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## LECTURE ON "CLEAN CITIES AND TOWNS, A WAY FORWARD"

A lecture on "Clean Cities and Towns, A way Forward" by Dr G.N.Qasba, Senior Advisor Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), New Delhi was organized on April 8, 2019. Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta, Hon'ble Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation was the Chief Guest. The key highlights of the lecture were

*L to R : Dr. G. N. Qasba, Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta, Sh. Sameer Rekhi & Sh. Vinod Malhotra*

- As per "Solid Waste Management Rules 2016", the responsibility of waste disposal has shifted to the generator of waste from the municipal bodies.
- Jammu city generates about 400mt of waste per day out of which 240mt's is organic waste and can be treated and converted to organic compost with appropriate measures.
- The path-breaking initiatives taken by the Muncipal bodies of Indore and Ahmedabad for waste management are worth emulating.
- Innovative ideas including mobile composting and ATMs to deposit used PET bottles against which the depositer would get credit on their mobiles. Further, plastic is being processed into pellets and recycled for blending in cement and as an input in road building.

*Participants during the lecture*

- All 75 wards of Jammu should have a composter each.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Hon'ble Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation in his address added

- Public private cooperation is essential in keeping the city clean.
- Every ward had been provided with a dedicated

*Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala, Sh. Vinod Malhotra, Dr. G. N. Qasba & Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta*

auto rickshaw for garbage removal from narrow lanes in addition to other vehicles.

- A system for collection and disposal of spent flowers from temples has also been put in place.

Vinod Malhotra, Former Development Commissioner J&K also spoke during the event and said

- A holistic approach to ensure cleanliness in urban areas should be undertaken.
- Stringent steps like use of clean fuels like CNG in Public Transport vehicles and increasing green areas in urban areas need to be taken to check air pollution levels.

Sameer Rekhi Honorary Secretary and Sh Vikrant Kuthiala, Hony Treasurer also spoke during the function.

## 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 40th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the branch was held on January 5, 2019. Dr. Ashok Bhan, Patron and Dr. S S Bleoria, IAS (Retd) and former Patron, IIPA (J&K) addressed the members during AGM. The key highlights of discussion were

*L to R : Dr. Anil Gupta, Dr. C. M. Seth, Dr. Ashok Bhan & Er. J.B.S. Johar*

- The branch should organize capacity building programmes for good governance.
- The branch should take up research projects in the area of management and security studies in collaboration with various universities.
- Annual activities of the branch should revolve around a specific themes like social harmony and peace, electoral reforms and development hand in hand with environmental protection

Er J.B.S.Johar presented the annual report and Dr. Anil Gupta presented the annual statement of accounts. During AGM, Sh Sameer Rekhi was made interim Honorary Secretary; Er. J B S Johar as Vice-Chairman (Jammu) and Dr. G N Qasba as Vice-Chairman (Kashmir) for the period 2019 – 2020. The decision was based on the relieving request of existing officials.

## 9TH SAT PAUL SAHNI MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 9th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on "Ethics and the Media: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was delivered by Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu on January 24, 2019. Shri Satya Pal Malik, Hon'ble Governor J&K was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The key points highlighted during the presentation were

*In picture : Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Hon'ble Governor Sh. Satya Pal Malik, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Sh. K. B. Jandial*

- Democracy is deep rooted in Indian society and democratic principles are integrated within the society
- The real power in Indian democracy lies in the hands of common man.
- Freedom of expression, values and institutions are at the core of Indian democracy.
- In the post-truth world, the media is driven by technology where the news flows seamlessly across borders and
- Democratization and decentralization of news forms of technology driven media, especially in post-truth world, presents a diabolic situation presenting a great challenge for the future.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Patron, IIPA (J&K); Sh.

K.B.Jandial, IAS (Retd) Former Member J&K PSC paid rich tributes to Late Shri Sat Paul Sahni. Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu; Sh. Dilbag Singh, DGP, J&K Police and Smt. Prem Sahni also graced the occasion. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA (J&K) presented the formal vote of thanks. Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director (Seminars) conducted the proceedings of the function.

