



**IN RAPT ATTENTION:** Students of SDMIMD listen to a lecture in the college premises on Tuesday

## 'Being a bureaucrat helps serve India'

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**Mysuru:** Vivek Kulkarni, former secretary to the department of information technology and founder of Brickwork India, Remote Executive Assistant, has urged B-school students to try and become civil servants to know the real India.



Delivering a lecture at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) Founder's Day celebrations here on Tuesday, he said that in administrative services, one can get exposure on the country and access to highest decision-makers of the country. "Be a bureaucrat if you want to know real India. Other jobs won't give such an opportunity to touch the lives of people," he said.

"IAS is one of the best and complicated jobs in the world. As the appointment is by the President, no local politic-

ians can remove officers from their position. Political interference with the officers is part of the job as politics is involved in public, private and corporate sectors," he said.

Citing opportunities to serve as a bureaucrat, he recalled his service in Sakleshpur in Hassan district in 1982. "There was a barren land in Balupet village. Thanks to a plantation drive in the region, the land is fertile today. Water is available in the nearby lake throughout the year. Plenty of serving opportunities are there for civil servants," he added.

"Education, energy, environment, financial services, government, healthcare, international business law enforcement and technology are some of the recession-immune careers," he said.

In his address, SDMIMD director N R Parasuraman said that B-schools must organize conferences, talks by subject experts, and encourage its students and faculty in taking up research works. "Students need to be exposed to the real world," he added.