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35 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

The Jammu and Kashmir Regional Branch of IIPA completes 35 years of its existence this year. It is time to celebrate the vision of our founding fathers, important milestones in our journey and above all the dedication of the members over the years to voluntarily contribute to achieve our stated aims.

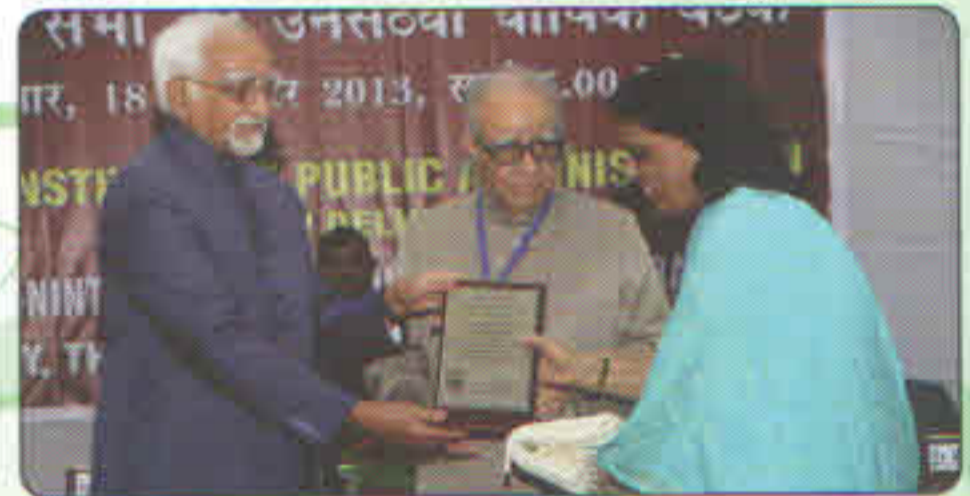
The Regional Branch is well recognized as one of the most vibrant units of the IIPA working towards capacity building for transparent and accountable governance. The importance of good governance in a state facing disturbed conditions for over two decades need not be overemphasized. We have the satisfaction of chipping in alongside state institutions and non-governmental groups to restore faith in the public delivery system. In this task, the rich resource pool available with the Regional Branch in the form of academicians of repute, management experts and practitioners of public administration has proved handy.

The Regional Branch has served as a sounding board of the expectations of the people. It has brought together the political executive, bureaucracy, academia and the civil society to discuss issues of contemporary relevance. It has provided a platform for interaction on issues related to public administration and management. Workshops and training programs for Government Officers and functionaries of PSUs have been among our most productive endeavors to enrich the quality of human resource in the public sector.

The biggest challenge now is to increase our reach. A biannual Newsletter started in the year 2010 has been a useful tool in disseminating our message. Unfortunately, the rich and diverse material that becomes available during our programs does not reach the target audience and people at large. The listless press releases don't reflect the richness of deliberations and expectations and recommendations. We must overcome this by enrolling young members, recording the proceedings in a more meaningful manner and hosting a website to reach the Government as well as the civil society.

Late Shri Veeranna Aivalli conferred with Paul H. Appleby Award

Late Shri Veeranna Aivalli founder Hon'y Secretary of the J&K Regional Branch of IIPA and formerly Commissioner, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Ministry of Civil Aviation Govt. of India was conferred with Paul H. Appleby Award for his distinguished services to IIPA and to Public Administration. Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari presented the prestigious Paul H. Appleby Award to Mrs. Swarna Aivalli wife of Late Shri Veeranna Aivalli in the 59th Annual General Body Meeting held on 18th Oct, 2013 at New Delhi in IIPA Auditorium. He is the first person from J&K to receive this award. In addition Dr. Karan Singh, President, ICCR was also conferred with this award.



Smt. Swarna Aivalli receiving Paul H. Appleby Award from Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari

Souvenir

35 Years of J&K Regional Branch

Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Hamid Ansari released a Souvenir entitled "35 Years of J&K Regional Branch, Indian Institute of Public Administration" during the AGM held at IIPA New Delhi on October 18, 2013. Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman, Dr C.M.Seth, Vice Chairman, Dr S.K. Kaul, Editor, Smt Swarna Aivalli, Shri B.K.Suri, Shri O.P.Sharma and Shri Jatin were present on this historic occasion.

