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Human greed and damages by Natural disasters

Natural disasters are not new to the mankind. What is new is that the extent of damage by them is now more due to human greed and failure to accept that the biosphere provides a limited flexibility to imbalance it without resultant ill effects. Nature had catered for flood waters to flow into the rivers and then to the oceans. The humans have encroached into these natural passages due to rapid urbanization and greed to exploit the nature to the fullest extent. Despite availability of technology we refuse to learn and use it to mitigate floods. It is no wonder that down town Srinagar felt the least affect of recent floods. The planners had the vision and used their knowledge to create a township in a safe area in a flood prone vale of Kashmir. The more recent colonies suffered the most as they had come up in well known flood prone belt, many of them built even below the level where Jhelum flows. Could the planners not see the impending danger?

In the event of earthquakes the damages to property and human lives becomes colossal due to our negligence in creating ill planned urban conglomerates. Jammu and Kashmir falls in the vulnerable seismic zone of the earth. We must learn from the damages of the Nepal earthquake and not so long ago that we suffered in 2005. The planners must cater to the safety measures that are necessary to reduce the damages by earthquakes. Heavy snowfall has consumed valuable lives and damaged property in the state.

In a mountainous region like ours it will in place to have an umbrella ministry to overlook the precautions that are required to minimize damages by natural and manmade calamities. The Ministry should be mandated not only to ensure preparedness for disaster mitigation and rescue and relief but must also ensure that safety measures are integral to urban planning. The focus must shift to a single window in the Government to deal with prevention measures as well as mitigate sufferings after a disaster. The infrastructure created by such Ministry can be used for manmade disasters like fires, gas leaks, stampedes, major accidents etc

Unfortunately, in the Governmental circles the investment into disaster mitigation is still considered an unforeseen and wasteful expenditure. This mindset must change. If we are not willing to stop damaging the ecosystem, we must at least prepare ourselves to face the nature's fury and minimize the resultant damage.

DIAMOND JUBILEE LECTURE "GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION"

Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Regional Branch organized Diamond Jubilee lecture on "Governance in Transition" on November 29, 2014. Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta, a 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.



Hon'ble Governor J&K Sh. N. N. Vohra at a function of IIPA J&K Regional Branch

Dr Pratap Bhanu Mehta, while delivering a talk emphasized on the following

- India has to sail against the tide of history while drawing framework for the big picture aiming at governance transition in public interest.
- There is need for removing the existing paralysis and plutocracy in the political systems of the country to ensure India's march towards good governance.
- Need for regulation reforms and fiscal decentralization in India.
- Identified three specified areas, which require transition for quality governance. These include, transition from crony capitalism to well regulated capitalism, dialect of centralization and decentralization and transition from populism to social democracy.
- Welfare state does not mean a burden on economy but investment in growth, which is necessary for achieving larger goals.

Sh. N N Vohra, Governor, Jammu & Kashmir said that the quality of governance decides the destinies of nations, societies and individuals. He further added that "In simple terms, the Constitution of India provides the framework and goals of governance. However, in actual practice, in the years past, the institutions of governance have suffered decline and therefore, the demand for good governance is being repeatedly voiced because of the endemic inefficiency, malfunctioning, corruption, lack of accountability and transparency and other failures in the functioning of the administrative systems".



Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta speaking at the occasion

Earlier Dr Ashok Bhan presented the welcome address and stressed upon the following issues

- Transition management seeks to guide the gradual, continuous process of transformation of socio-political landscape, socio-technical practices and the "structural character of society" from one equilibrium to another. The key is that the transition has to be appropriately managed to produce desirable results.
- The focus of Governance over the decades has drifted from being "citizen centric" to "self centric" with premium on self aggrandizement, collection of funds for elections, looking after interests of kin, friends and influential non-state actors.
- It is the will of the Government to implement the transparency legislations without fear or favour that will determine the course of transformation in Governance.

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, Prof R D Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, K Rajendra, DGP, Sh. Kuldeep Khoda, Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Shri B. R. Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary Planning and Development Dept., J&K, and a number of senior officers and prominent citizens and members of IIPA attended the lecture.

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

36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organized its 36th Annual General Meeting on 10th January 2015.

Following are the key points of discussion and decisions during AGM.

- To pave the way for a new younger leadership and a robust reorganization of the branch, Dr. S S Bloeria, Patron of the branch and Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman of the branch decided to relinquish their respective positions.
- During the AGM, it was unanimously decided to nominate Dr. Ashok Bhan as the Patron, Sh. B R Sharma, IAS as the Chairman and Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS as the Vice-Chairman (Central) for the interim period of one year till the elections are held in January 2016.



