



# News Letter

## INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION J&K REGIONAL BRANCH



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Governor  
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RAJ BHAVAN  
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CHIEF MINISTER  
Jammu & Kashmir



### MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Region Branch is shortly bringing out its biannual Newsletter

Like the Indian Institute of Public Administration at the national level, the IIPA J&K Regional Branch has been rendering valuable service by organizing training courses, seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures and debate on topics of contemporary relevance with the objective of bringing about continuing improvement in public administration.

The Regional Branch already has a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Jammu for jointly organizing programmes on identified issues. I learn that the Regional Branch is continuing its efforts to establish similar mutually beneficial linkages with other Universities in the State as also with institutions elsewhere in the country.

I trust that the projected Newsletter shall provide a useful medium for not only highlighting the activities undertaken by the Regional Branch but also commenting upon the systemic failure of governance and the steps required to be taken to improve the functioning of the governmental machinery.

I wish Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch, and the Editor of the Newsletter, high success in their future endeavours.

  
(N.N. Vohra)

22nd April, 2010  
Jammu.

### MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the J&K Regional Branch of the Indian Institute of Public Administration is bringing out a biannual Newsletter. The IIPA at the national level and the Regional Branch within the state have been contributing over the years towards training and spreading of message of good governance and ethics in public administration. The J&K Regional Branch has been quite active in bringing academia, intelligentsia and the public servants on a common platform to discuss issues of relevance to citizens of the state.

My good wishes to the J&K Regional Branch and I am confident that the Newsletter will serve the intended purpose of communicating with individuals and institutions.

  
(Omar Abdullah)

The Editorial Board greets the members through this inaugural issue of the News Letter. It is hoped that it will serve as a mode of communication between the members of the Regional Branch.



## MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the J&K Regional Branch of the Indian Institute of Public Administration is starting a bi-annual Newsletter and bringing out the first number in May 2010.

The J&K Regional Branch has, over the past three decades, considerably expanded its activities in both capital cities of the state and has made valuable contributions in the field of public administration and governance. The demand for excellence in public services and the concept of the State as a service provider has permeated the collective expectations of our people. This has necessitated the need to address issues related to the practices of good governance and credible delivery system on priority basis and with deep concern.

The role of think tanks and pools of expertise like the J&K Regional Branch of IIPA assumes even greater significance in this scenario. This institution has been constantly enlarging and broad basing its activities to reach more and more people in the pursuit of basic goals of the institution. The latest initiative is another link in this endeavour.

I extend my best wishes and compliments to the Chairman and all the office bearers of this Regional Branch for this innovative step to reach out to the a much wider audience.

  
(Dr Sudhir S. Bloeria)

Patron, IIPA J&K Regional Branch



## MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch is bringing out its biannual Newsletter. For many years now, IIPA has been playing a significant leadership role in varied contexts; organizing key events, taking initiatives and influencing policy.

Linkages and collaborations hold the key to success and it is important to stimulate and enhance communication to foster a culture of debate and independent thinking for any organization. I am sure that the Institute will take steps to harness a culture of inclusiveness in all its endeavors relating to issues of good governance. I am convinced that the Newsletter will be read widely and the readers will find this educative and informative.

I welcome the efforts of the institute for the publication of this newsletter.

  
(Prof Varun Sahni)

Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu



## MESSAGE

The idea of bringing out a Newsletter by the Regional Branch augurs well to provide impetus to our activities. Our journey since 1978, with membership growing to about 350, has witnessed an unmatched contribution to promote good

governance and provide a platform to discuss various aspects of public administration and functioning of the machinery of Government.

Our focus in the recent past has shifted to sharing of expertise by organising training programmes in management and public administration while continuing seminars, debates, lectures etc on topics of interest to the citizens. The Regional Branch is seriously exploring the possibility of utilizing the vast resource pool of experts in various disciplines of learning available with us to take up research projects and guide scholars enrolled by our universities. Researchers can benefit from the practical experience of these experts to make these studies more meaningful and relevant to the society.

