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Report on KAS Taluk Nodal Officers 4th Training Program

The Karnataka Regional Branch of the IIPA, in collaboration with the IIPA, Mysuru Local Branch and ATI organized a day-long 4th Training Program for Taluk Nodal Officers of the Karnataka Administrative Service on the theme, “*Resolving Public Grievances and Increasing District Gross Domestic Product*” at the Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru on Friday, 18th July, 2025.



Above: Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Siddaramaiah with (from left) Shri T.M.Vijay Bhaskar, Chairperson IIPA KRB, Dr HC Mahadevappa, Hon Social Welfare Minister, Dr Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary, GoK, , Sri D Thimmaiah, MLC and Shri D.Randeeep, IAS, Secretary to GOK.

Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Siddaramaiah inaugurated the **training programme**.

He emphasised that every officer must read and understand the Constitution and internalise the values enshrined in it, failing which it would be impossible to implement its objectives. He said that liberty, equality and fraternity are ideals of the Constitution. He called upon officers to develop humanity and patience to understand the problems of the people and serve them.

Shri Siddaramaiah asked KAS officers to develop critical thinking and a scientific temper. He said “ Even after 75 years of the Constitutions implementation and 78 years since Independence, its objectives remain unfulfilled. Equal opportunities are still a

dream. **Equality and fraternity have not been fully realised.** We must ask ourselves why it is so and look for solutions” he said.

Recalling Dr B.R.Ambedkar's speech on 25th November, 1949 – the day before the adoption of the Constitution, he pointed out that Dr Ambedkar had warned “ We are entering a society with inequalities and contradictions. **If we do not remove these inequalities, the oppressed people will destroy the edifice of democracy.**”

“This is a warning for every officer. **It is everyone’s responsibility to protect democracy.** Dr Ambedkar cautioned what will happen if we fail in our responsibility” he said. Shri Siddaramaiah said that the country has many castes and religions. “ Buddha, Basavanna and Dr Ambedkar - all worked for establishing a casteless society, yet caste has not disappeared. Society will become dynamic only when everyone achieves social and economic strength and equality is attained”

Shri Siddaramaiah said “ We politicians have to face elections every five years. **But officers serve continuously. Hence, officers should utilise the opportunity to serve the people and therefore they have a greater responsibility to implement people-centric programmes of the government**”

Hon Minister for Social Welfare and incharge Minister of Mysuru district, Shri H.C.Mahadevappa spoke about the need for officers to work with compassion and empathy for the poor. Chief Secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh, Shri T.M.Vijay Bhaskar, Chairperson, IIPA-KRB, Shri D. Randeep, Secretary, Shri Shivaswamy, President KAS Officers Association and others were present.

87 KAS Taluk Nodal Officers from all over the State participated in the programme. In their written feedback, more than 70% of the participants rated the training programme as Excellent while the rest rated it as Good. More than 85% felt that the programme was Most relevant.

Below: KAS Officer participants and members of the audience