35th Annual General Meeting
The 35th AGM of IIPA J&K Regional Branch
is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2014
at 7:30 p.m. in the IIPA Complex

Late Shri Veeranna Aivalli A Profile



1943 – 2002

Shri Veeranna Aivalli, born in Dharwad Karnataka in 1943, was a 1966 batch IPS officer of J&K cadre and the brain behind establishing the J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration, served as Honorary Secretary of the Branch for nearly two decades from its inception in 1979. Known for his ideals of ethics in administration and good governance, he created the IIPA J&K Regional Branch and made it one of the most active and reputed branches in the country.

He was an administrator par excellence, a good human being and an individual with a multifaceted personality. Shri Aivalli a professional to the core with a commitment to serve the society was a true civil servant for whom country came first always and every time. As Vigilance Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir, he made significant contribution to create awareness against corruption and need for transparent and accountable administration. Shri Aivalli was a visionary, it became evident from his authorship of the report of the Expert Committee on Reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir Police in 1994. The report was well received and implemented by the Central Government to provide much needed infrastructure and resources to J&K Police to fight terrorism.

He headed the State Intelligence with distinction and served as IGP Kashmir and DIG South Kashmir Range during very difficult times when militancy was at its peak. He was a recipient of President's police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He was given award for Meritorious Public Service posthumously by the Jammu and Kashmir Government in 2002. He has also served as Commissioner, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, under the Ministry of Civil Aviation; Chairman of the Aviation Security Audit Program in the United Nations' International Civil Aviation Organization based in Montreal and was on the Editorial Board of the Indian Journal of Public Administration.

Shri Aivalli strongly believed in a healthy relationship between the police, academia and the civil society at large and therefore strengthened IIPA by creating a forum that provided a platform for exchange of ideas between various stakeholders of the society. The IIPA J&K Regional Branch organizes an annual inter college/ department debate on a subject of contemporary relevance in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare of University of Jammu every year to perpetuate his memory.

Souvenir

The Souvenir is a tribute to our founding fathers and traces the journey traversed by the Regional Branch since its modest inception in 1978. It recalls the genesis, enlivens the nostalgic moments through text and pictures and carries experiences of some of our eminent members about



Dr. Karan Singh receiving Paul H. Appleby Award from Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari

Their association with the Regional Branch. Important milestones in the history have been brought out by the contributors. The Messages sent by the Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chairman of the IIPA and other dignitaries have made the publication a valuable souvenir for each of the Members who have contributed to the current stature of the Regional Branch.



Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari releasing the Souvenir during AGM of IIPA

The Souvenir carries a list of Members and a list of all programs organized by the Regional Branch during the last 35 years. The Editor and all others associated with the project need to be complimented for completing the task in the stipulated time frame and making it available for release at the AGM of IIPA.

Economic Overview and Focus of 12th five year plan

In a lecture on "Economic Overview and Focus of 12th five year plan 2012-17" organized by IIPA (JK Branch) on May 4, 2013 Director, Economics & Statistics, J&K Sh. B.R. Lachotra emphasized on faster, sustainable and inclusive growth. He said that there is an urgent need to revisit our growth models and explore ways & means to make it more inclusive and sustainable.



Dignitaries on the dais during the interaction on Economic Overview

Prof Dipankar Sen Gupta, Head, Deptt. of Economics, University of Jammu while deliberating upon the subject said that maintaining growth & price stability are two major challenges of macroeconomic policy making. Sh Y.V.Sharma President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries Jammu in his address focused on the highlights & objectives of 12th F.Y plan.

Elections and Party System in J&K

A lecture on the topic 'Elections and Party System in J&K since 2002' was organized by IIPA Regional Branch of Jammu. The keynote was delivered by Professor Rekha Chowdhary, Dr. S.S. Bloeria, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman, J&K Regional branch presided over the lecture.

Professor Rekha Chowdhary in her address analyzed party system since early 1950s and referred to the phenomenon of single party dominant system which hegemonised the political space. Such system has not only weakened the democratic frame of politics of the state, but also generated discontent both in Kashmir as well as in Jammu region. However, this changed in 2002 with the entry of PDP in competitive politics in Kashmir, as people in Kashmir had the satisfaction of changing an incumbent government through their ballot and the phenomenon of coalition politics was initiated which for the first time linked Jammu with the power politics.