I see this Newsletter as a medium of communicating with the members as well as the outside world. This medium should enable us to get feedback for course correction and also provide a platform to share achievements of the Branch and its members. I am delighted to be a part of this endeavour.

My best wishes to my colleagues on the Editorial Board and special thanks to the energetic and dedicated team of academicians and researchers co-opted to execute the job.

  
(Dr Ashok Bhan)

Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch



## MESSAGE

We in IIPA were happy to learn that the J&K Regional Branch is bringing out a biannual Newsletter in May.

The nature of administration in India has changed a lot in the last few decades and today it is increasingly accepted that civil society, NGOs and communities will have much greater say in matters pertaining to government. Empowering local communities brings about much greater transparency, accountability and public awareness. Constant vigilance on the part of all stakeholders is an effective method of controlling corruption in all sectors of the economy.

  
(B.S. Baswan)

Director, IIPA New Delhi

## PERSPECTIVE



IIPA, New Delhi was created 56 years ago primarily to act as a centre of excellence for carrying out and promoting studies in public administration. Its related major activities have been dissemination of academic knowledge to the practical public administrators through its various training programmes, rendering advice to the government and offering professional consultancy. By now it boasts of a well equipped campus at a prime location in the national capital.

Regional branches of IIPA function as extended arms of IIPA New Delhi under a well defined legal, financial and administrative arrangement woven around centralised control over grant of membership by the IIPA New Delhi. All the academic activities and financial management are left to the initiative and discretion of the elected office bearers and General Body of the local branches. The J&K Regional Branch of IIPA was established over 35 years ago with the personal initiatives of its Founder President-Dr M. Rahman and Honorary Secretary - Late Shri V. Aivalli. They were joined by a band of high spirited life members, majority of whom continue to participate in and promote its activities with the initial zeal and fervour even now.

The J&K Regional Branch has always been in the forefront of the most active regional branches of IIPA and has organized a large number of seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops and guest lectures on burning issues and topics of contemporary relevance. It has also actively involved the two universities of the State of J&K, various government organizations, government departments and NGOs with its activities. Having worked for a long time from several temporary premises, it has now acquired a permanent office which also has facilities of an auditorium, conference Hall and a library.

Equipped with such facilities, the J&K Regional Branch can now bid for organizing training programmes for the government officers, arranging workshops for a mix of various stake holders concerned with the current topics, undertaking research leading to degrees under the aegis of IIPA New Delhi, providing advice to government on complicated public matters and taking up consultancy. Such activities would also supplement the financial resources of the IIPA. This, in turn, would result into rolling out of several other activities in learning and promotion of public administration and also into enhancing the scope and volume of its on going activities. The last AGM was unanimous in advising the newly elected management body on these very lines. It will be a great challenge for Dr Ashok Bhan, the present Chairman to carry out the wishes of the General Body and to turn the first generation J&K Regional Branch into the next-gen of a center of learning. It may have to evolve a complimentary role for itself in association with organizations like IMPA and JKEDI.

J&K State is on a new threshold of economic revival. The plan spending levels have been considerably enhanced and public spending through the State Budget as well as Central Mega Flagship Schemes has provided new impetus to the economic activities. The government economic policies have been reoriented towards accelerating the pace of economic growth. Transparency and Good Governance, based on IT solutions is going to be the hall-mark of public administration. State GSDP is expected to grow in double digits. These factors will add many new dimensions to the traditional role of the public administrators. Help from J&K Regional Branch of IIPA would be extensively needed to tackle the new issues and problems. The J&K Regional Branch should come forward to grab this opportunity.

  
(J. A. Khan)

## Inauguration of IIPA (J&K) Building



The foundation stone of IIPA (Centre of Excellence in Public Administration & Management Studies) complex located across 2<sup>nd</sup> Tawi Bridge, opposite DDE, JU, was laid by Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, on April 19, 2006. The project was constructed by M/s J&K Police Housing Corporation at a cost of Rs. 44 lacs.

