

# Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Regional Branch

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# Report of the Hony Secretary at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on January 10, 2015 at Jammu.

Dear Members,

I have great pleasure and indeed honour in welcoming you all to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on January 4, 2014 at Jammu. Since then 6 meetings of the Executive Committee, 3 meetings of the Core Group have been held, besides 4 meetings were also held at Srinagar. I am grateful to the Patron, Chairman and Office Bearers and Executive Committee members of the IIPA for taking keen interest in achieving the objectives of the J&K Regional Branch of IIPA.

During the year 2014, following programmes were organised:-

# 1. "Traffic Management in J&K" (January 16, 2014)

An open house discussion on "**Traffic Management in J&K**" was organised on January 16, 2014 at Conference hall of IIPA. Jenab Choudhary Mohd Ramzan, Hon'ble Minister for CAPD and Transport, J&K was the Chief Guest and Shri Sourabh Bhagat, IAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K & Shri Muneer Ahmed Khan, IPS, IGP Traffic, J&K were the guests of Honour. Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary of the Regional Branch conducted the program. Pawan Parihar SP Traffic coordinated the arrangements for the event.

# 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on "GST: A Comprehensive Tax Reforms" (February 15, 2014)

J&K Regional Branch organized 1<sup>st</sup> Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on "GST: A Comprehensive Tax Reform" in memory of Late Shri Ram Sahai, one of the founding members of the Regional Branch. Khawaja Bashir Ahmad, Advisor to Chairman, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, delivered the key note address and Dr. S S Bloeria, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu presided over the function. Shri Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Sahai Group of Industries was the special Guest. The function was attended by members of the civil society, various Traders Associations, members from chamber of Commerce and Industries, IIPA members and prominent citizens.

#### 3. Seminar on "Safety of Women in Work Places" (March 12, 2014)

A daylong seminar on **'Safety of Women in Work Places'** was organized by the Regional Branch on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The Seminar was attended by officials from 21 government departments, Corporate Sector and IIPA Members.

Prof Rekha Choudhary delivered the welcome address and Prof Poonam Dhawan in her key note address gave an overview of the issues related to work environment at the global level and the issues of sexual harassment. Dr Sarita Nayyar gave an elaborate exposition to the "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013". In the 2<sup>nd</sup> session a panel discussion was held which was moderated by Prof Abha Chauhan, The panellists included Ms Nighat Shafi Pandit, Prof V.K.Kapoor and Ms Ellora Puri. The discussion was followed by a interactive session in which the delegates made comments and suggestions. The seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by Prof Alka Sharma, Director Seminars.

# 4. Interaction cum Presentation on "Criminal Justice System" (March 24, 2014) at Srinagar.

The Zonal Police headquarters Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch and Central University of Kashmir, organized an interaction-cum-presentation on the **Criminal Justice System** on March 24, 2014. Dr. Robert Hanser, Director Institute of Law Enforcement, University of Louisiana, USA and Dr. Diana Bruns, from University of Missouri USA were the key resource persons.

On the occasion Prof. Mehraj-u-Din, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir was the Chief Guest and Muhammad Shafi Khan, Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, presided over the function.

Joint Secretary IIPA, Kashmir Shri G.M.Andrabi coordinated the programme.

# 5. Workshop on "RTI Act-Expectations & Achievements" (April 5, 2014)

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organised a Workshop on **"RTI Act-Expectations and Achievements"** in collaboration with State Information Commission for different stake holders including PIOs/Controlling Officers and Common Citizens.

In his inaugural address the Chief Information Commissioner Shri G.R.Sufi termed the RTI Act as revolutionary tool aimed at empowering the common citizens.

Dr S.K.Sharma, State Information Commissioner, traced the history and development of Right to Information as a fundamental right before coming in to existence of RTI Act. He also chaired a panel discussion in which eminent legal luminaries participated.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman of the Regional Branch, in his welcome address outlined the details of the workshop and the expectations from the workshop.

The other speaker during the workshop included legal luminaries like Shri D.C.Raina, Former Advocate General, Shri Sheikh Shakeel Ahmad, Sr. Advocate, Shri B.L.Saraf former Session Judge and Prof V.K.Kapoor.

The workshop was attended by more than 190 PIOs/Controlling Officers from various government departments, Citizens and IIPA members.

The workshop was followed by lively discussion between the stake holders- citizens, PIOs/Controlling officers and the Commission. A number of clarifications were sought by the PIOs about the laws and the proceedings.

