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Artificial Intelligence is empowering governments to serve better than ever before. AI is an enabler for building a Viksit Bharat that is inclusive, efficient, and future-ready

Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice-President of India and President of IIPA at Founders' Day event of IIPA held on April 15, 2026

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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.



Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman of IIPA at Founders' Day event of IIPA held on April 15, 2026

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INSTITUTE NEWS

Nokia Smartpur x REACHA Annual Impact Workshop 2026



The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) organised and participated as the Knowledge Partner in the Nokia Smartpur x REACHA Annual Impact Workshop 2026, held from 31 July to 1 August 2026 at IIPA, New Delhi. The workshop brought together Smartpur teams from 11 States to review programme achievements, exchange best practices, and promote collaborative learning for advancing digital inclusion in rural India. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Pawan K. Taneja, Faculty, IIPA.

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi



The inaugural session was attended by Ms. Nivedita Anugula Sethupathy (Nokia CSR), Shri Sumeet Singh, IRTS, Director, Capacity Building Commission of India, Shri Vikas Kejriwal from the Ministry of Home Affairs, and Dr. Prashant Chauhan of Amity University. In his opening remarks, Dr. Taneja underscored the importance of organisational learning and encouraged participating teams to openly share not only successful practices but also implementation challenges and lessons from unsuccessful experiences. He observed

that candid reflection on both achievements and setbacks is essential for continuous improvement and more effective programme implementation.

30th Steering Committee meeting of the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS)

The 30th Steering Committee meeting of the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) was held on 5 August 2026 to discuss annual activities of the year 2025-26 and action plan of the 2026-27 of CUS. Dr. Surendrakumar Bagde, IAS, Director General, IIPA chaired the meeting and Shri S.P. Singh, IPS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Affairs, Government of India, Shri A.K. Singh, IAS, Special Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Shri C.C. Lalchhuangkima, Additional Secretary, Department of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of Mizoram, Shri Neeraj Kumar, IFS, Director, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh (through VC) participated. Prof. Charru Malhotra, Professor (e-Governance and ICT), Dr. Sachin Chowdhry, Associate Professor (Public Administration), Dr. Amit Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor (Urban Development) were also present in the meeting. Prof. V.N. Alok, Coordinator, Centre for Urban Studies made a presentation on the activities of the CUS in the meeting.

In-Service Training Programme for Promoted Officers of Bihar Secretariat Service, Government of Bihar (sponsored by BIPARD)



The training of the officers of Government of Bihar was conducted from 3rd to 7th August 2026 by Dr Mamata Pathania and Dr Amit Kumar Singh at the IIPA Campus in Delhi. 34 officers participated. The objective of the programme was to bridge the transition from operational to strategic roles of the newly promoted officers. The officers were familiarized with contemporary governance frameworks, e-governance tools, service conduct and public service delivery mechanism. The programme coordinators are Dr Mamta Pathania and Dr Amit Kumar Singh.

Delegation from Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS)

On the request of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in India and with the approval of the MEA, Government of India, IIPA hosted the five-member delegation from Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), headed by Prof. Dr. Tạ Minh Tuấn, Vice President of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences on 6th August 2026. Areas of collaboration between IIPA and VASS were discussed.



15-Day Refresher Course for Lateral Entrants in the Government of India (Joint Secretaries/Directors/Deputy Secretaries)



IIPA conducted 15-Day Refresher Course for Lateral Entrants in the Government of India (Joint Secretaries/ Directors / Deputy Secretaries) from 17th August to 31st August 2026. The programme was coordinated by Prof V N Alok and Dr Pawan Kumar Taneja. The programme was attended by 17 lateral entrant officers. The programme was focused on contemporary public policy challenges, digital governance, public finance, sectoral governance reforms and

flagship national programmes that contribute to the realization of Viksit Bharat.

Five-Day Management Development Programme (MDP) for ITBP Officers (DIGs & Commandants)

IIPA conducted Five-Day Management Development Programme (MDP) for ITBP Officers (DIGs & Commandants) from 31st August to 4th September 2026. The programme was coordinated by Dr Surabhi Pandey. The programme was attended by 36 senior officers of ITBP. The programme theme was 'Leading with Strategic Vision, Ethical Courage and Technological Intelligence in a Complex Security Environment'.