Key Speakers during an interaction on Election and Party System in J&K since 2002

Dr. S.S.Bloeria in his remarks identified the four major developments in the politics of J&K which marked 2002 as a turning point. They were the emergence of PDP as a competitor to the NC; secondly a general realization about efficacy of voters' rights; thirdly, a real beginning of coalition politics in the state and finally not only Jammu but Ladakh was also mainstreamed in the politics of the state.

Dr. Ashok Bhan referred to various phases of politics of Kashmir and emphasized the shifting nature of politics during each phase. In his opinion, the post-2002 politics has generated a substantial space for democratically handling the situation in Kashmir. Sh J.B.S JoharHony Secretary conducted the session and Sh. Chander Gulhati presented vote of thanks. It was followed by a lively interaction in which the members of the IIPA and other civil society members raised a number of queries and further carried the discussion.

Conference on "Food Security in India"

J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on September 21, 2013 organised a



Speakers interacting with the audience during a lecture on Food Security in India

Lecture on "Food Security in India: Issues and Suggestions for Effectiveness". Prof R.L.Bhat, Head, Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu delivered the

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keynote address which included important issues raised in the scholastic theme paper prepared by Prof Anil ChandyIttyerah, Professor of Economics, IIPA, New Delhi.

The lecture was followed by a lively interactive session and issues were raised and suggestions made towards devising a better delivery system for implementing the food security bill. The conference was attended by several IIPA members, academicians and members of the civil society. Dr Ashok Bhan Chairman IIPA J&K Regional Branch presided over the function while Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala introduced the subject and Sh. J.B.S.Johar, Hony Secretary presented the vote of thanks.

Training programme on “Management Competencies”

A one day training programme on “Management Competencies” was organized on August 31, 2013 by Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch, Jammu and was inaugurated by Shri Shantmanu, IAS Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. The programme was attended by 56 officers from various state government departments including Police, Civil Administration, SMVDSB and J&K Bank.



Shri Shantmanu delivering his address during the Training Programme on Management Competencies

While inaugurating the training programme Divisional Commissioner, Jammu emphasized that during the delivery of public service the active cooperation of public at large must be ensured for the desired results. He exhorted the young officers that 'whenever in doubt while decision making' think of the common man'. He further laid stress upon improving the management competencies by balancing the personal, professional and social life to become an effective tool in the delivery of public service.

During the course of proceedings Dr Ashok Bhan Chairman IIPA, J&K Regional Branch welcomed the chief guest, faculty and the participants and impressed upon the significance of this programme in bringing the

'practitioners' and academicians at a common platform. He impressed upon the participants that while maintaining discipline in public service, the officers must try to think out –of- the- box solutions in order to encourage initiative in the subordinate team members.

The resource persons for this programme were from The Business School, University of Jammu comprising of Dr Amisha Gupta, Dr Anil Gupta, Dr Komal Nagar, who deliberated and held interactive discussion on contemporary topics including Attitude for Excellence, Communication for Interpersonal Effectiveness, Service orientation.