The proceedings of the workshop were conducted by Prof Alka Sharma, Director Seminar IIPA and Vote of thanks was presented by Hony. Secretary Shri J.B.S.Johar.

# 6. Awareness Programme on "Efficient Delivery of Public Services through e-Governance" (May 1, 2014)

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organized a workshopcum-seminar on efficient delivery of Public Services through e-Governance on March 1, 2014. Which was attended by administrators from various government departments, civil society, faculty members, research scholars, students from various Universities and members of IIPA.

In his opening remarks, Ashok Bhan, Chairperson IIPA J&K Regional Branch mentioned about the significance of e-Governance in taking administration to the doorsteps of a common citizen.

The keynote address was delivered by Amit Sharma, Special Secretary to Government, Animal/Sheep Husbandry Department. In his address he proposed various e-Governance solutions for various departments of J&K Government

It was followed by a case-study presentation by Dr Suparn Sharma, Director School of Business, SMVDU. Mr. D.S Bali, Addl. CEO, JKeGA, shared his experiences in introduction of e-Governance in J&K through IT Department and various e-Governance projects which are being successfully implemented in J&K.

The proceedings were conducting by Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA J&K Regional Branch and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Sh. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, J&K Regional Branch.

# 7. Lecture on "Security Governance – Challenges for the new Government" (May 12, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch organized a lecture titled "Security Governance- challenges for the New Government" by Prof. GopaljiMalviya, noted security analyst and currently Dean School of National Security Studies at the Central University of Jammu on May 12, 2014.

Prof Malviya strongly advocated for improving civil-military relations and revisiting of the procurement processes and modernization of defence forces.

Dr S. S. Bloeria, Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, cautioned that Pakistan may test the waters by some provocative action to see the reflexes and response of the new Government and advocated strict vigil during the transition phase.

Earlier Dr Ashok Bhan, former DGP and Chairman of the J&K Regional Branch of IIPA introduced the guest speaker and the subject to set the tone for a very lively discussion. Shri JBS Johar, Hony Secretary, presented a vote of thanks and Dr. Anil Gupta conducted the proceedings of the seminar which was attended by officers of Army, PMFs, Police, academia and members of the IIPA and civil society.

# 8. One day Training Programme on "Leadership: Carving the Path towards Organisational Effectiveness" (June 23, 2014)

J&K Regional Branch organized one day training programme on "Leadership: Carving the Path towards Organisational Effectiveness" in collaboration with School of Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on June 23, 2014. The training programme was attended by 105 participants from 20 different government departments / private

sector organizations and members of IIPA. The training programme was organized with a focus to enlighten the role and relevance of effective leadership in organizational excellence.

Prof. Alka Sharma, from the Business School in her introductory address discussed various facets of leadership highlighting the characteristics of a good leader. Prof. S K Jain, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU in his address focused on the Role of Leader in Team Building.

Dr. Suparn Sharma, Director, School of Business, SMVDU in his session discussed the various leadership styles and decision making.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA (J&K) shared his own experiences while speaking on "Experience Driven Leadership". He said that leader should take initiative and engineer change within an organization and innovate in public interest. He emphasized that leaders should give specific directions or set targets for ensuring timely and effective performance.

#### 9. Panel discussion on "Media and Electoral Verdict" (June 28, 2014)

J&K Regional Branch organized a Panel discussion on **"Media and Electoral Verdict"** on June 28, 2014.

The panelists included Sh. Zafar Choudhary, Senior Journalist and Policy Analyst, Sh. Pradeep Dutta, Bureau Chief, Times Now, Prof Nirlape Kour, Govt. MAM College with Prof. Rekha Choudhary, ICSSR National fellow as the chairperson. The discussion was attended by prominent citizens of Jammu, members of Consumer Welfare Association, members of IIPA and scholars from University of Jammu.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA (J&K) in his introductory remarks argued that media in India as the fourth pillar of democracy enjoys a credibility next only to Judiciary. Therefore the media having been placed at a high pedestal by the citizens must reciprocate this trust by objective reporting of news and views particularly during the important democratic exercise of elections.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA (J&K) conducted the proceedings of the function.

#### 10. Panel discussion on "Minimizing Adjournments: Myth or Reality" (August 2, 2014)

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch in collaboration with Criminologists Society of Jammu & Kashmir organized a Panel discussion on **"Minimizing Adjournments: Myth or Reality"** held on August 2, 2014.

