

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
**Karnataka Regional Branch**  
**Bengaluru**

**Report of Event**

The **Indian Institute of Public Administration – Karnataka Regional Branch** (IIPA-KRB), in association with **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University** (BASEU), Bengaluru organised a **Guest Lecture** by **Shri. R. Gokul**, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director (Technical Cell), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Government of Karnataka on the theme “**Challenges in Implementing Environmental Policy**” at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of **Shri. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Secretary of Karnataka and current Chairman of IIPA-KRB, alongside **Dr. N.R. Bhanumurthy**, Vice-Chancellor of BASEU.

**Mr. Gokul** elaborated on the various challenges in the effective implementation of environmental policies including population growth, lifestyle changes, rapid urbanisation and industrialisation. He emphasized the casualness among citizens, the lack of education and awareness as significant hurdles and the necessity for research and development in managing household solid and liquid waste. Furthermore, he attributed the water crisis in Bengaluru to rapid urbanisation and the neglect of preserving lakes and trees. To combat environmental pollution, he advocated initiatives such as waste-to-wealth conversion, shift from consumption culture to conservation culture and widespread adoption of solar energy and rainwater harvesting practices. He also showcased few sustainable products such as items manufactured from plastic waste and organic manure produced from wet waste. He concluded the lecture by emphasising the shared responsibility of the government and each and every citizen in environment preservation. The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session, involving students and faculty.

**Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar** delivered the Presidential Address where he notably shared his insights regarding the role of incentives and disincentives in environment preservation.

The student representatives of **Prakruti**, The Environment Club of BASEU coordinated and organised the event. **Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar**, Secretary, IIPA-KRB proposed a vote of thanks.

The event was followed by the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Karnataka Regional Branch of the IIPA and BASE University for engaging in collaborative activities.

*Pic below shows Mr. R. Gokul delivering his Guest Lecture. Also seen are Dr. N.R. Bhanumurthy (extreme left) and Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar.*