L to R : Er. J B S Johar, Dr. S. S. Bloeria, Jenab Jalil Ahmed Khan, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Dr. Anil Gupta

- Dr S S Bloeria said that the branch should identify 3-4 majors themes and develop the branch as a centre of excellence in those domains.
- Dr. Ashok Bhan proposed that in future the branch should continue its focus on capacity building for good governance by active collaboration and interaction between practitioners of Public Administration, academia and civil society. He stressed that the future activities should reflect the diversity of the state and the accompanying challenges of governance.
- Jenab Jalil Ahmed Khan appreciated the fact that the branch is able to organize programmes on diverse and contemporary subjects with experienced leadership and young team.

Er. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary presented the annual report of the branch highlighting the activities of the branch. He informed that in the year 2014, the branch organized a total of 17 programmes including seminars, lectures, workshops, panel discussions, debate competitions and training programmes for government officers. The branch also released two more issues of IIPA newsletter and also launched its official website in 2014. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA placed the annual statement for FY 2013-14 before the General Body.

TWO DAY SEMINAR ON "FLOODS IN 2014: LESSONS FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR J&K"

The J&K Regional Branch of IIPA in collaboration with the Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu organized a 2-day seminar on "Floods in 2014: Lessons for Disaster Management for J&K" on February 2 and 3, 2015 at the IIPA Seminar Hall, Jammu.



L to R : Maj Gen (Dr) V K Naik, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Prof. Gopalji Malviya, Prof. Aika Sharma

- During the first day of the seminar three sessions on the theme were organized. The opening session on "The Flood and Stakeholders Response" was chaired by Maj Gen (Dr) V K Naik, Kirti Chakra, AVSM (Retd), National Institute of Disaster Management in which Prof. S K Pandita, Department of Geology and Director of Disaster Management Centre, University of Jammu, Dr Peer Ghulam Nabi, Director, Centre for Research and Development Policy, Kashmir University and Advocate Sajjad Sheikh, Rising Kashmir Foundation presented perspectives related to causes of recent flood and the difficulties unfolded during the disaster highlighting the response of various agencies including armed forces, government and non government organizations along with local communities.
- The second session on "Causes and Course of Floods" was chaired by Prof G M Bhat, a seismologist and Rector, Bhandarwah Campus of Jammu University with Er. S R S Madni, Former Commissioner/Secretary, I&FC as the other speaker.



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Prof. R. D. Sharma
who is also Life Member of
IIPA for joining as
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Jammu**

- The last session on the theme "Relief and Reconstruction" was moderated by Dr Pawan Kotwal IAS, Commissioner Secretary, PHE, I&FC where Shri Shaleen Kabra IAS Commissioner/Secretary Education Department J&K, Group Capt (Dr.) Ajay Lele, Assistant Director, Institute of Defence Studies & Analysis, New Delhi, Sh J P Singh, IPS IGP Home Guards and Civil Deference and Dr G N Qasba, Municipal Commissioner of Srinagar presented papers discussing issues on weather and its effects on natural disaster along with relief and reconstruction.
- During the seminar, delegates discussed issues on "Preparedness to Minimize the Risks of Disasters". While Prof Y Parthasaradhi Head of the Department of Public Administration, CUJ presided the session, he himself along with Prof. G M Bhat, and Dr. Manohar Rana, Block Medical Officer, Sohanjana, Jammu presented papers on lessons to be learnt from natural calamities, disaster management planning and role of hospitals in disastrous situation respectively.
- Maj Gen (Dr) V K Naik (Retd), Senior Consultant, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi during the valedictory session expressed his views on issues related to national emergency including floods, land avalanche, stampede, earthquake etc.
- Professor Gopalji Malviya, Dean of NSS, CUJ presented a comprehensive summary on the two day seminar stating that the event was topical and, fruitful. He also elaborated on post incident trauma of disaster victims and emphasized upon the need to recognize individuals extraordinarily involved in fighting the incident.



L to R : Prof. G M Bhat, Prof. Y Parthasaradhi, Dr. Manohar Rana



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- Dr Ashok Bhan, Patron, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his presidential remarks stressed upon the need for attitudinal shift among the people to mitigate the risks of disasters and also stressed upon a dire need to develop alternate means of communication in the time of crisis, which are more dependable to support the rescue and relief process. While emphasizing the need for staying prepared for any disaster, he quoted an adage saying that “the more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war”.



L to R : Sh. J P Singh, Dr. Ajay Lata, Dr. Pawan Kohral, Sh. Shaleen Kabra & Dr. G. N. Qasbi

The sessions were conducted by Dr. Neeta Rani, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu and Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director (Seminars), IIPA, J&K Regional Branch. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director Seminars, IIPA conducted the Valedictory Session, Er J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA presented a formal vote of thanks.