"Hon'ble Justice (Retd) Shri J P Singh chaired the session and panelists included Sh. U K Jalali, Sr Advocate and Former Advocate General (J&K), noted academician Prof. V K Kapoor and Sh. B R Gupta, former Director Prosecution of J&K Police. The participants included members of legal fraternity, academia, IIPA and the civil society.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch introduced the panellists and the subject of discussion. Sh. Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, President, Criminologists Society of Jammu & Kashmir in his introductory note said that the justice delivery system is under tremendous strain and requires support of all organs of state and civil society

Minimizing adjournments in courts will remain a myth until procedural law is amended and made more stringent, strictly implemented and presiding Judges held accountable. Strikes and closure of court work for similar reasons must also be minimized as these lead to avoidable adjournments and cause huge inconvenience to the people. These were some of the conclusions of a panel discussion.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA J&K Regional Branch conducted the proceedings and presented the formal vote of thanks.

### 11. Seminar on "New Vistas in Tourism" (September 25, 2014)

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch in collaboration with Department of Tourism, J&K and Central University of Jammu organized a seminar on "**New Vistas in Tourism**" on September 25, 2014. The seminar was attended by various stakeholders of the tourism industry, officers of tourism development authorities, members of various tourism associations, faculty members and research scholars of various Universities, members of IIPA and civil society.

Professor Sandeep Kulsheshtra, Director, Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism Management, Gwalior (Under Ministry of Tourism, Government of India) in his key note address highlighted the importance of good governance in the development of tourism in the region.

Mr. Soujanya Sharma, Director (Tourism) in his address said that tourism is the backbone of our economy and highlighted various new initiatives sanctioned for the Jammu region.

Earlier Dr. C M Seth in his presentation highlighted the potential of eco-tourism in the state.

Captain Anil Gour presented the industry perspective and discussed about the challenges faced by the tourism industry in the state.

Professor Deepak Raj Gupta, Head and Dean, Department of Travel and Tourism, Central University of Jammu introduced the concept of Volunteer tourism for developing community based tourism.

Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA (J&K) conducted the proceedings of the function

# 12. Lecture on the 'Trends in Centre-State relations' (October 4, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch organised a lecture on the **'Trends in Centre-state relations'** on October 4, 2014. The lecture was delivered by Prof Rekha Chowdhary, ICSSR National Fellow. Dr. Ashok Bhan, the Chairman of the Regional Branch presided over the lecture. This was a prelude conference on the theme chosen by the IIPA, New Delhi.

Prof Rekha Chowdhary in her lecture gave a brief introduction to the constitutional provisions related to Centre –State relations and discussed the reasons for a centralised federal structure as it was adopted in the Indian Constitution.

Dr. Ashok Bhan delivered the presidential address in which he highlighted the problems related to security and foreign policy issues due to the pressures coming from the state level leadership.

The programme was conducted ably by Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director Seminars. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof Alka Sharma, Director Seminars. The lecture was organised under the supervision of Er JBS Johar, Hony Secretary.

## 13. One Day Training Program on "Ethics in Public Administration" (October18, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch organized a one day training program on "Ethics in Public Administration". A total of 96 participants of 21 departments of J&K government attended the training program. The key theme areas of deliberations throughout the day long program included 'Ethics in Public Administration', 'E-governance for efficiency and transparency', 'Right to Information and J&K Accountability Act' and 'Prevention of Corruption Act', and a panel discussion on 'Legitimacy and Accountability of State System-New Challenges' along with exercise session for the participants.

Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Course Director presented the welcome address and introduced the theme of the training program and the speakers of the sessions to the participants. Dr. S S Bloeria, former Chief Secretary, in his inaugural address said that corruption is a top down approach and that moral authority is very a potent factor which can move the entire nation.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman IIPA and Former DGP, J&K, while speaking at the program said that systems fail due to unethical behaviour and that purchasebility of criminal justice must go for good effect on polity.

In the session on e-governance for efficiency and transparency, Mr. D S Oberoi, Scientist, NIELIT, J&K highlighted the benefits of ICT for the reduction of corruption in our country. Prof Indu Aima, Formerly Professor IMPA conducted a hands on exercise session for the participants. In the post lunch session, Mr. Sheikh Shakeel, Sr. Advocate and Mr. D C Raina, Sr. Advocate and Former Advocate General, J&K high court spoke on RTI, J&K State Accountability Act and Prevention of Corruption Act respectively. The last session was a panel discussion in which Justice (Retd) O P Sharma, Dr. S K Sharma, Information Commissioner and Prof. Sunita Zalpuri Kaul, IMPA & RD, J&K highlighted key issues related to new challenges facing the system with respect to accountability of state systems.

