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## **PARI and IACA Sign Landmark MoU to Strengthen Anti-Corruption Governance Across India**

*A historic partnership reaffirms India's commitment to transparent, accountable, and integrity-driven governance*



In a defining moment for India's governance reform landscape, the Parliamentary and Administrative Research Institute (PARI), New Delhi has signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Laxenburg, Vienna, Austria. The signing ceremony took place on 25 February 2026 at IACA, Laxenburg Vienna, Austria, marking the formal commencement of a long-term strategic alliance aimed at building robust anti-corruption capacities within India's public sector.

*“This MoU is not merely a document, it is a declaration of our shared vision to build an India where integrity in governance is not just an aspiration, but a living reality. PARI is proud to walk this path with IACA, and we look forward to empowering our nation’s finest public servants with the knowledge and tools to uphold the highest standards of accountability.”*

**– Dr Narmadeshwar Prasad, Founder Director, PARI**

*“Cooperation across borders is essential in today’s fight against corruption. Our collaboration with PARI demonstrates how international expertise and national leadership can come together to strengthen institutional resilience. Through this partnership, we aim to support sustainable capacity-building efforts that reinforce ethical governance and long-term integrity systems.”*

**– Mr Drago Kos, Interim Dean, IACA**

## **A Partnership Rooted in Proven Results**

The MoU formalizes and deepens an association between PARI and IACA that has already demonstrated its immense impact on India's governance ecosystem. Over the course of their collaboration, PARI has successfully facilitated **four batches of specialized Anti-Corruption and Good Governance training programmes** through IACA, benefiting **more than 40 senior and mid level government officers** drawn from across the spectrum of India's public institutions.

The participating officers represent **more than 15 government organisations** – spanning Central Government Ministries, State Governments, and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) – reflecting the broad national relevance and reach of this initiative. Among the participating institutions across the four batches have been the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology; Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly; Mizoram Legislative Assembly; Nagaland Legislative Assembly; and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, underscoring the diverse and cross-sectoral character of this initiative. The programmes have earned widespread recognition and appreciation from senior level officers including Joint Secretary across Ministries, PSUs, and State Governments.



During the most recent training, over the course of seven days, participants engaged in in-depth discussions on corruption and electronic evidence, examined the growing role of artificial intelligence in preventing and detecting corruption risks, and explored complex issues related to public procurement and ethical decision-making. The sessions combined academic expertise with practical insights and interactive exchanges, fostering meaningful dialogue and peer learning. The programme also included a visit to the Vienna International Centre, offering participants an additional perspective on international anti-corruption efforts and multilateral cooperation.

### **A Bright Future: PARI's Long-Term Vision**

The signing of this MoU marks a significant and transformative milestone in PARI's journey toward becoming a leading institution for parliamentary and administrative capability enhancement in India. Through this landmark partnership, PARI will forge a long-term association with the IACA — one of the world's most respected centres for anti-corruption education, research, and technical assistance, established under the auspices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), and the Republic of Austria. This collaboration will equip PARI with the institutional depth and global credibility needed to offer world-class, internationally recognised training pathways to India's civil servants, raising the bar for integrity, governance, and public administration across the country.

Looking ahead, the PARI and IACA partnership is expected to progressively expand to cover more government institutions and officers, embedding a culture of integrity and accountability at the very heart of India's public administration.

***PARI is poised to usher in a new era, one where India's governance professionals are equipped not only with domestic expertise, but with global insights and international networks to drive systemic change from within.***

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