two-year M.Sc. Financial Economics (30 seats for Indian candidates + 5 seats for PIO/Foreign Nationals

Admission Eligibility:

a. Five-year Integrated M.Sc. Economics

For admission to the five-year integrated M.Sc. Economics programme, candidates should have passed in 12th Std/2nd PUC / Equivalent Exam with English as one of the Languages and Mathematics as a core subject and obtained a minimum of 65% marks (60% for SC/ST) in aggregate.

> Two-year M.Sc. Economics and Two-year M.Sc. Financial Economics

For admission to our two-year M.Sc. programmes, Candidates should have completed B.Sc. (Honours)/B. A (Honours) in Economics or B.Sc./ B.A in Economics with Mathematics and Statistics/Econometrics as major courses in the degree with minimum of 55% (50% for SC/ST) in aggregate.)

Note: -

- Admission to all the programs offered at this University for the year 2022-23 are based on Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) 2022 to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).
- 2. Application for all three will be available at NTA website. It is compulsory to fill the application at NTA website and opt for Dr.B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University as one of the preferences in NTA-CUET application.
- 3. Please go through the website <u>www.nta.ac.in</u> for applying online and for more updates.
- 4. In addition to filling the CUET forms, the applicants also compulsorily fill our university application available at www.base.ac.in

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

- 1. Candidates are required to fill in a Common University Entrance Test (CUET) 2022 online application form and appear for the test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). For details on test schedules, syllabus and other information please visit www.nta.ac.in. Admissions to the above-mentioned courses are based on performance in CUET 2022 and as per the eligibility criteria and reservations roster.
- 2. Selection process for the PIO/ Foreign National is based on the merit list of the performance in the respective qualifying examination.

Timelines for CUET 2022 UG entrance as provided by NTA as well as our university's application timelines is as follows (however, applicants need to visit NTA and our website regularly for any change in the timelines and also for the timelines for PG courses)

Particulars	Dates
Start date of NTA -CUET application	6 th April 2022
End date of NTA – CUET application:	22 nd May 2022 upto 5:00pm
Start date of University's online	20th April 2022
application form	
Last date of University's online	6 th June 2022
application form submission	
Issue of admit cards (Download)	To be announced later on the website
Date of online entrance test (CBT)	First/Second week of July 2022
Result declaration / Score card	To be announced later
(Download)	
Merit list declaration	To be announced later
Counselling date	To be announced later
Orientation programme and commencement of classes	To be announced later

* All dates are subject to change depending on Government regulations

Reservation of seats:

- 60% seats are reserved for students of Karnataka and the remaining 40% seats are open for students of all states including Karnataka.
- Of the total seats 20% seats are reserved for SC category and 10% seats are reserved for ST category as per the orders of Government of Karnataka.
- For Karnataka Category seats(60%) other OBC reservation (including 371(J)) would be adopted as per the norms.
- Detailed Reservation rosters of all three courses is available at university website, <u>www.base.ac.in</u>
- In addition to the above-mentioned seats, 5 seats are reserved for persons of Indian origin (PIO) and foreign nationals for each of the three programmes listed above.

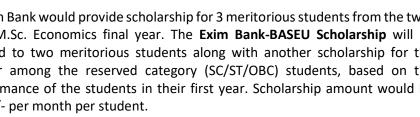


- 1. The fee is nominal when compared with other institutes and universities providing similar but not same course.
- 2. The details of fee structure for the Five-year Integrated M.Sc. Economics course, two-year M.Sc. Economics course and Two-year M.Sc. Financial Economics course for the year 2022-23 are available at the University website <u>www.base.ac.in</u>:
- 3. Note: Fee Refund Policy for the students who want to withdraw their seat after admission will be as per UGC policy
- 4. The Fees structure is subject to revision on the basis of the University and shall be notified through separate notification.

Scholarships / Fellowships

1. Scholarships: University shall facilitate the scholarship applications of the reserved category and minority students of Karnataka by providing them the required AISHE (All India Survey on Higher Education) Code, which is necessary during online application in the National Scholarship Portal (https://scholarships.gov.in/).

2. Exim Bank would provide scholarship for 3 meritorious students from the twoyear M.Sc. Economics final year. The Exim Bank-BASEU Scholarship will be offered to two meritorious students along with another scholarship for the topper among the reserved category (SC/ST/OBC) students, based on the performance of the students in their first year. Scholarship amount would be 5,000/- per month per student.