The Training Programme was organised under the supervision of Er J.B.S Johar, Hony Secretary while Prof Neelu Rohmetra and Prof Alka Sharma were the Course Directors. Dr Komal Nagar, Joint Director Seminars coordinated the session and Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary presented a formal vote of thanks.

# 14. 13th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Inter-Collegiate/Departmental Debating Competition on the theme "In the Opinion of the House, "Quality and not Quantity of Higher Education is the key to National Building" (November 8, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized a 13th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Inter-Collegiate/Departmental Debating Competition on the theme "In the Opinion of the House, "Quality and not Quantity of Higher Education is the key to National Building".

The team comprising of Kritika Sethi and Swikriti Mahajan from the The Law School, University of Jammu, Jammu, lifted the glittering Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Running Trophy.

Zain-ul-Abdeen Banday from Department of Political Science, University of Jammu clinched the First prize whereas Snam Khan from Govt. Women College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and Dhruvika Pandita from Govt. College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu bagged the Second and Third prize, respectively. The winners were presented cash prizes amounting to Rs. 2,500/-, Rs. 2,000/- and RS. 1,500/-, respectively. The

Consolation prizes amounting to Rupees 1000/- each were awarded to Kritika Sethi and Swikriti Mahajan from The Law School, University of Jammu.

Twenty three teams from the various departments and affiliated Colleges of University participated in the competition.

Dr. S.P. Vaid, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Head quarter was the Chief Guest whereas Prof. R.D.Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, was the Guest of Honour. Mrs. Swarna Aivalli wife of Late Shri Aivalli was also present on this occasion.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch, in his welcome address paid rich tributes to Late Sh. Veeranna Aivalli, a senior decorated and well respected Police Officer and former Honorary Secretary of the Regional Branch of the IIPA.

Amongst others, Prof. Pankaj K.Srivastava, Dean Students Welfare, Sh M M Khajooria, DGP (Retd), Sh Kuldeep Khoda, Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Sh A C Chaturvedi, DGP (Retd), various serving and retired police officers, members of IIPA, faculty members of University, students and members of civil society were also present on the occasion.

Sh. J.B.S. Johar, Hony. Secretary, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch, presented the Vote of thanks. The proceedings was conducted by Prof Alka Sharma, Director (Seminars), IIPA while debate was anchored by Arjun Jaral and Krishma Mengi.

#### 15. IIPA Diamond Jubilee lecture on "Governance in Transition" (November 29, 2014)

The Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Regional Branch organized Diamond Jubilee lecture on "Governance in Transition" at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium in University of Jammu on November 29, 2014. Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta noted think tank, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, was the Key speaker and Shri N.N.Vohra, Hon'ble Governor Jammu & Kashmir was the Chief Guest.

Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta, while delivering a talk stated that "because of developmental challenges and historic anomalies, India has to sail in against the tide of history while drawing framework for the big picture aiming at governance transition in public interest." While elaborating, he informed that even if India continues on its current growth rate and growth rate of China slows down marginally, the per capita income in the respective countries will remain 1:10.

In his concluding remark, Hon'ble Governor N N Vohra said that the quality of governance decides the destinies of nations, societies and individuals.

Mr Vohra stressed that for achieving balanced growth and development, it was urgently necessary to ensure the effective delivery of good governance.

On the occasion, Hon'ble Governor launched the website of IIPA Regional Branch while a newsletter of the IIPA J&K chapter was also released.

Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch, presented the welcome address and threw light on topic of the lecture. Er J B S Johar, Hony Secretary, IIPA presented a formal vote of thanks while Prof Alka Sharma conducted proceeding of the event.

Mrs. Usha Vohra, First Lady of the State, Mrs. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Jammu University Vice-Chancellor Prof R D Sharma, DGP K Rajendra, Chief Vigilance Commissioner Kuldeep Khoda, Shri B.R.Sharma, IAS, Financial Commissioner, Planning and

Development Dept., J&K, and a number of senior officers and prominent citizens and members of IIPA attended the lecture.

# 16. 5<sup>th</sup> Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on "Landmarks in Journalism in J&K" (December 13, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on **"Landmarks in Journalism in J&K"** on December 13, 2014. Sh. Mohd. Syed Malik an eminent journalist, who has contributed to the journalism of the state and rest of the country, was the key note speaker. The lecture was attended by eminent citizens of state, members of media fraternity, members of the IIPA branch and civil society.

