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INSTITUTE NEWS

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IIPA celebrated its 72nd Founders' Day and fifth Dr Rajendra Prasad Annual Memorial Lecture on 'AI for Sushasan (Good Governance)' on April 15, 2026. The Hon'ble Vice President of India and President of IIPA Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan ji was the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman of IIPA Dr Jitendra Singh ji was the guest of honour. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Vice President of India delivered the 5th Dr. Rajendra Prasad Annual Memorial Lecture on the theme.

"You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself." – Swami Vivekanand



He said, "AI is redefining governance, giving governments a new superpower - the ability to better understand, respond, and serve citizens than ever before. Describing AI as a key enabler in the journey towards a Viksit Bharat by 2047, he said, it is making governance faster, smarter, and more transparent. He stated that Artificial Intelligence is not just a technological revolution but a human revolution. The Vice

President called upon all stakeholders to harness AI as a force for good governance and to build a society that is just, inclusive, and compassionate". Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde, Director General of IIPA and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. "Even in one single year, that is the last year, IIPA conducted as many as 129 courses for over 6,000 officials, reaffirming its rich legacy as a premier centre for training, research, and policy discourse in public administration. The institute is, therefore, best suited to act as nodal agency to coordinate with Capacity Building Commission, DoPT, National Centre for Good Governance, LBSNAA Mussoorie and Department of Administrative Reforms to design training frameworks for AI-enabled governance", said the Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman of IIPA.

Programme for Joint Secretaries to the Government of Sikkim

A management development programme on *Visit Sikkim: Strategic Governance, Infrastructure Resilience and Digital Transformation* for Joint Secretaries to the Government of Sikkim was organised from April 20-24, 2026. It was sponsored by Department of Personnel, Government of Sikkim. Around twenty participants attended the programme. It was coordinated by Prof VN Alok and Dr. Pawan K. Taneja.



Training programme for Gujarat Gazetted Officers and Science City personnel



A five-day exposure and institutional training for Gujarat Gazetted Officers and Science City personnel was organised from April 20-24, 2026. It was sponsored by Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration, Ahmedabad. Around forty-four participants attended the programme. It was coordinated by Dr Surabhi Pandey.

Orientation course for officials of Indian Coast Guard on Excellence in Administration

A three-week orientation course for officials of Indian Coast Guard on Excellence in Administration was organised at IIPA from April 20-May 8, 2026. It was sponsored by Indian Coast Guard, Ministry of Defence, Government of India. The objective of the programme was to enhance the participant's skills, knowledge and effectiveness to foster dynamic changes in the working of Indian Coast Guard. Around nine officials attended this programme. Dr Saket Bihari and Dr Manan Dwivedi were the programme coordinators.



Programme on Project and Risk Management for Public Works for Officials of Mozambique



A customised two-week international Management Development Programme on Project and Risk Management for Public Works for Officials of Mozambique was organised from March 31-April 13, 2026. It was sponsored by Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India. The objective was to promote and provide for the study of Public Administration and

economic and political science. Around thirty-five participants attended the programme. It was coordinated by Dr Roma M Debnath and Dr Pawan K Taneja.

FACULTY/CAMPUS NEWS

- ❖ Legendary cricketer Shri Kapil Dev visited IIPA on April 2, 2026. He interacted with the 51st APPPA participants.



- ❖ IIPA hosted Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, SYSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), for his insightful address on "Transforming the Indian Army in the Changing World Security Paradigm" on April 10, 2026. He interacted with the participants of the 51st APPPA.

- ❖ IIPA hosted the Hon'ble Governor of Mizoram, Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd) on April 22, 2026. He interacted with the participants of the 51st APPPA on adopting a whole-of-government approach to national security provided invaluable perspectives, highlighting the importance of coordination, strategic foresight, and integrated policymaking in today's complex security environment.



- ❖ IIPA has organised a farewell dinner for 51st Batch of APPPA officials at Akash Mess, Air force officers mess New Delhi on April 28, 2026.