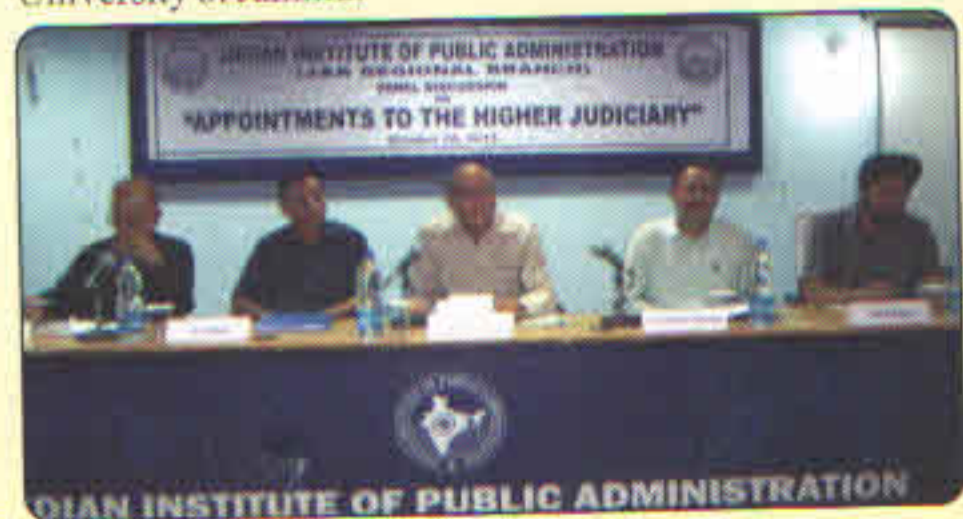


Resource persons for the Training programme interacting with the participants

This was followed by a panel discussion on Leadership and Team Building in which panelists were Dr Neelika Arora, Central University of Jammu, Mrs. Samita Sethi, Joint Director, Information and Mr Shiv Kumar Gupta, Joint Director, Tourism and Dr Ashok Bhan acted as a moderator. Prof Versha Mehta presented the formal vote of thanks, Prof Alka Sharma was the course coordinator and Shri J.B.S. Johar Hony Secretary, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch was the organizing Secretary for the programme.

Appointment to Higher Judiciary

The IIPA (J&K Branch) organized a panel discussion on “Appointment to Higher Judiciary” on October 26, 2013. The panelists to the discussion included eminent legal luminaries like Justice (Retd) O.P. Sharma, Senior Advocate and former Advocate General D.C. Raina and Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Director of the Law School, University of Jammu.



Dignitaries on the dais during the panel discussion

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Workshop on “Urban Development and Urban Service Delivery”

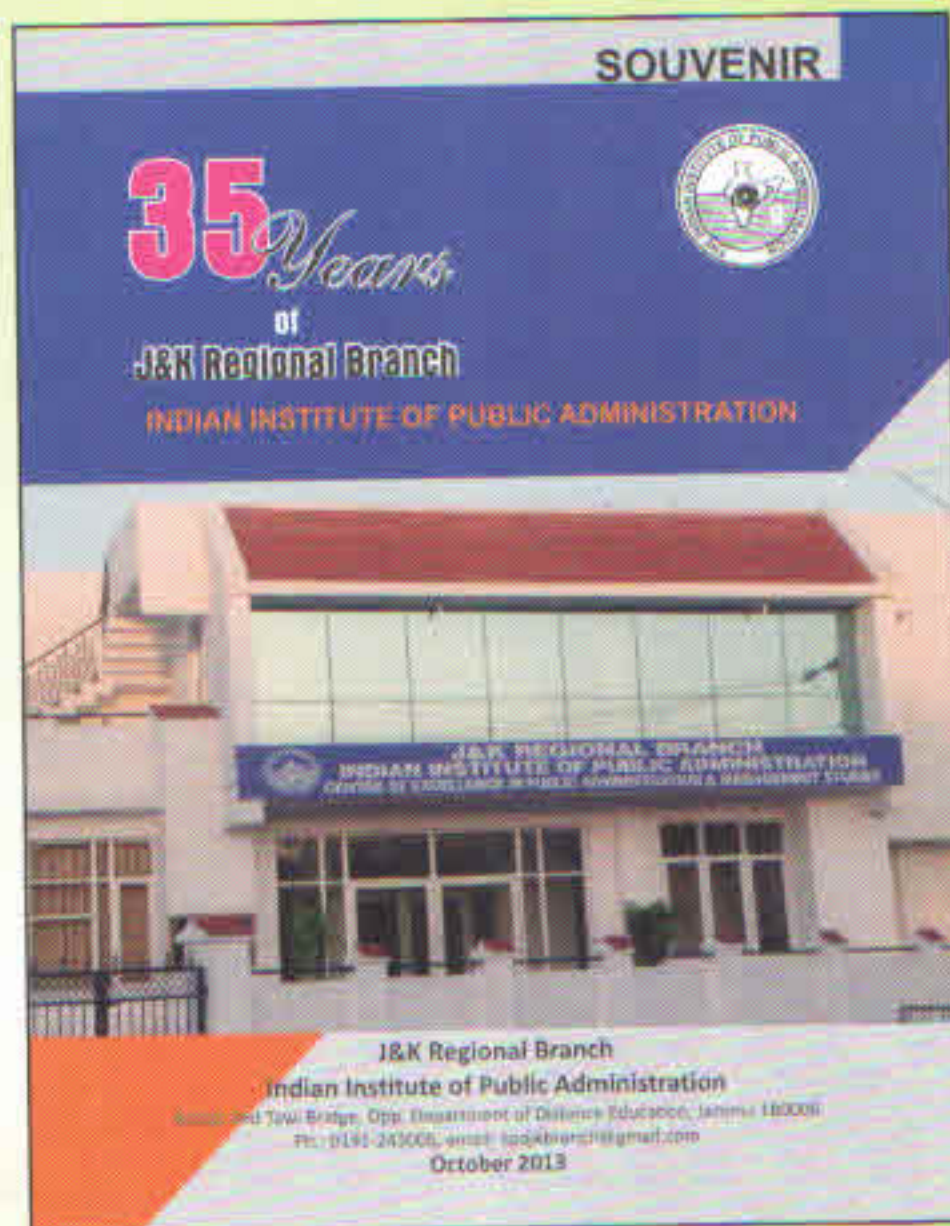
Indian Institute of Public Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Regional Branch in collaboration with Srinagar Municipal Corporation organized a workshop on 'Urban Development and Urban Service Delivery' at SKICC Srinagar on October 7, 2013. Asserting that Srinagar is the face of Jammu and Kashmir, a premier tourist destination, Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies, Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora unfolded his smart city concept, while addressing the valedictory function of the workshop. He said that the State government is committed to upgrade the life style and provide high class civic amenities to Srinagar citizens besides assuring hygiene and clean environment in and around Srinagar City. Sh. Jora appreciate the fact that Srinagar Municipal Corporation is playing a pivotal role in providing essential services to the people particularly in providing permissions for constructions and providing birth and death certificates.

