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## Opening Remarks



**Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi , IAS (Retd)**  
Director General, IIPA, New Delhi

## Theme Introduction



**Prof. Ashok Vishandass**  
Professor (Applied Economics), IIPA, New Delhi

## Lead Discussant



**Shri Sanjay Agarwal, IAS**  
Secretary (Agriculture), Government of India

## Co-Discussant



**Shri B.R. Sharma, IAS (Retd.)**  
Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Regional  
Branch

## Remarks



**Chowdhary Mohd Iqbal**  
Director, Agriculture & FW, UT  
of J&K

## Concluding Remarks



**Shri Vishesh Paul Mahajan,**  
Director Horticulture, UT of J&K

## Vote of Thanks



**Prof. Alka Sharma**  
Hony. Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir  
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## **SHRI SURENDRA NATH TRIPATHI, IAS (Retd)**

SHRI SURENDRA NATH TRIPATHI, IAS(R) was an IAS officer of 1985 batch (Odisha Cadre). An MA in Political Science from Allahabad University and MBA in Public Policy from Slovenia, Sh Tripathi is a highly seasoned Civil Servant with a true academic flavour. Before joining IAS, he had been Lecturer in Allahabad University.

He took over the charge of Director IIPA in April 2019 while he was still holding the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India. Before that he adorned many important positions both in Govt of India as also in the Govt. of Odisha. He worked as AS&FA in Union Ministry of Agriculture and Joint Secretary as also Development Commissioner in MSME. In Govt. of Odisha, he held highly important positions like Secretary IT , Secretary Panchayati Raj and Rural Development besides working as District Magistrates in several districts. He is credited with revolutionising the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Dept. of Odisha.

As Secretary IT, he digitised all Govt. orders and other Information of Govt of Odisha and put them into public domain on Website. He is credited with wide ranging reforms in the Tool Room Concept while being in MSME as JS and then DC.

After joining IIPA, he has been instrumental in implementing e-Office at IIPA which has simplified the office working tremendously. In this crisis time of Covid-19, when face to face training is practically nil, he has worked overnight for reorienting IIPA towards digital and on line training. Due to his motivation and continuous guidance, IIPA has been able to develop digital training materials in record time even during the lockdown period.



## **SHRI SANJAY AGARWAL, IAS**

Shri Sanjay Agarwal is an IAS (UP: 1984) and Secretary to Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, New Delhi. Prior to this, he has held several positions both at the Centre and the State Government of UP including Chairman, U.P. Power Corporation Ltd., Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Secondary and Higher Education, PWD in the Government of U.P.

Shri Agarwal holds B.Tech & M.Tech. in Electrical Engineering from IIT, Kanpur.



## **SHRI B.R. SHARMA, IAS (Retd.)**

Shri B.R. Sharma is a 1984 batch IAS officer and is presently the Chairman of J&K Public Service Commission.

Shri Sharma is an accomplished administrator. He has proven his leadership qualities during a number of important administrative assignments not only in Jammu and Kashmir but also in the Government of India. The important assignments held by him include working as a Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, Secretary, Border management MHA, GoI, Chairman Staff Selection Commissioner, DoPT, GoI. He has been conferred with J&K State Award for Meritorious Public Service in the year 2010 and Prime Minister Award for Excellence in Public Administration in the year 2011.

Shri B.R.Sharma has been actively associated with Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Regional Branch and has contributed immensely in making the branch a hub of various activities. He was elected as the Chairman of IIPA J&K Regional Branch on January 2015 for the first time and continues to head the branch His support in organising various academic initiatives like capacity building programmes, seminars, panel discussion and debates focusing various contemporary as well as regional issues has helped the branch gain the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> best IIPA branch in India.



## **PROF. ASHOK VISHANDASS**

Prof. Ashok Vishandass is Professor (Applied Economics) in IIPA. Before joining IIPA, he had served as the Chairman (CACP), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare at the level of Secretary to the Government of India and also as Chief Technical Adviser to FAO of the United Nations Organisation.

Prof. Ashok has diversified experience of serving for over 39 years at different positions in various Ministries of Government of India such as the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

He holds M.Stat. (Master of Statistics) (Gold Medalist), MA (Economics, University of Manchester), PG Diploma in Planning and Development (JNU) and Ph.D. in Economics (Agriculture).



**Chowdhary Mohd Iqbal**  
**Director, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – UT of J&K**

Qualification: B. Sc Agriculture M. Sc. Agriculture (Agronomy).

Diploma in Soil and Water Conservation.

Achievements:

- Motivation for Organic Farming
- Introduction of Exotic Vegetables,
- Facilitation of marketing ,
- GI tag for Kashmiri Saffron,
- Establishment of Indian International Kashmiri Saffron Trading Centre (IIKSTC)

Dussoo Pampore (Kashmir).



## **Shri Vishesh Paul Mahajan**

- Joined Jammu and Kashmir Administrative services in 2001. After serving in Revenue Department for 10 years served at different positions as Private Secretary to Governor, J&K (2011 to 2016), Worked as Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Deputy Excise Commissioner, Toll Post, Lakhanpur, OSD to the last Speaker of State of Jammu and Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Enforcement , State Taxes Department . Presently as Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing



## **PROF. ALKA SHARMA**

- Dr. Alka Sharma is a Professor of Management at The Business School, University of Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, India. In her distinguished professional career of 29 years, she has earned a remarkable name for herself in teaching, research and administration. She has published quality research papers, books and is also supervising research at doctoral level. She has to her credit various UGC sponsored research projects along with J&K state funded consultancies.
- Professor Alka is a member of various academic and administrative boards and committees at National as well as International level. She is associated with NAAC Bangalore as an Assessor of Higher Education Institutions Member UGC Committee for Reviewing Deemed to be Universities and Institutions with Potential for Excellence. Recently she has been appointed Visitor's Nominee to the Court of Central University of Jammu and Expert Member, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Within the Union Territory, she is a nominated Member of Academic Council, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora Kashmir.
- In the University of Jammu, she has served as the Director of The Business School. Presently she is the Convener, University Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Centre (UESDC) as well as the Chairperson, Jammu University Internal Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment. In recognition to her leadership pursuits, she earned the prestigious 'Prof. Indra Parikh '50 Women in Education Leaders' award on 4th July 2019'.
- Prof. Alka Sharma has been associated with IIPA J&K Regional Branch since 2007 – 08 as Life Member. She was elected as the Director Seminars, Indian Institute of Public Administration (J&K Branch) in the year 2014 and served in the position till 2019. In January 2020, she was elected as the Honorary Secretary of the Branch and holds the position till date.