Sh. B R Sharma, IAS, Financial Commissioner, Planning and Development Department, Government of J&K in his presidential remarks said journalism is critical and essential part of the society. He said journalist is essential element of journalism and plays a critical role of making an impartial communication through media. He stressed upon the need for strengthening the institutional functioning.

Mrs. Prem Sahni while thanking IIPA for instituting this lecture series presented two exclusive photographs of Mubarak Mandi Complex.

Earlier while paying a tribute, Sh. Soujanya Kumar Sharma, KAS said that Sh. Sahni was a multi-dimensional personality having the privilege of covering all the wars of India and Pakistan.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Director (Seminars), IIPA J&K Regional Branch conducted the proceedings of the function and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary presented the formal vote of thanks.

# 17. 10<sup>th</sup> IIPA Annual Debate Competition at Srinagar (December 20, 2014)

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian institute of Public Administration in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Kashmir organised a debate Competition on "Information Technology has Adversely Affected Reading, Writing and Retention Capabilities of youth". 13 teams took part in the competition.

The debating team from Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir which included Tabinda Wani and Sadaf Zehra won the title where as Arbeena Hamid from Department of Law won the first position and Zubair Ahmad from Department of Economics secured the second and third positions respectively. The first consolation prize was bagged by Sadaf Zehra from Department of Social Work, KU and Second consolation prize went to Syed Areej from Women's College Srinagar.

Prof Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir was the Chief Guest. Whereas Prof Mehraj-ud-din Mir, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Mr Farooq Ahmed Shah, District Development Commissioner, Srinagar and Mr Talat Pervaiz Director Tourism were the guests of honor.

Prof S.M.Afzal Qadri, Joint Director Seminars IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and Prof Nellofar Khan, Dean Students Welfare, University of Kashmir were the organisers. The debating Competition was Co-ordinated by Shri G.M. Andrabi, Joint Secretary IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and Shaid Ali Khan Culture Officer, University of Kashmir.

# **FUTURE PROGRAMMES**

During the year 2015, the thrust areas for conducting of seminar/lectures/workshops and training programmes are:-

- Two day Seminar on "Floods in 2014: Lessons for Disaster Management for Jammu & Kashmir" in collaboration with Dept. of National Security Studies, CUJ on February 2-3, 2015
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture February 14, 2015
- Training programme on "HR Strategies and Interventions in the Public Sector" on March 7 or 14, 2015
- Programme on Consumer Affairs in May, 2015
- Programme on "Citizens' Agenda for the new government" in April, 2015
- Workshop on Health care Management
- Seminar on Safety of Women in workplaces.
- Training Programme on "Ethics in Public Administration"
- Training Programme on "Bio-Medical Waste Management".
- Training Programme on "Management Competencies"
- Seminar on Traffic Management"

We shall also welcome the suggestions from the members with regards to future programmes.

# WEBSITE OF IIPA J&K REGIONAL BRANCH (www.iipajkbranch.com)

The website of IIPA J&K Regional Branch launched by Shri N.N.Vohar, Hon'ble Governor Jammu & Kashmir on November 29, 2014. All the members are requested to keep a track of various activities of the branch through this website.

# PAUL H. APPLEBY AWARD

My member collogues must be aware that Shri N.N.Vohra, Hon'ble Governor, Jammu & Kashmir and member of IIPA was conferred with the Paul H.Appleby Life time Achievement Award in Public Administration by IIPA, New Delhi in the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on October 10, 2014 at New Delhi in the IIPA, Auditorium.

#### **IIPA NEWS LETTER**

During the year we released two more issue of IIPA Newsletter May 2014(Vol: V No.1) & November 2014 (Vol: V No. 2) with this 10 issues of the IIPA Newsletters have been released so far. I am grateful to the Editorial Team for their contribution in releasing these issues.

The Regional Branch has to be a more active and to expand our activities both in Jammu & Srinagar for which we need the continuous support of our members and well-wishers. Here, I would like to make special mention of Shri Nisar Ahmed, Shri Chander Gulhati, Shri Vikram Gour, Shri V.N.Sharma, Shri G.M.Andrabi, Dr Anil Gupta and Jatin for taking keen interest in making IIPA programmes a success. This is not to belittle very significant contribution made by many other colleagues as Executive Committee members and office bearers.

Thanks!

# I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR- 2015