Highlighting the significance of e-governance, Sh. Jora informed that the Corporation has introduced e-governance to make the functioning of the Corporation accountable, responsive and transparent. He emphasized the availability of services such as the application for getting building permission which can be submitted on-line. The applicant can check the status of the case and can also download the requisite information on-line. Similarly those who apply for birth and death certificates can also be benefitted with e-governance facilities. Sh. Jora said that Corporation has setup Citizens' Redressal Cell on-line, where a complainant can click his complaint on the given mail address and get the response within seconds.

Dr. G N Qasba, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation on this occasion made a power point presentation giving a detailed report on Solid Waste Management in Urban Areas. Dr Qasba highlighted all the aspects of Solid Waste Management and suggested measures for bringing improvement in managing it.

Earlier, Prof K K Pandey, IIPA, New Delhi presented the keynote address, while as Mr. Y. Sachdeva of RITES spoke over issues related to Urban Mobility. Mr. Tahsin Mustafa, CEO and ERA spoke on ERA and Urban Development. Mr. Shafat Noor, Vice Chairman SDA threw light on the Master Plan for Srinagar City. Mr. Bashir Ahmed Khan, Joint Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, anchored the proceedings of the workshop while Prof. Meraj-ud-Din, IIPA, J&K proposed vote of thanks on the occasion. The meeting was attended by dignitaries belonging to various walks of life who appreciated the presentation and hoped that the measures being taken by Srinagar Municipal Corporation would bear fruit and

would provide a smooth and healthy atmosphere for living a healthy life by the citizens of Srinagar city.



If you wish to receive the pdf version of the souvenir, please send us a request through mail at iipajkbranch@gmail.com mentioning your membership number

IIPA J&K Regional Branch proudly announces the opening of its office in Srinagar. The Members can contact Mr. A. M. Wattali, Vice President for updates.

The office address is IIPA J&K Regional Branch Old Secretariat, Srinagar

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IIPA Annual Debate Competition

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and Department of Students' Welfare, University of Kashmir organized the annual IIPA debate competition on September 25, 2013 in which a total of 26 participants from different universities and colleges of the valley debated on the topic "Laws are not powerless in preventing crime against women and children".



*Winners of Annual IIPA Debate Competition
Govt. College for Women, MA Road, Srinagar Lifting the Trophy*

Guest of honor at the valedictory function, Jenab Abdul Ghani Mir, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Professor Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University, Sh. A. M. Watali, Vice Chairman, IIPA Jammu and Kashmir awarded trophies and certificates to the best speakers in the debate while Government College for Women, M A Road, Srinagar represented by Mehwish Shafi and Asma Zahoor lifted the annual IIPA, debate competition trophy.

Seminar on Police Draft Bill

IIPA in collaboration with the School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organised a One Day Seminar on the Jammu and Kashmir Police Draft Bill on July 8, 2013 at Central University of Kashmir.

