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PAUL H. APPLEBY AWARD TO DR. SUDHIR SINGH BLOERIA, IAS (RETD)

Dr Sudhir Singh Bloeria, IAS (Rtd), former Chief Secretary of J&K state has been awarded this year's 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 Honble Sh. Venkaiah Naidu in the 63rd Annual IIPA conference held in New Delhi 11th October, 2017.



The award has been instituted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration in the name of Dean Paul H. Appleby, on whose recommendation the Institute was established in 1954. Previous recipients of the award include Shri N. N. Vohra, Honble Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Karan Singh, Shri Veeranna Aivalli, former DG Police & founder Honorary Secretary of the J&K Regional Branch and Dr. Ashok Bhan IPS (Rtd) former DG Police and Patron of IIPA J&K Regional Branch.

Dr.C.M.Seth IFS (Rtd) Vice-Chairman IIPA J&K Regional Branch received the award on behalf of Dr.S.S.Bloeria IAS (Rtd).

The following citation for Dr S.S.Bloeria was read on the occasion:

“A former Chief Secretary in the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu, Dr. Sudhir S. Bloeria has remained actively associated with the Jammu & Kashmir Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration since 1982. He served with distinction as Chairman of the Regional Branch for five years between 2004-2009 and established strong academic links with Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. A soldier, having served in the Indian Army as a Commissioned Officer, Dr. Bloeria took part in the 1971 war with Pakistan in the Fazilka sector. In the Indian Administrative Service of Jammu & Kashmir cadre, Dr. Bloeria served as Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Development Commissioner, Ladakh and as Secretary to the State Government in various departments

including Food, Civil Supplies, Transport, Forests, Public works, Health and Medical Education. As Special Commissioner, Rajouri and Poonch districts in 1990-92, he led the team to control the Militancy spreading in state during that critical period”.

Always an innovative administrator, Dr. Bloeria was principally responsible to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Jammu to set-up a 'Centre for Excellence in Public Administration and Management' by virtue of which a piece of land was made available to the Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration to construct its own premises after almost three decades of its existence. Under his Chairmanship of the Branch, Dr. Bloeria was responsible for mobilizing substantial resources to enhance the activities of the regional branch.



Dr. C.M. Seth, IFS (Retd.) receiving award on behalf of Dr. S. S. Bloeria, IAS (Retd.)

Dr. Bloeria, a Graduate of the National Defence College, New Delhi is a keen military historian who was awarded a Ph.D. for his thesis on 'The Battles of Zojila – 1948', which was later published in a form of a book. He has published several books and articles widely covering important historical battles, insurgency and terrorism. He has lectured widely as a visiting faculty and has been a multifaceted administrator and academician.

TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON “CONSUMER PROTECTION & CONSUMER WELFARE”

IIPA, J& K Regional Branch in collaboration with Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA New Delhi organized a two-day Workshop on “Consumer Protection & Consumer Welfare” on July 27-28, 2017. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. M. K. Bhandari, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.



L to R : Er. J.B.S. Johar, Sh. Shafiq Ahmed, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Prof. Suresh Mishra, Sh. R. A. Inqlabi, Dr. C. M. Seth

Day One Highlights:

Following are the key takeaways from the session:

§ **Dr. M. K. Bhandari (IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu):**

Emphasized on the fact that consumer protection is a topic which touches each one of us as consumer. However the problems of consumers are multiplying every day and new challenges are thrown on him. We have regulators appropriate to resolve consumer grievances but the same are riddled with problems and there are many gaps in the system. He said that appropriate legal and policy measures need to be established for civilization to flourish. The trade has an important role to play in an economy and that the trade should focus on the interest of the consumers and work towards the welfare of the society at large.

§ **Prof. Suresh Misra (Chair-Professor & Coordinator, CCS, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi):**

In a presentation on “Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare- an Overview, he said that the problems related to consumers are multiplying and with consumers becoming more active better safety and protection measures are required which shall be covered under the new legislation. He highlighted the impact of

globalization and liberalization on the consumers and how new technological developments have given rise to consumerism. Prof. Misra emphasized that only consumer education and awareness can empower the consumers. He proposed the establishment of consumer helpline wherein the consumer can get the advice and guidance for his grievance.

