**The MPP Admissions Process (2021-22)**

There will be **two tracks** through which applications for MPP will be processed:

1. Applicants **with** GATE exam scores and
2. Applicants **without** GATE exam scores

These two tracks will be treated separately for the generation of the final MERIT LIST.

**There are 12 TA positions and 18 non-TA positions (SF/SW/FA), making a total of 30 MPP seats. The filling up of seats will depend on threshold levels of performance defined by CPS.**

**Track 1. For Applicants Who’ve Taken GATE Exam**

A. An initial **GATE Score cut-off of 500**, with corresponding cut-offs for **OBC-NC and SC/ST**, will be used for accepting applicants for subsequent rounds of essay test and interview.

B. GATE applicants **at or above the cut-offs**, will be asked to submit their written essays. They will be assessed on 80% score: 70% GATE + 10% Essay. Those selected will move to the final round of interviews.

C. A **Final Merit List** will be generated based on the following 100% score: 70% GATE + 10% Essay + 20% Interview.

**Track 2. For Eligible Applicants Who’ve NOT Taken The GATE Exam**

A. **All non-GATE** applicants will appear for the essay test.

B. Selected applicants, depending on their performance in the essay test, will move to the final interview stage.

C. The **Final Merit List** will use the following 100% score: 40% Essay + 60% interview.

**Essay Test: May 31 – June 02**

**Interview: June 15 and 16**

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