Prof. Wahid Qurashi, Vice Chancellor, CUK, delivered the inaugural address while Prof. Mehrajudin, Head and Dean, School of Legal Studies, Sh. Wazir, Dr. Haseeb Moghul, Prof S.M. Afzal, Qadri, ex-Head and Dean, Department of Law, University of Kashmir, Dr. Sheikh Showkat, Associate Professor, Department of Legal Studies, CUK were the other speakers on the occasion. The workshop generated healthy discussion and critical evaluation of the J&K Police Bill. The Seminar was attended by a large

number of people from IIPA, academia, police and LLM scholars of the University.



Participants during a workshop on Police Draft Bill

Seminar on Gender Justice

School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organized a two-day international seminar on "Gender Justice: A Way Forward" in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (JK Branch) at Kashmir University on October 23, 2013.



Dignitaries on the dais during the seminar on Gender Justice

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mir Saifullah was the Chief Guest and CUK Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul Wahid, presided over the function. Eighty contributors from India and abroad participated from diverse fields of knowledge on various topics like depravity in conflict situations, Permanent Resident Disqualification Bill, Domestic Violence, Women and Property Rights, Gendered Violence against Women in Kashmir, Eve-Teasing and Molestation, Delhi gang rape case, Islamic perspective on status of women and several others.

M. M. Pandey, former Dean and Head Faculty of Law, University of Delhi delivered the keynote address and Justice (Retd.), B.A Kirmani J&K State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, President delivered the valedictory address on concluding day while as Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof. Talat, presided over the function.

They were unanimous that the current "Collegium System" for appointments to the higher judiciary had certain shortcomings but their opinion on reforms was divided between retaining the existing selection process and making it transparent and efficient to support the proposed Judicial Appointments Commission. It was argued by the speakers that judiciary must remain free from the influence of the executive however the opaqueness of the selection process is a serious cause of concern. The votaries for the existing system however felt that issues like criteria for selection, delays in filling vacancies and population/judge ratio need to be revisited to make the existing system strong and viable. Further it was proposed that if the collegium system has not worked well there is no harm in giving the proposed third system, of the Appointments Commission, a trial, as it could make the system more transparent and credible. Among those who attended the program were Dr S.S.Bloeria, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu, Dr. S.K.Jain, Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman IIPA JK Branch, K.B.Jandial, Member JKPSC, A.C.Chaturvedi, former DGP, academicians, jurists and members of the IIPA. Former District and Sessions Judge B.L.Saraf conducted the program and J.B.S.Johar, Hony Secretary presented a vote of thanks.

Important Decisions by Executive Committee during 2013

Meeting held on March 7, 2013

- Decided to prepare a Souvenir "35 years of J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration".
- Decided to have DG Set for IIPA Complex.

Meeting held on June 24, 2013

- Purchased office furniture & worth ₹ 27000/-
- Provided Additional Electric Panels & Rectified the Electrical defects.
- IIPA New Delhi sanctioned ₹ 1.50 lacs for 2 days workshop on "Consumer Protection & Consumer Welfare"- April 5-6, 2013.
- To deposit ₹ 5 lacs in J&K Bank in the Shape of FD ₹ 2 lac & 1.50 lac each
- To Advance ₹ 50000 to Jt. Secretary (Kashmir) for activities in Kashmir.

Meeting held on Sept. 16, 2013

- Contract awarded for Printing & supply of 1000 copies of "35 years J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration (Souvenir)" to M/S Dee Dee Reprographic, Jammu.
- To take sponsorship for Printing from Srinagar Municipal Corporation – ₹ 50000/-, Republic Motors, Jammu – ₹ 40000/-, J&K Bank Ltd. & National Garage, Jammu each at ₹ 15000/-.
- To meet expenditure on a/c of travel of the Resource persons for the Workshop on "Urban Development & Urban Service Delivery at SKICC Srinagar on October 7, 2013.
- IIPA Complex got insured from M/S New India Assurance Co. Ltd. at the premium of ₹ 12922/-.

New Members of IIPA J&K Regional Branch

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2. Shri Mohd. Hussain Mir
Additional Secretary, Govt. of J&K
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Additional Secretary, Govt. of J&K
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Medical Officer, ITBP Force
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Assistant Commissioner, Leh
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SDM, Uri
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Divisional Commissioner, Leh
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Director General, Economics and Statistics
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