NEWS FROM BRANCHES

Maharashtra Regional Branch

The branch in association with General Administration Department (AIE & GG) organised the Late Shri B.G. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture 2026-27 on April 24, 2026. It was themed on Citizen Services in the Age of AI. Dr Surendrakumar Bagde, IAS, Director General of IIPA delivered the keynote address. Shri Swadheen Kshatriya, IAS (Retd), Hony Chairman of the branch chaired the event. Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra was the Guest of Honour. Hony Treasurer Shri Vikas V Deodhar gave the vote of thanks.



Karnataka Regional Branch



The branch in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University organised a lecture on *Redressal of Regional Imbalances in Karnataka: Hits, Misses and the Way Forward* by Dr. M. Govinda Rao, Chairman, Karnataka Regional Imbalance Redressal Committee on April 16, 2026 at the Venkatagiri Gowda Auditorium, Bangalore University. Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Chairman of the branch gave the opening remarks. Dr. Basavaraja Benni, Professor of Economics, Bangalore University made several recommendations. Prof. S.Y. Surendra Kumar, Professor of Political Science was the discussant. Dr. S.M. Jayakar, Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University gave the presidential address. The programme began with a welcome address by Professor Veena Devi, Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, who coordinated the event along with Dr. Jeevan Kumar, Secretary of the branch.

"We must remember all those who have given their lives in the sake of freedom." – Dr Rajendra Prasad

Puducherry Regional Branch

The branch in association with the Centre for Career Development and Industry Relations organised an awareness programme on UPSC/Government Competitive Examinations and Employment Opportunities on April 7, 2026. Dr R.R. Dhanapall, Chairman of the branch and Dr R.D Jayavijayan, Joint Secretary of the branch were the special guest on the occasion.



Presidential address was by Dr S. Gurulingam, Principal, Achariya College of Engineering and Technology, Villianur, Puducherry.

Chhattisgarh Regional Branch



On the occasion of the civil services day a meeting was organised in Mahanadi Bhawan. Shri Vikash Sheel, Chief Secretary of the Chhattisgarh was in the chair. The members of the three All India Services, IAS, IPS, and IFS were invited to the meeting. Collectors of all districts of the state also joined on line. Shri SK Misra, Chairman of the branch; Shri Ajay Singh, Vice Chairman and Shri Anup

Kumar Shrivastava , Secretary of the branch were also invited. Chairman Shri Misra gave a brief presentation on the objectives of the activities of IIPA and the branch.

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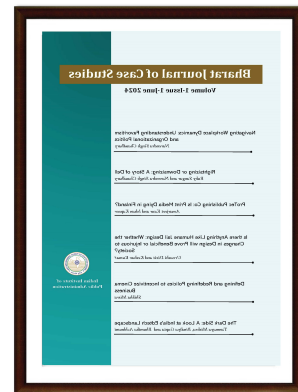
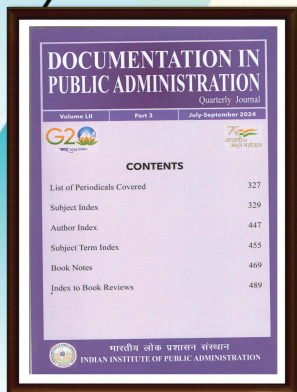
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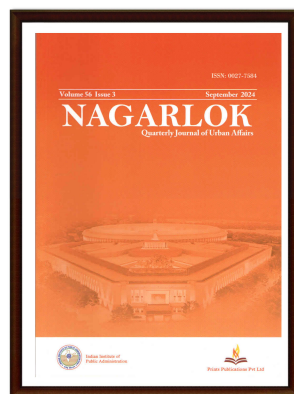
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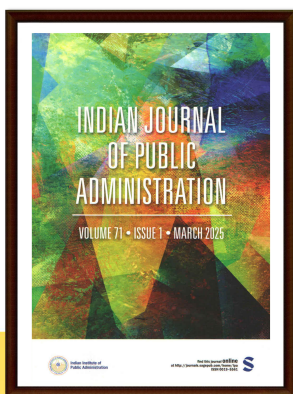
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