The building was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Jenab Ghulam Nabi Azad on April 21, 2008. The complex includes a fully air conditioned conference hall and a library besides other basic amenities. The Regional Branch expresses its gratitude to Dr Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister, Sh Raman Bhalla, Hon'ble Minister & Sh Amrit Malhotra, Hon'ble MLC for their generous financial support to enable us to complete the project. The branch is also grateful to the Govt. of J&K (GAD) particularly its Principal Secretaries Sh Khursheed A. Ganai & Sh Basharat A. Dar for providing annual financial assistance.

## Events@IIPA (J&K)

### 8th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Inter-College / Department Debate



Winners of the debate along with Shri Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor, JU, Kuldeep Khoda, DG Police, Dr S.S. Bloeria and Dr Ashok Bhan

IIPA Regional Branch in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized the 8th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Inter-College / Department debate (December 15, 2009) on the topic "Constituency Development Fund has failed to achieve the desired result". Prof Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Dr S S Bloeria, Kuldeep Khoda, DGP and Girish Aivalli were the special guests.

Navjot Singh from GCET, Jammu got the first prize while Prayati Sharma from GCW, Gandhi Nagar and Bharti Mathur from Guru Gang Dev Ji College of Education claimed second and third prize respectively. The consolation prize were awarded to Aashima Puri (GCET) and Shreya Sharma (GCW, Parade)

### Is India a Soft State ?



Shri M.M. Khajooria, former DGP, Dr S.S. Bloeria, Ved Marwah, former Governor, Manipur and P.R. Chari, Research Professor, IPCS

A panel discussion was held on December 1, 2009 on "Is India a Soft State" in collaboration with the IPCS, New Delhi wherein Ved Marwah, Prof P.R. Chari, and M.M. Khajooria, former DGP were the panelists while Dr S.S. Bloeria chaired the session. During the discussion the prerequisites of a sound state were deliberated upon. Issues related to insurgency, internal dimensions, external turbulences with respect to India were discussed in detail.

### Presentation on ERA



J.B.S. Johar (Secy IIPA), Dr Ashok Bhan, Chairman, IIPA and Er M.M. Gupta, Director, ERA during the Lecture

On March 13, 2010 a presentation on Working of ERA was made by Er M.M. Gupta dealing with the mandate, achievements, challenges and lessons learnt. The audience was made aware of the new task of developing GIS for Jammu & Srinagar cities covering an area of 200 sq. kms. Issues regarding water supply augmentation, road improvement, construction of bridges, and improvement of sanitation were also deliberated.

### Traffic Management in Jammu



J.B.S. Johar, Sunil Sharma, IPS, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS (Div. Com), Dr S.S. Bloeria, Chairman, IIPA, Parminder Singh, SSP Traffic

A discussion on "Traffic Management in Jammu" was organized on May 18, 2009 wherein Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS, Divisional Commissioner was the chief guest. Dr S.S. Bloeria presided over the function. The main speakers were Er V N Sharma & Er Madan Dogra. DIG and SSP Traffic, Jammu, Vice-Chairman, JDA and other prominent citizens of Jammu participated in the discussion. A list of suggestions and recommendations were also made during the discussion.

### Global Melt down and Indian Economy



Prof R.L. Bhat, Dr Haseeb A. Drabu, Dr S.S. Bloeria, Ram Sahai and Vikrant Kuthiala during the function

A panel discussion on "Global Melt down and Indian Economy" was organized on March 16, 2009 wherein the panelist included Dr Haseeb Drabu, Chairman, J&K Bank, Prof R.L. Bhat and Vikrant Kuthiala in presence of Late Sh Ram Sahai. Issues regarding the reasons for global meltdown and its implication for Indian economy were discussed threadbare. Dr S.S. Bloeria in his presidential remarks appreciated the Indian way of living through austere means that has prevented the recession to touch India.