13TH VEERANNA AIVALLI MEMORIAL DEBATE 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” on November 8, 2014.

Zain-ul-Abdeen Bandy 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 team comprising Kritika Sethi and Swikriti Mahajan from the The Law School, University of Jammu, lifted the glittering Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Running Trophy. Twenty three teams from various departments and affiliated Colleges of University participated in the competition.

In his address, Dr. S P Vaid, Additional Director General of Police, Head quarter who was also the Chief Guest of the function, highlighted that the role of education is to amplify

the process of betterment of the society and emphasized that stress should be laid on creating skill, knowledge and awareness about the national heritage while protecting the values of nationalism, pluralism and secularism.

Prof. R.D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, in his presidential address applauded the relevance of the debate topic especially in a country like India which has more than 700 universities out of which one-third universities are sick because they are not following academic calendar which result in delay in examinations henceforth leading to deterioration of academics. Prof. Sharma termed IIPA as integral part of University as many academic portfolios of the IIPA are being handled by University Faculty.



Winners of the 13th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate

Earlier, 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 and thanked Mrs. Swarna Aivalli wife of Late Shri Aivalli for her presence on the occasion. Sh. J.B.S. Johar, Hony. Secretary, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch, presented the vote of thanks. Prof. Deepshika Kotwal, Dr. C.M. Seth and Sh. Jagdish Chander, were the Adjudicators. The proceedings were conducted by Prof Alka Sharma, Director (Seminars), and Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director (Seminars) IIPA.

5TH SAT PAUL SAHNI MEMORIAL LECTURE ON

“LANDMARKS IN JOURNALISM IN J&K”

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration organized the 5th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on “Landmarks in Journalism in J&K” on December 13, 2014 (Saturday). 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.

Some of the major observations made during the discussion included

- Jenab Mohd. Syed Malik while acknowledging the perfectionist and professional attitude of Late Sh. Sahni said he was an institution in himself.

- Tracking the history of the press since 1947, he said that the trend of institutional functioning did not come to state of J&K whether in terms of governance, press or other structures.



L to R : Sh. Mohd. Syed Malik, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Smt. Prem Sahni, Sh. Soujanya Sharma

- For almost two decades after independence press in the state did not enjoy the level of freedom as in the rest of the country, yet some of the committed journalist carved out their way in establishing the credibility of press in the state.
- Despite increase in newspapers' readership, the influence of press has not kept the pace with times and there is a big disconnect between the reality and what the press reports.
- One can feel the rural – urban bias in the contemporary press reporting and observed that there is change towards business of journalism instead of creating an environment of professionalism.
- The young journalists should equip themselves mentally, academically, and intellectually to increase their ambit of influence while immunizing politically while reporting.

Sh. B.R Sharma, IAS, Financial Commissioner, Planning and Development Department, Government of J&K in his presidential remarks said that journalism is critical and an 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.

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 who had an eye for detail and would capture instances that are now part of rare collection.

The lecture was attended by eminent citizens of state, members of media fraternity, members of the branch and civil society. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director (Seminars), IIPA conducted the proceedings of the function and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary presented the formal vote of thanks.

ANNUAL DEBATE COMPETITION AT KU

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration in collaboration with Department of Students

Welfare (DSW) University of Kashmir organized the 10th IIPA Annual Debate Competition on the topic "Information Technology has adversely affected the reading writing and retention capabilities of youth" at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir on December 20, 2014.

After three years of wait, the University of Kashmir (KU) team finally reclaimed the annual IIPA-DSW debating competition title. KU team finished on a winning note after defeating around 26 participants who were divided into 13 teams including the defending champions from Women's College MA Road who were the winners of annual IIPA-DSW debating competition in 2013.



Winners of the Annual Debate Competition

The debating team from Department of Social Work, KU which included Tabinda Wani and Sadaf Zehra won the title for KU where as Arbeena Hamid from Department of Law won the first position and Zubair Ahmad from Business School KU and Ehsan-ul-lah from Department of Economics secured the second and third position in the competition. The first consolation prize was bagged by Sadaf Zehra from Department of Social Work KU and the second consolation prize went to Syed Areej from Women's College MA road.

Later during the valedictory function, Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi who was chief guest on the occasion while giving away the prizes and certificates of participation amongst the debaters expressed happiness over the way students articulated their views on the topic and said that the job of universities should not be just to offer degrees but to evolve young leaders who can lead the society for better. Vice Chancellor Central University of Kashmir Prof Mehraj-ud-din Mir on the occasion said that though it is a fact that relying too much on IT sources has affected our retention capabilities but both IT as well as book reading in its traditional hard copy format has their positive as well as negative aspects.