The Halls of Residence

University offers only full-time residential programmes. Residing on campus enables students to widen their horizon and acquire important interpersonal skills. There are separate girls' and boys' hostel blocks in the campus.

Students are each provided with a cot, cupboard, chair and desk. They are advised to bring their own mattresses, curtains and bed-linen. Hostels have 24hour running hot water facility. Laundry facilities are also available in the hostels. As Bengaluru experiences cold weather during November-January, students are advised to bring blankets and warm clothing.

The Halls of Residence have a common-room area for each floor, facilities for indoor games and a small in-house library. To ensure uninterrupted power supply, the Halls of Residence have their own generators. Facilities of the public call office (PCO) and 24-hour security are some of the other features which ensure that students enjoy basic amenities and security so that they can focus on their studies.

The Halls of Residence Rules and Regulations are shared at the beginning of each academic year. Committees are constituted to ensure compliance. Students are expected to adhere to the Rules and Regulations, failing which they will be subject to disciplinary action. Students must also identify a local guardian who can be contacted in case of any emergency.

All the day-to-day activities are to be managed by the students themselves through any committees necessary for maintaining discipline, planning meals, or other activities. At the beginning of every academic year, students may be elected to the committees. This will enable students to gain valuable organisational skills. The kitchen will serve vegetarian food on all days and nonvegetarian food on designated days.

The residents are not permitted to leave campus without permission and are not allowed to stay outside their Halls of Residence, after specified hours. Keeping four/two wheelers on campus is not permitted.

The University reserves the right to refuse admission into the Halls of Residence to students who refuse to abide by the Rules and Regulations.

The wardens of the girls' and boys' hostels may be approached at any time.





Facilities

Academic

I. Library

While the University library is under construction, the temporary library houses all the books needed and recommended for all courses taught. Every week, new books are added to the shelves on the recommendation of the faculty.

Very soon, we expect to have online access to economics and related disciplines journals. In the meanwhile, we benefit from the memberships with ICSSR, the ISEC library, and DELNET.

ii. Guest lecture series

A holistic understanding of any subject requires an interdisciplinary approach. This is done by not only having theoretical courses on subjects such as Ethics, Economy and Society, Political Economy, Perspectives in Social Sciences etc. but by also conducting discussions on various topics of Social Sciences disciplines by inviting various leading researcher since their respective fields. This initiates rich academic discussions, which widens the knowledge of the students. This approach builds a bridge between Economics and other social sciences disciplines.

iii. Distinguished Lecture Series

University is proud to have already started the Distinguished Lecture Series with the worldrenowned Dr Avinashi Dixit of Princeton University – telecast live on 11th February 2021. We have more exciting lectures scheduled in the coming months.

iv. Foundation Day Lecture Series

October is the month that university Act came into existence. University will be annually celebrating during the month of October Foundation Day. We plan to have an eminent speaker address the staff, faculty and students of the University, as well as the people of Bengaluru.

v. Wi-Fi Campus

The entire campus will be provided with highspeed internet.

vi: Smart Classrooms

Classrooms are equipped each with a touchscreen computer, projector, and an audio system to facilitate the use of all kinds of media for classroom activities.

Vii: Computer Laboratory

Two large Computer Laboratory is nearly ready with powerful systems which will have all the required software.

Disciplinary Norms



Note to the Students:

The University expects the students to be highly focused in academics and make maximum use of the facilities available for holistic development. Exams will be conducted periodically.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru is dedicated not only to learning and advancement of knowledge but also to developing ethical and responsible human beings. The disciplinary policies are made with this uncompromising perspective.

 Ragging of any kind and magnitude inside/ outside the college campus will lead to appropriate disciplinary action. • Any kind of disturbing behaviour in the campus is not permitted.

• Smoking, use of drugs, alcohol or peddling drugs in the campus is prohibited.

 Any ill-treatment, both physical and verbal, based on gender, caste and religion will lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

Note to Parents:

Parents and guardians are asked to follow the student's progress in studies and his/her general conduct in and outside the college. Their co-operation is solicited specially to ensure a regular attendance and academic progress. Visit regularly the University website www.base.ac.in for any information about your ward / university particularly through Student Portal.











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