## 6TH SHRI RAM SAHAI MEMORIAL LECTURE

6th Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on "Family Run Business- Challenges and Way Forward" was organized on April 27, 2019. Dr Nupur Pavan Bang, Associate Director Thomas Schmidheiny Centre for Family Enterprises, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad delivered the memorial lecture. Prof Ashok Aima, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu was the Chief Guest. The key highlights were

*L to R: Dr. Anil Gupta, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Prof. Ashok Aima, Sh. Rahul Sahai & Er. S. K. Gupta*

- The key to transformation of family businesses is to create family governance systems, bring professionalization, succession planning and creating written family values.
- Family firms fail to maintain the balance between the goals of a business and expectations of the family which leads to erosion of wealth in the long run.
- Family business play a vital role in national building and community empowerment.
- For Jammu & Kashmir, entrepreneurship is the way forward and that existing business should handhold the youth in generating innovative business ideas.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Patron, IIPA and Er. S.K.Gupta paid rich tributes to Sh. Ram Sahai. Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary introduced the speaker. Shri Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Sahai Group of Companies in his remarks said it is the resilience, power of compounding and visionary approach that can help small business families to scale up.

## TRAINING PROGRAMME ON "MANAGEMENT COMPETENCIES"

A one-day training programme on "Management Competencies" was organized on April 20, 2019 which was attended by 68 officers from various state government departments including J&K Police, Forest Dept., Industries & Commerce, Irrigation & Flood Control, School Education, Rural Development Dept., CID, CAPD, Tourism, Commercial Taxes, SMVDSBs, MED, Stores Procurement.

Dr. S S Bloeria, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function and Dr. Ashok Bhan, IGP (Retd.), Former DGP, JK Police presided over the function. Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, The Business School, University of Jammu and Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala, Honorary Treasurer also spoke during the first session

The key highlights of their address was

- Effectiveness of any organization depends upon the human capital and how effectively the leader is able to manage the people.
- Competence coupled with compassion makes a leader distinct and the officers should be truthful to the profession which will ultimately help them to

*Dignitaries during the training programme*

build professional credibility.

- Public servants should take timely decisions which should always be in the interest of public.
- Public servants should be the change leaders and should build competence to leverage technology to provide citizen centric service.
- Positive attitude is critical in the success of individuals and organizations.
- Continuous self development, flexibility, patience and team building are critical to professional success.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of HRM & OB, Central University of Jammu; Dr. Komal Nagar, Assistant Professor, The Business School, University of Jammu; Dr. Anil Gupta, Assistant Professor, SHTM, University of Jammu and Dr. Karan Nathwani, Assistant Professor, IIT, Jammu were the key resource persons. They deliberated upon topics like "Effective Interpersonal Communication", "Lateral Thinking", "Service Orientation" and "Management & Personality Development leads to Self Leadership".

## 17TH ANNUAL VEERANNA AIVALLI MEMORIAL DEBATE COMPETITION

The 17th Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition on the topic "In the opinion of the house, One Nation One Poll will impact federalism and regionalism in India" in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu was organized on November 26, 2018 . A total of 31 teams participated in the competition.

*Dignitaries released the IIPA Newsletter during the function*

*Dignitaries presenting the certificate to the participants*

The team from Department of English, University of Jammu Nazish Wani and Seerat Bazi lifted the Veeranna Aivalli Running team trophy. The first prize was won by Nazish Wani from Department of English, University of

*Winning team receiving Veerana Aivalli trophy*

Jammu; Shivika Thakur from Department of Zoology, University of Jammu bagged the second prize followed by Samilee Sharma from Department of Political Science as the winner of third prize. The consolation prizes were won by Riya Sharma, Department of Zoology; Seerat Baji from

*Dignitaries presenting the certificate to the participants*

Department of English and Neha Sharma from GDC Akhnoor.