### Higher Education – Changing Dynamics



H.E. Sh N.N. Vohra and dignitaries at the Panel discussion

On November 1, 2008 a panel discussion on "Higher Education – Changing Dynamics" in collaboration ASC, University of Kashmir was organized at SKICC, Srinagar. H.E., The Governor, J&K Sh N.N. Vohra was the Chief Guest. Prof Mehraj –ud-din, Director, ASC, University of Kashmir was the key note speaker. Shri H.H. Tyabji, Prof Reyaz Punjabi, Prof A.G. Madhosh, Dr Ashok Bhan, Dr G.N. Qasba, Principals of Colleges, Senior officers of Police were also present on the occasion. Eight experts from the field of education presented their views on the topic.

### Environment Friendly Bioplastics as an alternative to synthetic plastics



A view of the audience

In an interactive session Dr G.N. Qasba, MD, J&K Agro industries talked about "Environment Friendly Bioplastics as an alternative to synthetic plastics" on February 26, 2009.

Sonali Kumar, IAS in her address highlighted about the initiative being undertaken by J&K Agro by starting a first ever unit of its kind to produce bio plastic product in the state. Dr S.S. Bloeria, Dr C.M. Seth, Dr Manoj Dhar were also present on the occasion.

### IIPA Cup – Inter College/ Departmental Debate held on October 03, 2009

J&K Regional Branch of IIPA in collaboration with University of Kashmir organized Annual Cup Inter College/Departmental Debate on the topic "In the opinion of the house, private coaching has become inevitable due to present standards of education" on October 3, 2009 at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir. Shri Jalil Ahmed Khan, Economic Advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Government was the Chief Guest on this occasion. 26 students from various colleges of Kashmir and University Departments participated in the event. The day long function was largely attended. IIPA Cup was bagged by Islamia College, Srinagar and also Abdul Basit Bazaz of the same college won the first prize (Rs.2000/-). Ms. Seba Firdous of Women's College Nawakadal got the second prize (Rs. 1500/-). Third prize (Rs. 1000) was given to Zahid Nabi of S.P.College, Nawakadal. Two consolation prizes of Rs. 500/- each were given to Amir Ali Chisti of Department of Sociology of Kashmir University and Irum Qazi of Govt. Medical College Srinagar. All the participants presented their views for and against the topic and were successful in bringing about various insights about the topic.

## Training Programmes

### Bio- Medical Waste Management (March 20, 2010)



A view of the audience

A one day training programme on “Management of Bio-medical waste” was organized. Over 20 medicos / managers from various nursing homes / hospitals of Jammu participated in a day long programme which was spread over two academic sessions. The first academic session focussed on Management Techniques and Leadership wherein the resource persons included Dr Alka Sharma, Anil Gupta and Dr Neelika Arora from University of Jammu. The second academic session was on legal aspects of Bio- medical waste management wherein the resource persons included M.M. Shah, and Neelu Sharma from State Pollution Control Board.

The training programme was coordinated by Dr C.M. Seth, Er V. N. Sharma and Prof Versha Mehta.

### Organizational Management (October 04, 2008)



Dr C.M. Seth, Sudhanshu Pandey, IAS, Ram Sahai and T.P. Singh during the training course

A one-day training programme on “Administrative and Finance Management” organized by IIPA was attended by 27 trainees from State Pollution Control Board. The training focussed on topics including motivation, leadership & management, working in team, financial management and accounting. Sudhanshu Pandey, IAS, Dr C M Seth, IAS were the special guests during function. The resource persons included Amisha Gupta, Komal Nagar, Jaya Bhasin, from University of Jammu, DP Khajuria, and Anand Ram Sharma.

