

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Karnataka Regional Branch
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Report of Collaborative National Seminar

The **Karnataka Regional Branch** of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, in collaboration with the **Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE-Bengaluru)** and the **Institute for Social and Economic Change** organized a two-day National Seminar on “**SUSTAINITI-2024: Sustainable Development in an Unequal World – Public Policy Paths**” on 5-6 June 2024 at the MAHE-Bengaluru campus.

The **Inaugural Address** was delivered by **Prof. Madhu Veeraraghavan**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, MAHE-BLR. The **Keynote Address** was delivered by **Prof. M.V. Nadkarni**, Hon. Visiting Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru. The **Chief Guest** was **Prof. D. Rajasekhar**, Director, ISEC. **Mr. S. Ramanathan**, IAS (Retd.), Chairman-Emeritus of IIPA-KRB released three books on the occasion. A **Memorandum of Understanding** between **MAHE-BLR** and the **Karnataka Regional Branch of IIPA** was signed on the occasion, **Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of the Branch presided over the inaugural session. **Prof. Anil Kumar**, Head of the Centre for Study of Political Institutions, Governance and Development, ISEC presented an overview of the seminar.

Highlights of the two-day **National Seminar** were the following:

1. **Panel Discussions** were held on (1) *Sustainability from Different Perspectives* and (2) *Interlinking Data and Communication in Public Policy-Making for Sustainable Development*.
2. About **35 papers** were presented in **ten Technical Sessions** dealing with different dimensions of sustainability and Sustainable Development.
3. A ‘**Sustainiti Oath**’ was taken on World Environment Day (5th June 2024); and
4. A **Campus Walk** was coordinated by the Rewilding Team which highlighted the various initiatives being taken to making the MAHE-BLR campus a green and eco-friendly one.

The **Valedictory Address** was delivered by **Dr. A. Ravindra**, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Centre for Sustainable Development, Bengaluru. **Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of IIPA-KRB presided over the valedictory session. **Dr. Harini Santhanam**, Head, Department of Public Policy, MAHE-BLR proposed a Vote of Thanks.

*Pic below shows (from R to L) **Prof. D. Rajasekhar**, Director, ISEC; **Prof. Madhu Veeraraghavan**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, MAHE-BLR; **Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Karnataka Regional Branch, IIPA; **Prof. M.V. Nadkarni**, Hon. Visiting Professor, ISEC and **Dr. Harini Santhanam**, Head, Dept. of Public Policy, MAHE-BLR.*