During the prize distribution function, Sh Dilbag Singh, IPS Director General of Police, J&K was the chief guest while Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Guest of Honor. Dr Ashok Bhan Former Director General of Police and Patron, IIPA presided over the function. Late (Prof.) Shailender Singh Jamwal, Former Dean Students' Welfare, University of Jammu emphasized on the need for the youth to participate in productive engagement of students in such activities to channelize their energies in the right direction. Er. J B S Johar Hony Secretary, Prof Alka Sharma, Director, Seminars, Dr. B K Bajaj, Associate Dean (SW), Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA and Assistant Dean, Student Welfare, University of Jammu also spoke during the day.

*View of Audience*

The adjudicators for the debate competition were, Prof. K L Bhatia, Er. P K. Nanda and Sh. Jagdish Chandra. Mrs. Swarna Aivalli, Sh. Girish Aivalli along with his family were the special guests on the occasion.

## LECTURE ON "INDIA'S PREPAREDNESS TO COUNTER UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE THREATS/CHALLENGES"

A lecture on "Lecture on "India's Preparedness to Counter Unconventional Warfare Threats/Challenges" was organized on May 20, 2019. Dr Sudershan Kumar, Former Director General DRDO, Ministry of Defence, GOI delivered the lecture in presence of Dr S.S.Bloeria, IAS (Retd) Former Chief Secretary J&K and Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd) Former DGP. The key highlights of the deliberations were

- The new millennium threats include CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear), Cyber, Space and Energy security.
- Keeping in view the threat scenario in South Asia, India can counter these threats by developing indigenous innovative technologies.

*Er. J B S Johar addressing IIPA members during the lecture*

- In future, defence capability development will be more complex and that consortium approach for identifying threats in different areas, forecasting technologies, and development and production has to be evolved.
- Conventional means will always remain important and therefore conventional capabilities should be strengthened.
- Enduring peace can only be achieved by looking into social and cultural factors as well.
- It is important to avoid conflict trap and a policy of perception & media management will play a critical role in the future.
- Conventional wars have become cost-prohibitive and the challenge ahead is to tackle the role of non-state actors who have acquired conventional capability.
- In context of Jammu & Kashmir, the challenge is to face the 'non-linear war' where a perception of confusion, disorder and insecurity is created in the population as political, social and cultural identities are pitted against each other.
- A synergized response covering both military and non-military measures like de-radicalization; strengthening of institutions of the state to prevent

collapse within; strengthening of democratic institutions and stakeholder engagement is the required.

- An umbrella organization National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) should be established which synergizes intelligence, investigation and operation.

*Dignitaries addressing during the lecture*

Brig (Retd.) Sukhdev Singh also spoke during the event. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary IIPA conducted the proceedings of the function anlectured presented the formal vote of thanks.

## LECTURE ON CHINA : AN OVERVIEW

A lecture on "China, An Overview" was organized on March 5, 2019 in collaboration with Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu supported by Ananta Centre, New Delhi. The lecture by Lt. Gen. S.L.Narasimhan, PVSM, VSM Phd (Retd) Member, National Security Advisory Board, Govt of India revolved around five themes China's international relations, India-China relations, China's economy, internal situation in China and military transformation. The key highlights of the lecture were

*L to R : Sh. Sameer Rekhi, Prof. Ashok Aima, Lt. Gen. S.L. Narasimhan Sh. Rahul Jalali, Prof. Brigmohan Bahu*

- For last 20-30 years Western powers appeased China so that it will help world economy to grow, but lately it turns out to be disruptive.

*Participants of the Lecture*

- On One Belt One Road (OBOR) is a unilateral project, which lacks transparency and is meant to cater the China's surplus capacity. The funding of the project is not financially viable.
- China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) the extension of OBOR project is central to Indian concerns as it passes through Gilgit-Baltistan region of J&K.

Late Sh. Rahul Jalali, Chairman, Confederation of Press Clubs in India moderated the discussion. Prof Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu presided over the function. Sameer Rekhi, Hony Secretary of the branch; Dr. J. Jaganaathan Assistant Professor, CUJ conducted the program while Prof. Brijmohan Bhau, CUJ presented the vote of thanks.