### Building Management Competencies (September 20, 2008)



Prof Keshav Sharma, Prof Ashok Aima, J.B.S. Johar and Prof Neelu Rohmetra

A one day MDP on “Building Management Competencies” was organized in collaboration with TBS, University of Jammu. A total of 13 participants from Government departments, PSU's and corporate sector participated. The focus of the training program was on Institutional Building, Effective Management, Leadership, Creativity and Innovation, Attitude for Excellence. The resource persons included Prof Ashok Aima, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Dr Alka Sharma, Anil Gupta and Jaya Bhasin. The training was coordinated by Prof Keshav Sharma and JBS Johar.

### Health Care Management – Indian System of Medicines (December 27, 2008)



Dr Shiv-Dutt Sharma addressing the Trainees

A one day training program on “Health Care Management – Indian System of Medicines” was organized wherein Director, ISM, J&K was the Chief Guest. Dr Shiv Dutt Sharma shared his views on “Health Care Management – Present Status and Innovation”, Dr C.M. Seth, Prof Ashok Aima, Dr H.N. Patwari and Ved Bhushan Gupta also shared their views on the dimensions related to the topic.

# Annual General Meeting January 02, 2010



AGM of IIPA Regional branch was held under the chairmanship of Dr S.S. Bloeria. A total 52 members attended the meeting. The meeting was initiated with a warm welcome to all the members by Honorary Secretary. The meeting concluded with New Year Greetings to members and their families by the New Body.

### Highlights

- ❖ A detailed report was presented regarding the activities undertaken during the year 2009.
- ❖ Annual statement of accounts was presented by Honorary Treasurer, which were approved by the General Body.

- ❖ Dr S.S. Bloeria emphasized the need for harnessing the expertise available with the Regional branch for training and research.
- ❖ The new Executive Committee was elected by the house
- ❖ Dr S.S. Bloeria, IAS (Retd) was unanimously nominated as Patron of J&K Regional Branch of IIPA.
- ❖ The General Body suggested launching of a membership drive to increase the reach and activities of the Regional branch.

## Office Bearers



**Dr S.S. Bloeria**  
Patron



**Dr Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.)**  
Chairman



**Dr C.M. Seth, IFS (Retd.)**  
Vice Chairman (Jammu)



**A.M. Watali, IPS (Retd.)**  
Vice Chairman (Kashmir)



**B.R. Sharma, IAS**  
Vice Chairman (Central)



**J.B.S. Johar,**  
Hony Secretary



**T.P. Singh**  
Hony Treasurer



**Vikrant Kuthiala**  
Joint Secretary (Jammu)



**G.M. Andrabi**  
Joint Secretary (Kashmir)



**Dr G.N. Qasba**  
Director (Seminars)



**Prof Nirmal Gupta**  
Joint Director (Seminars)

## Executive Committee



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**Bashir Ahmed**



**Vikram Gour**



**Prof V. Mehta**



**Prof N. Rohmetru**



**S.S. Bijral**



**B.M. Sharma**



**Sati Sahni**



**Prof Qadri**



**S.K. Gupta**



**V.N. Sharma**



**Farooq Ahmed**



**Prof Mehraj-ud-Din**



**Manu Shant**



**Chander Gulati**

*From the Archives*



Dr Farooq Abdallah, then Chief Minister, welcoming Sh G. Parthasarathi, Former Diplomat, who delivered a lecture on "India's Security Concerns" on February 15, 2002



Noted Journalists Sh B.G. Verghese and doyen of J&K Journalism Sh Satl Sahni in a function



Justice Sh V.S. Mallmath speaking during a seminar on Human Rights on November 6, 1995



Dr Manmohan Singh, Union Finance Minister speaking during a seminar in Jammu on April 21-22, 1995



Justice R.P. Sethi in a seminar on "Whither Terrorism" in Srinagar in 1986



Sh Shiv Raj Patil, Union Home Minister, GOI and Ghulam Nabi Azad in an exhibition on Earthquake held on October 8, 2006

*Editorial Board*

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**Prof Nirmal Gupta**

**Prof Versha Mehta**

**Er Vikram Gour**

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