Director Tourism Talat Pervaiz who was guest of honor on the occasion stressed on getting benefitted from the positive aspects of IT and asked the students to maintain a balance between what to choose and what not. District Development

Commissioner Srinagar Farooq Ahmad Shah who was also present on the occasion said that our young generation is accessing internet more and are giving very less time to book reading which he said is not a good sign and can have serious affect on the tradition of book reading and writing.

Prof S.M Afzal Qadri, Director Seminars IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and Dean Students Welfare KU Prof Neelofar Khan were present on the occasion. The debating competition was coordinated by SGM Andrabi, Joint Secretary IIPA J&K Regional Branch and Shahid Ali Khan Cultural Officer University of Kashmir.

SEMINAR ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organized a Seminar on "Protection of Women from Domestic Violence" on March 14, 2015. Sh. B R Sharma, Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch presided over the function and Sh. Sanjeev Verma, IAS Secretary, Social Welfare Department was the Chief Guest during the occasion.



L to R : *Er. JBS Johar, Sh. Sanjeev Verma, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Sh. A. M. Watali, Prof. Alka Sharma*

Earlier Sh. Sanjeev Verma in his address said that discussing this topic is of prime relevance and the Domestic Violence Act 2010 is very progressive and a composite Act. He was of opinion that the society and government have to respond and the entire system including citizens and service providers should take proactive role in creating awakening, awareness and sensitizing the public at large including the rural areas of the state regarding this act.

Sh. B R Sharma, Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his presidential remarks said this discussing this issue is critical for the development, peace and harmony of the society. He said that this problem pertains to all the segments of the society and that education and economic empowerment can help to minimize domestic violence. He said that though the Act is comprehensive, yet the implementation in spirit is of utmost importance.

Earlier Sh. A M Watali, Vice-Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional branch introduced the subject and highlighted the key features of The Jammu & Kashmir Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2010. Dr. Naheed Soz, MD, J&K State Women

Development Corporation in her address said that it is critical to sensitize women and there is a need to move to women empowerment from mere women development. Prof Abha Chauhan, HOD, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu while speaking about the social implications of domestic violence said that it is critical to involve the women in the decision making process. Smt. Arti Thakur, SHO, Police Station, Women Cell, Jammu while highlighting the role of police in dealing with domestic violence shared that in the year 2014 over 1000 complaints were received and in majority of cases with the intervention of police and through the process of counselling compromises are made in the interest of both the parties. Sh B L Saraf, Former Principal District & Session Judge highlighted the role of judiciary in dealing with domestic violence cases.



Sh. B. R. Sharma & Sh. Sanjeev Verma speaking on the occasion

Er. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch in the beginning formally welcomed the audience. Prof Alka Sharma, Director, Seminar, IIPA, J&K Regional Branch presented the formal vote of thanks and Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director (Seminars) conducted the proceedings of the seminar.

The programme was attended by over 120 participants from Social Welfare Department, J&K Police Department, Information Department, Govt. Degree Colleges, University of Jammu, Education Department, members from Association for Social Health in India J&K Chapter, Members from State Women's Development Corporation & other NGOs, Academicians, IIPA members and Civil Society.

2ND RAM SAHAI MEMORIAL LECTURE ON 'MAKE IN INDIA' : INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch organized the 2nd Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on "Make in India: Industries Perspective" in the memory of Late Shri Ram Sahai, one of the founding members of the Regional Branch on February 13, 2015. On the occasion, Shri Alok B Shriram, President PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, delivered the key note address and Shri Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, (IAS) Financial Commissioner, Industries and Commerce, Government of J&K was the chief guest of the

function. The function was held under the guidance of Dr. Ashok Bhan, Patron IIPA, J&K Regional Branch.

Shri Alok B. Shiram in his key note address said that the prospects of the Indian industry are bright however India is still ranking very low in the 'Ease of doing business'. In this regard, Prime Minister's initiative of 'Make in India' will give a boost to the manufacturing sector by increasing employment prospects and fostering innovation. He further pointed out that although India is the third largest economy of the world in terms of purchasing power parity, the inadequacies of infrastructure poses a problem in conducting business and improvement of the system will require concerted efforts.

