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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



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

One-day Capacity Building Programme for different Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Faridabad District of Haryana on 'Mobilization of Municipal Own Source Revenue'



The Centre for Urban Studies (CUS), IIPA conducted a one-day special training programme on Mobilisation of Municipal Own Source Revenue on 5th May 2026 at Faridabad in association with the Municipal Corporation, Faridabad. Ms. Saloni Sharma, Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad delivered the inaugural address. A group of 49 officers from the Municipal Corporation attended the workshop. Dr. Amit Kumar Singh coordinated the program.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

18th Dr. B.R Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on ‘Dr. B.R Ambedkar’s Vision of Justice and Constitutional Governance in India’

Dr. Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, IIPA, New Delhi organised a Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on the theme “Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Idea of Justice in the Indian Constitution” on 15th May 2026. Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was delivered by Hon’ble Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), who reflected upon B. R. Ambedkar’s profound understanding of justice as embodied in the Constitution of India. The programme also highlighted the significant role of the National Human Rights Commission in promoting and protecting human rights, fostering awareness of dignity, equality, justice, and institutional accountability. A special address was delivered by the Director General of Indian Institute of Public Administration, Shir Surendra Kumar Bagde, IAS. Prof. Nupur Tiwary, Chair Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar’s vision of the Constitution continues to guide India’s democratic and social transformation.



Mid-Career Training Programme for Assistant Registrars (Cooperative Society) & Audit Officers, Government of Bihar



Mid-Career Training Programme for Assistant Registrars (Cooperative Society) & Audit Officers, Government of Bihar was conducted in IIPA from 18th May – 22nd May 2026 at Sankalp Hall. The programme was coordinated by Dr Mamata Pathania and Dr Amit Kumar Singh. 13 officers of Government of Bihar participated in the training programme and sponsored by Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD). The officers were trained on

SDGs, Local Governance, Good Governance, Administrative Reforms, Digital Transformation, Procurement, Mission Karmayogi, Application of AI, Internal Audit etc.

“Ask nothing; want nothing in return. Give what you have to give; it will come back to you, but do not think of that now.”

Swami Vivekanand

One-day Conference on '16th Finance Commission and Local Public Finance' by Centre for Urban Studies (CUS), IIPA and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

The Centre for Urban Studies, IIPA and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) teamed up and organized a one-day conference on the '16th Finance Commission and Local Public Finance' on 21st May 2026 at The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi. Many institutions and agencies including the C&AG, RBI, 16th Finance Commission, NITI Aayog, MoHUA, MoPR, Delhi School of Economics, NIPFP, NIUA and various municipal bodies participated in the event. Director General, IIPA, Dr. Surendrakumar Bagde, President ICAI Shri Prasanna Kumar and Deputy C&AG and DG, International Centre for Audit of Local Governance (iCAL), Shri Manish Kumar addressed the participants in the inaugural session. The Coordinator, Centre for Urban Studies Prof. V.N. Alok moderated the 1st technical session which was chaired by Dr. M Ramachandran, Former Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development. Other panelists included Ms. Alka Rehani Bhardwaj, Additional Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General, Government Accounts & GASAB, Shri Rahul Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and former Joint Secretary the 16th Finance Commission, Shri Veer Singh Bohra, General Manager (Finance & Accounts), National Highways Authority of India and Dr. Manish Gupta, Associate Professor, NIPFP. Prof. Alok also participated as panelist in the 2nd technical session which was chaired by Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics and Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI. Prof. Alok also summed up the discussion in the final session.



Master Trainer Workshop on Freedom from Violence: Capacity Building of Elected Women Representatives on Legal Provisions for the Safety and Security of Women (Panchayat Representatives as the First Responders)

Master Trainer Workshop on Freedom from Violence: Capacity Building of Elected Women Representatives on Legal Provisions for the Safety and Security of Women (Panchayat Representatives as the First Responders) was organized from 25th May – 27th May 2026 at APPPA Lecture Hall by IIPA and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India. Prof V.N Alok was the programme coordinator. 40 participants belonging to the local governance level attended the training programme.



"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." - Rabindranath Tagore

FACULTY/CAMPUS NEWS

Prof V. N. Alok



Prof. V.N. Alok, Coordinator Centre for Urban Studies, presented keynote in the inaugural session of a national seminar organized at Bengaluru on 10th May 2026 on the Reports of the 16th Finance Commission and the Karnataka 5th State Finance Commission, Shri Veerappa Moily, Formerly Chief Minister, Karnataka and Chairman of the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission was the Chief Guest.

Prof. V.N. Alok

Prof. V.N. Alok, Coordinator Centre for Urban Studies, moderated a panel discussion on 'Innovative Financial Mechanism in Cities' in the National Consultation organized by Praja Foundation with National Institute of Urban Affairs in Mumbai at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre on 14th May 2026. Panelists included Ms. Sofia Dahiya, Principal Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ms. Solochana Das, Mayor, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Odisha and Ms. Meenal Chowbey, Mayor, Raipur Municipal Corporation.



Dr Amit Kumar Singh



Dr Amit Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Centre for Urban Studies attended two-day training programme under the National Level Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Urban Transport organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with GIZ India (SUM-ACA Project), held on 26th – 27th May 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

“Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.” - Dr B.R Ambedkar

NEWS FROM BRANCHES

Lecture on 'Evolving Landscape of Public Policy and Administrative Excellence' by IIPA Odisha Regional Branch in Bhubaneswar

IIPA Odisha Regional Branch hosted a high-level public lecture on 10th May 2026, centering on the evolving landscape of public policy and administrative excellence. The event drew a diverse crowd of policymakers, retired civil servants, and researchers. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA-ORB, delivered the Welcome Address and highlighted the growing importance of citizen-centric governance, digital transformation, transparency, accountability, and sustainable development in contemporary public administration. Professor Srinibas Pathi, the keynote speaker, dissected the intersection of global trends and local governance. He highlighted how technological shifts and participatory democracy are redefining how states serve their people. Equitable access and ethical leadership remain the cornerstones of this transition. While the discussion covered broad themes like the Sustainable Development Goals, it also celebrated local milestones. Pathi specifically praised the strides Odisha has made in disaster resilience and women's empowerment, noting that the state's proactive models often serve as blueprints for national policy.



“anubhavā vasānameva vidyā phalam. The fruit of knowledge, the fruit of vidyā is anubhava.” - Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan



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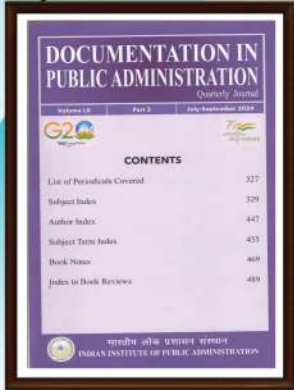
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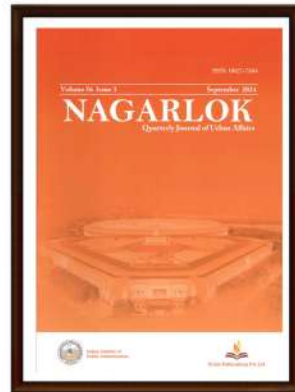
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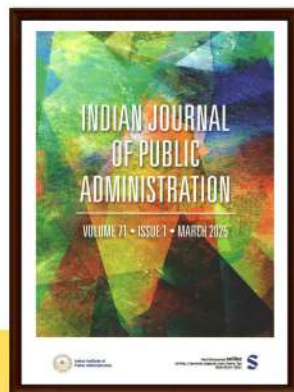
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