## SEMINAR ON "MONETARY POLICY"

A one-day seminar on "Monetary Policy" was organized on May 14, 2019 in collaboration with Reserve Bank of India. Dr. Janak Raj, Principal Adviser, Monetary Policy Department; Dr. Deba Prasad Rath, Adviser, Monetary Policy Department; Mr Bipul Kumar Ghosh (RBI); Dr Sadhan Kumar Chattopadhyaya, Asstt. Adviser, Monetary Policy Department; Ms Barkha Gupta (Research Officer, RBI); Ms Jessica M. Anthony (RBI) and Prof. R.L. Bhatt,

*L to R : Sh. Kuldeep Khoda, Dr. Deba Prasad Rath, Dr Ashok Bhan, Dr Janak Raj, Prof R L Bhat, Sh. S K Chattopadhayay*

Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu made their presentations. Various topics of discussion revolved around the areas of Monetary Policy Report on Growth, Inflation, Liquidity Management, External environment, Aggregate Demand, Output Gap, Monetary Policy Transmission Channels and the importance of Monetary Policy Committee approach towards its formulation.

Further discussions were held on the contribution of Agriculture (livestock, fishing and forestry) and Industry (electricity manufacturing); Real GDP Growth, Real GVA (Gross Value Added) growth; Inflation development including Flexible Inflation Targeting; Liquidity Management, Monetary Policy Operation and its impact, Deposits and lending of Interest Rates, Non-food credit growth and the flow of financial resources to the commercial sector.

The discussions were interactive and the speakers answers answered many queries raised by the participants. Er J B S Johar, Vice-Chairman, Sh Sameer Rekhi Hony Secretary IIPA and Dr Komal Nagar, Joint Director(Seminars) were also present during the function.

*View of Audience*

## SEMINAR ON "RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CONSUMER"

On the occasion of World Consumer Day, a seminar on "Rights and Duties of the Consumer" was organized. Mr Amit Sharma, Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, was the Chief Guest while Dr. C.M. Seth, IFS (Retd) presided over the function. Er S.K.Gupta President and Shri Ram Anand, General Secretary, Consumer Welfare Association; Shri D.K.Kapoor Member, J&K State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission; Shri Manoj Parbhakar, Deputy Controller, Deptt. Of Legal Metrology, Jammu; Shri Mohammad Qasim Wani, KAS Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumers also spoke during the seminar. The key highlights of the deliberations were

- Systematic changes through e-governance platforms so as to make the system more consumer friendly and transparent are being developed by government agencies.

*L to R : Er. S. K. Gupta, Sh. D. K. Kapoor, Sh. Amit Sharma, Dr. C. M. Seth, Sh. Manoj Parbhakar, Sh. Ram Anand, Sh. Mohd Qasim Wani*

- The department would shortly introduce GPS devices on trucks carrying essential commodities which would be monitored by command & control centers to prevent pilferage.
- Consumers in Jammu are suffering due to various malpractices prevalent in the state.
- Consumer awareness about their rights and also the legal remedies available is critical to consumer welfare

- Understanding the differentiation between protection of consumer and enrichment of consumer is important.
- There is the necessity of consumer responsibility and all consumers need to think of the society before their personal interests.

*Dignitaries addressing during the seminar*

The participants, particularly the members from Consumers organizations raised a number of issues with the panelists leading to a lively interaction. Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala presented the formal vote of thanks.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

To mark the 70th Republic day, flag hosting ceremony was organized in association with SAHYOG INDIA on January 26, 2019. The specially abled children of the association cheerfully enjoyed the ceremony. Sameer Rekhi, Hony. Secretary of the branch and other office bearers and members of Executive Committee were present during the ceremony.

*Members of IIPA along with students celebrating Republic Day*

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**Sh. Surendra Nath Tripathi**
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IIPA, J&K Regional Branch congratulates Sh. Surendra Nath Tripathi, a 1985 Batch IAS Officer for joining as Director of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.


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