

**Acceptance Speech by Mr. V. Srinivas, IAS, Secretary DARPG on India's
election to the post of
President, International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)
Delivered by Video Conference at the Meeting of the Council of Administration
of IIAS at Brussels
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Distinguished Colleagues of the Council of Administration.

On behalf of the Government of India and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, I thank the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for electing India for the Presidency of IIAS for the period 2025-2028. This is a historic occasion, a significant moment for DARPG and India's partnership with IIAS which has grown stronger, closer and more dynamic than any time in the history of our membership to the IIAS.

On this occasion, I express my gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and to Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singhji for the trust reposed on me to shoulder this responsibility. We look forward to shouldering this responsibility with a deep sense of commitment to multilateralism taking forward the agenda outlined in our vision document.

India's administration works under the policy maxim 'Maximum Governance - Minimum Government' under which we pursue next generation administrative reforms using technology to bring citizens and government closer. Contemporary administrative theory has documented this transformation with focus on a digitally empowered citizen and a digitally transformed institution. It is with this objective that India had outlined its vision for **"Resource Rich, Publications Rich, Digitally Agile IIAS"** which will seek to integrate the best practices of digital public infrastructure to transform governance models.

The Indian Presidency of the IIAS will strive for harmonious and futuristic governance models and improvements in implementation of public policy. It will be an inclusive Presidency with focus on unity which emerges from our Gandhian values, which will seek to bridge the north-south divide.

On behalf of India, I express our gratitude to all members of the IIAS for their support and cooperation.