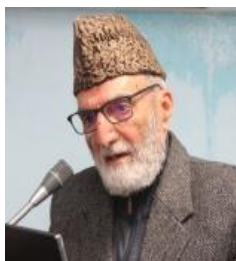


**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
J&K Regional Branch**

IIPA JKRB declared 2nd best Branch in India
Paul H. Appleby Award to Shri A.M.Watali, IPS (Retd)



Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch (IIPA JKRB) was declared as the 2nd best performing branch in the country during the recently held 67th Annual Meeting of the General Body of the IIPA, New Delhi. The J&K Regional Branch of IIPA came into existence in the year 1978 and since then it emerged as one of the top performing branches in the country on account of its consistent performance.

During the AGM, Shri A.M.Watali IPS (Retd) and Executive Committee Member of IIPA J&K Regional Branch was awarded Paul H. Appleby Award for distinguished service to IIPA and to the Public Administration in the country. The award was given by His Excellency Vice President of India Sh. Venkaiah Naidu during the AGM. The award has been instituted by the IIPA in the name of Dean Paul H. Appleby, on whose recommendation the Institute was established in 1954. Previous recipients of the award from J&K include Shri N. N. Vohra, former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Karan Singh, Member Parliament; Shri Veeranna Aivalli, former DG J&K Police, Dr. Ashok Bhan IPS (Retd) former DG Police and Patron of IIPA J&K Regional Branch, Dr S.S.Bloeria, IAS (Retd) Former Chief Secretary J&K Govt and Former Chairman and Patron of IIPA J&K Regional Branch and Er. J B S Johar, Vice-Chairman, IIPA JKRB

Sh. A M Watali is also one of the founding members of J&K Regional Branch and is one of the senior most members of IIPA, enrolled as Life Member in the year 1982. Sh Watali is a highly decorated police officer of the erstwhile state having received the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services, Indian Police Medal for Gallantry and Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Services. Besides, he was awarded Sher-i-Kashmir Gold Medal for Excellence in Investigation. For his dedication and hard work as life member of IIPA, Sh. Watali has the distinction of being repeatedly elected to various important positions of the J&K Regional Branch of the IIPA, during his service and also after his retirement. He was elected Vice Chairman, Kashmir repeatedly from 1990 to 2018-19.

Sh. Watali being a multi-faceted personality has authored a book "Kashmir Intifada" which has been released in 2017 with a forward by Sh. N.N.Vohra, then Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. The second edition is in the pipeline and is being published shortly. The manuscript of his second book, tentatively titled "Jammu & Kashmir, The Covert War" is under process with the publishers.

The other prominent awardees of this year include –Shri D.N. Padhi, IAS (Retd.) Former State Chief Information Commissioner, Odisha, Prof.(Dr.) K. Raman Pillai Ex. Professor & Head, Deptt. of Political Science, Univ. of Kerala, Dr. R.R. Dhanapall, Consultant, State Planning Board, Govt. of Puducherry, Dr. (Mrs.) A. Samanthakamani, UGC Emeritus Fellow 2016-19, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd) Patron, IIPA, J&KRegional Branch and Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman, IIPA, J&KRegional Branch congratulated the office bearers, members of the executive committee and all the life members for this achievement of the Branch.