Sh. Khurshid Ahmed Ganai, in his address pointed out that the 'Make in India' concept is likely to lead to a quantum jump in India's exports and the tiger economies of South-East Asia will emerge as the new hub for manufacturing of goods and take them to the rest of the world. Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Ganai also acknowledged the contributions of Late Shri Ram Sahai who worked towards the welfare of the state, beyond his own self interests.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Chairman IIPA, J&K Regional Branch pointed out that the concept of 'Made in India' can be successful only when we change our outlook towards things and change our mindset. He hoped that the government will take measures to improve the ease of doing business in the state.



Speakers on the occasion

Earlier Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala paid rich tribute to the late Shri Ram Sahai and while recalling his contribution to the IIPA, Chamber of Commerce and Industries and many other organizations pointed out various aspects of his life as an industrialist who worked for the development of the industry in the state.

Shri Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Sahai Group of Companies thanked the organizers of IIPA in institutionalizing this lecture series and offered his support for future events in this direction. Sh. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA welcomed the guests on the function and Dr. Komal Nagar,

Joint Director Seminars, IIPA conducted the proceedings of the function while Prof. Alka Sharma, Director Seminars, IIPA presented the formal vote of thanks.

The function was attended by members of the civil society, various trade, commerce and industrial associations, members of IIPA and family and friends of Late Shri Ram Sahai.

LECTURE ON "EMPOWERING DIFFERENTLY ABLED"

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organized a Lecture on "Empowering Differently Abled" on 10th January 2015. Sh. Suraj Singh, Advocate, J&K High Court who himself is visually impaired delivered the lecture. Sh. Suraj Singh while speaking on the subject emphasized on the following points.



Advocate Sh. Suraj Singh delivering the lecture

- A comprehensive policy to capacitate differently abled persons by implementing the Disability Act 1998 in the right spirit is the need of the hour
- The Disability Act 1998 provides for security and protection of disabled persons and Sec 19 of the Act provides opportunities to the disabled to enjoy their fundamental rights. According to the Act, it is the responsibility of the State Government to take care of the disabled persons.
- Despite passage of 17 years the state government is yet to implement it and the issues pertaining to the disabled persons are unaddressed and out of attention of the concerned authorities.
- He informed that in 2011, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir issued directions to the State Government with respect to implementation of the Act which provides for special training, recruitment and reservation in employment. However, much progress has not taken place with respect to such directions.

According to him, the way to empower differently abled persons is to consider them as part of the society and the state

government should provide for aid, appliances and instruments that facilitate education of such persons. Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director, Seminars gave the introductory address while Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA presented the formal vote of thanks.

SEMINAR ON SWACHH JAMMU – SWASTHYA JAMMU

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration organized a seminar on “Swachh Jammu – Swasthya Jammu”. The seminar was attended by officers of JMC, JDA, ERA, J&K Police, Town Planning, Resident Welfare Societies, NGO's, Teachers, Members of IIPA and civil society.

Dr. C M Seth, Vice-Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch and Former Chairman, J&K State Pollution Control Board while introducing the subject

- Raised concerns about dumping sites within the city and in close vicinity of major eating points / selling areas for eatables thereby increasing the health hazards.
- Emphasized that all the agencies and stakeholders including members of civil society will have to responsibly come forward to make Jammu a SMART city.



Speakers on the occasion

UPDATION OF IIPA MEMBERSHIP RECORD

IIPA New Delhi is in the process of updating its records of all the members across India. Members of IIPA J&K Regional Branch are requested to ensure that their details are updated as per the prescribed Performa. The detail of the members whose information is still not updated is available on the website of IIPA New Delhi along with prescribed Performa to be submitted (www.iipa.org.in). You can also contact the office of J&K Regional Branch for more details.

- Focus should be to mobilize resources, enhance capacities and change the mindsets

Sh Soujanya Sharma, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation stressed upon the following points

- Public participation is essential and a critical element to make the mission of Clean and Green Jammu successful
- Major challenges for Jammu are solid waste management, usage of polythene bags and throwing residue in river Tawi.
- He further informed that Jammu Municipal Corporation has taken various initiatives to introduce Sulabh Shouchayalas, recycle waste management, motivate responsible citizens and sanitize various areas of the city.

Sh B R Sharma, IAS Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his presidential remarks said

- The responsibility of making Jammu clean and green lies on the shoulders of each one of us.
- Government should also play a proactive role in bringing out the reforms in Urban governance.

Dr. R.K.Bharti, Collector, JDA discussed the role of JDA for Swachh Jammu. Ex. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA J&K Regional Branch formally welcomed the distinguished members. Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director conducted the proceedings of the function and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary presented the formal vote of thanks.



Congratulations
Sh. V. N. Sharma, Executive
Member IIPA
who has been appointed
Member of Regional
Empowered Committee, Union
Ministry of Environment,
Forest & Climate Change

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