

IIPA and ICAI Join Hands to Strengthen Municipal Finance, Accounting and Urban Governance

The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), through the Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), through its Public and Government Financial Management Committee (PGFMC), signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 21 July 2026 to strengthen governance, financial accountability, and municipal accounting practices in Municipalities. The MoU shall be effective for a period of three years from 21 July 2026.

The MoU was signed in the presence of **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council; **Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde**, IAS, Director General, IIPA; **CA. Prasanna Kumar D**, President, ICAI; along with senior representatives from IIPA and ICAI.

The MoU aims to undertake joint research, policy studies, training programmes, workshops, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, while providing technical and advisory support to strengthen municipal accounting, financial management systems, and capacity building for Municipalities.

On this occasion, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions appreciated the initiative and said *“We are living in an era where digital transformation has made data-driven reporting and evidence-based decision-making indispensable for effective governance. Through this MoU, IIPA and ICAI will collaborate to promote research and knowledge development, strengthen capacity building and training, and provide technical and advisory support for advancing municipal accounting and financial management reforms”*.

Dr. Surendrakumar Bagde, Director General, IIPA said *“Municipal accounting is the primary step towards municipal reforms”*.

CA. Prasanna Kumar D, President, ICAI said *“This MoU will bring together the strengths of the two institutions (ICAI & IIPA) to strengthen municipal accounting, modernise financial management practices, and build the institutional capacity of municipalities to deliver transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric governance”*.

CA. Hans Raj Chugh, Chairman, PGFMC, ICAI said *“This collaboration is a catalyst for strengthening the capacity and competencies of Municipalities by supporting reforms in municipal accounting and financial management”*.

Prof. V. N. Alok, Coordinator, CUS in IIPA said that *“Municipal accounting reforms has been advocated for long and emerged as the priority for data driven accountable local governance.”*