"The main task of India today is to consolidate herself into a well-knit and united power." - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

CAMPUS/FACULTY NEWS

Celebration of 80th Independence Day of India at IIPA Campus



80th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the IIPA Campus on 15th August 2026. Dr Surendrakumar Bagde, IAS, DG, IIPA hoisted the flag and the officials of IIPA along with their family members attended the programme.



BRANCHES NEWS

Karnataka Regional Branch

The Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA, in collaboration with the BA Programme of Bangalore University, organized a Special Lecture by Dr. Arvind Rao, Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, USA on "*Safe and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence by Students*" on 18th August 2026 for the undergraduate students of Bangalore University. Presidential remarks on the occasion were delivered by Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Secretary of Karnataka and Chairperson of the Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA. Prof. S.R. Keshava, Senior Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the BA Programme at Bangalore University welcomed the guest and gathering. Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar, Secretary of the Branch proposed a vote of thanks.



Karnataka Regional Branch



The Karnataka Regional Branch of the IIPA, in collaboration with Presidency College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, organized a National Seminar on "Digital Transformation, Social Justice and Inclusive Governance in Contemporary India" on 28 August 2026 in the premises of the college. The Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session was delivered by Shri T.

Bhoobalan, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for e-Governance, Government of Karnataka. He stated that India and Karnataka are harnessing technological transformation to build governance that is efficient and innovative, while remaining just, accountable, democratic and inclusive. Dr. Mohammed Sirajuddeen, Convenor of the National Seminar provided the conceptual framework for the seminar. Presidential remarks were made by Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Secretary of Karnataka and Chairperson, Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Shinde, Principal of Presidency College welcomed the guests and gathering. Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar, Secretary of the Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA proposed a vote of thanks. The National Seminar, organized in hybrid mode, had 22 paper presentations (12 offline and 10 online). The Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session was Dr. Anushree S., Faculty, School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

MEMBERS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE

o The 70th Members' Annual Conference of IIPA to be held in October 2026. The theme/subject of the Conference is "Citizen Services in the Age of AI". All the members of the IIPA are eligible to submit their papers on the theme.

o The length of the papers should be between 1500-3000 words in typescript. Papers exceeding this limit will be returned to the authors. All papers must be accompanied by a synopsis of about 300-400 words in typescript, which is intended to be a comprehensive summary of the paper giving in brief the most important issues being emphasized. The synopsis is intended to be read out at the Annual Conference. Papers without a synopsis will be returned to the authors.

o Entries may be sent to the Director General, IIPA or Research Coordination Unit at its email: rcunitiipa@gmail.com. The last date for receipt of entries is 10th October, 2026. Papers received thereafter will not be considered.

o The papers will be scrutinized by a committee of experts. Only those papers which are accepted for presentation will be circulated. However, synopses of all the papers will be circulated.

o As already communicated, all Regional/Local Branches may organize prelude conferences on the theme preceding the Annual Conference. The Regional/Local Branches will make a presentation of synopses/summaries of reports of the regional conference during the Annual Conference.



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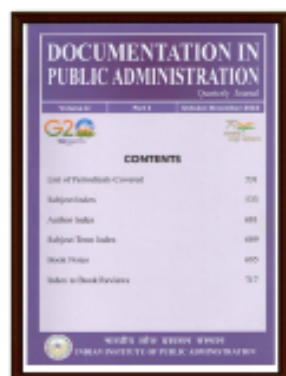
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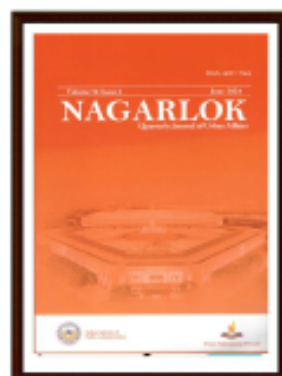
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