



**B.V. Patel Institute of Management  
Uka Tarsadia University**



**Date: 28-07-2022**

**Expert Session on “Kautilya Arthashashtra”**

**Objectives & Outcomes of the session:**

The session aimed at bringing realization among students on how economics as a discipline is of Indian origin and was most effectively practiced in ancient India.

At the end of the session the students were able to:

- Develop basic understanding of “Kautilya Arthashashtra”
- Understand the principles & practices of “Kautilya Arthashashtra”
- Establish relevance of “Kautilya Arthashashtra” to their classroom understanding of Economics as a subject

Date	28-07-2022
Time	9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Venue	J D Hall
No. of Students	220
Coordinator	Dr Anuradha Pathak, Parvez Malek, Bhavna Patel, Nisha Tollawala
Speaker	Mr. Mukund Bhokarkar, Chief Operating Office, BridgeskillsIT, Vadodara
Category	Management Club

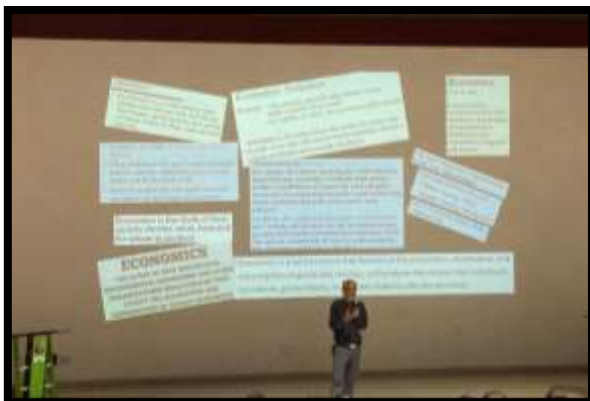
An Expert Session was organized by B. V. Patel Institute of Management, Uka Tarsadia University on “Kautilya Arthashashtra” on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at J D Hall, for the second and third year students of BBA Program.

The students of BBA Program study economics as a subject and the session aimed at developing in them the basic understanding on how economics as a discipline is of Indian origin and was most effectively practiced in ancient India during the reign of Chanakya.

Mr. Mukund Bhokarkar started the session with the concept of servant leadership which is assumed to be of recent origin, however, the practices could be traced in ancient India

especially during the reign of Gupta Dynasty when Kautilya's ideology of economics was in practice.

Kautilya's Arthashastra provides an insight into the ancient Indian anthology of political wisdom, theory, and the art of statecraft. It is one of the major political and strategic treatises that constitute a collection of timeless concepts. The expert tried to explain the concept of Economics through the perspective of "Sanatan" meaning eternal. He enlightened the audience on the meaning of "Arthashashtra" in context of mythology and ancient India. He explained that Arthashashtra is a treatise on artha written about 2300 years ago consisting of 15 adhikarnaa with slokas occurring at the end of the chapters.



*Mr. Mukund Bhokarkar addressing the students*

With the help of slokas he explained the lessons on Sanatan Dharma highlighting the importance of subject, questioning the rationale, presuppositions, epilogue and conclusion and principles arrived.

The session was also an eye opener for the students on the richness of Indian Culture since the ancient times in the matter of economic, statistics and State Governance.



*Expert presented with a memento as a gesture of appreciation*