

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Karnataka Regional Branch
Bengaluru

Report of National Conference

The Department of International Studies, Political Science and History of **Christ (Deemed-to-Be) University**, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the **Karnataka Regional Branch** of the **IIPA**, organized a **National Conference** on the theme, “*Contemporary Trends and Approaches in Public Policy and Public Administration*” on 11 and 12 March 2025 in the premises of Christ University. The **Inaugural Address** was delivered by **Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Secretary of Karnataka and Chairperson of the Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA. The **Presidential Address** was delivered by **Dr. Fr. Jose, CC**, Vice-Chancellor of Christ DTB University. A **Memorandum of Association** between the two institutions was signed on the occasion by Dr. Fr. Jose and Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar. **Dr. S.P. Vagishwari**, Head of the Department of International Studies, Political Science and History of Christ University welcomed the gathering. **Dr. Reetika Syal**, Assistant Professor in the Department and Convenor of the National Conference proposed a Vote of Thanks.

The **First Technical Session** on Day One had the following presentations:

1. **Dr. Sunayana Ganguly**, Co-Founder, Climate Educators Network spoke on *Sustainable Development and Environment*:
2. **Dr. Sangeetha Purshottaman**, Founder, Best Practices Foundation spoke on *Gender, Diversity and Inclusiveness*: and
3. **Ms. Vachana V.R.**, Manager- Advocacy, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, Bengaluru spoke on *Urban Governance*.

Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar chaired the session.

In the afternoon, there were Paper Presentations by Post-Graduate students of colleges and Universities in Bengaluru, as well as Poster Presentations by Under-Graduate students.

The **Second Technical Session** on Day Two of the conference had the following presentations:

4. **Ms. Manisha Marulasiddappa**, Manager Municipal Finance, Janaagraha, spoke on *Financial Governance*;
5. **Ms. Aishani Rai**, Manager, Aapti Institute spoke on *Digital Governance and E-Governance*; and
6. **Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar**, Hon. Professor, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University, spoke on *Participatory Governance and Citizen Engagement*.

Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar chaired the session.

The **Valedictory Address** was delivered online by **Smt. Uma Mahadevan**, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka. **Dr. K. Jayasankara Reddy**, Dean & Professor, School of Social Sciences, Christ University spoke

on the occasion. Awards and certificates were presented to the participating students. **Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson of the Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA delivered the Presidential Address. **Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar**, Secretary of the Branch proposed a Vote of Thanks.

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Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Chairperson, IIPA-KRB and Dr. Fr. Jose, C C, Vice-Chancellor of Christ (DTB) University are seen holding the Memorandum of Association between the two institutions which was signed on the occasion. At extreme left is Dr. Reetika Syal, Convenor of the conference. Next to her is Dr. S. P. Vagishwari, Head of the Department of International Studies, Political Science and History at Christ University. At extreme right is Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar.



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Left to Right – Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar, Dr. Sangeetha Purushothaman, Dr. Sunayana Ganguly, Ms. V. R. Vachana.