§ **Shri Chander Gulati (Member, State Consumer Council):**

In his welcome address he said that consumer protection and consumer awareness goes hand in hand and it is essential to put appropriate mechanisms in place in the interest of consumers.

Other experts who spoke on day one included Dr. Sapna Chadah, Assistant Professor, CCS, IIPA. She traced the development of law and policy relating to consumer protection. Shri S.C. Sharma, Banking Ombudsman, RBI, Jammu spoke on issues related to Banking and Consumers. He highlighted the functioning of the Banking Ombudsman, how and when consumers approach the ombudsman, and what reliefs are granted by the ombudsman. Shri Tanuj Gupta spoke on Insurance Sector. He elaborated the rights of the insured and the dispute resolution mechanism in insurance sector. Er. JBS Johar presented the formal vote of thanks during the inaugural function.



Speakers sharing their views

Second Day Highlights:

On the Second day six sessions related to the theme of the workshop were held. Following is a brief about the sessions:

§ In session on “Media and Consumer” by Prof Suresh Misra said media is the fourth pillar of democracy. They are eyes and ears of public. They highlight the issues and plights of the people and thus bring transparency and accountability in the system.



Speakers sharing their views

However, the problem begins when the advertisement becomes false and misleading and violates consumers, right to safety, information and Choice.

§ In the session on Food Safety and Consumer Shri Dev Dutt, Asstt Commissioner, Jammu elaborated the provision of Food Safety and Standard Act and the steps being taken to ensure food safety for consumers.

§ There were sessions on “Legal Metrology and Consumers” by Shri Manoj Parbakar, Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology Department, “Medical Service and Consumers” by Dr.Sapna Chadah, “Telecommunication and Consumers” by Cdr Kulbhushan Sharma, BSNL, “Working of Consumer Redressal Agencies” Shri D. K. Kapoor, Member, J&K State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Valedictory Function Highlights:

§ Shafiq Ahmed Raina, Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs said that “The government of Jammu & Kashmir considers its duty to protect the rights of the consumers and thus has taken various initiatives to protect and promote consumer sovereignty”. While speaking at the valedictory function of the two day workshop he informed that the



Speakers sharing their views

state government is taking proactive measures to strengthen the quasi-judicial machinery under the Act. There are also steps being taken to create separate directorate of Legal Metrology to ensure protection of consumer rights. Further he said that there is constant inspection of the petrol and diesel pumps being undertaken to avoid adulteration and unfair trade practices and stringent penalties are being imposed wherever some wrong is found.

§ Earlier Dr. Ashok Bhan, Patron, IIPA J&K Regional Branch in his address emphasized on focusing on capacity building programmes and said that IIPA can play a critical role in this direction. He said that lok adalats must be organized for consumer disputes and there is need for consumer awareness to empower consumers. Dr. C M Seth, Vice-Chairman, IIPA JK Regional Branch in his welcome address emphasized on the strengthening the role of enforcement agencies for



Participants during the function

better resolution of consumer grievances. Prof. Suresh Misra presented a detailed report on the proceedings of the two day workshop and emphasized on the establishment of State Level Consumer Helpline and introduction of consumer protection in school curriculum for empowering the youth. R. A. Inqlabi, Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs said that consumer responsibilities are as important as duties and we all need to be vigilant consumers.

The workshop was attended by over 140 delegates from various departments including Department of CAPD, Drugs & Food Control Organization, Legal Metrology, Health, Medical Care, Power Development Department, RTIC, JMC, J&K Bank Ltd, Private Nursing Homes, Co-operate Sector, Institution of Engineers, Institute of Dental Science, and ASCOMS. Er. J.B.S Johar presented the formal vote of thanks.

SEMINAR ON 'MAKING J&K GST READY'

IIPA, J&K Regional Branch in collaboration with CII J&K State Council and NIRC organized a special seminar on 'Making J&K GST Ready' on June 24, 2017 to sensitize and create awareness on the national and state perspective of GST. Sh. Virender Chauhan CA, GST Expert said “GST will be ushering in a harmonized national market of goods and services”.

Various speakers addressed and answered the queries of the audience. Following are the highlights of the speeches:

§ Mr P K Bhat, Addl Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Chief Guest for the seminar said that he has personally represented the state in the GST Council and empowered committee. He said that regardless of the clarity about GST, we all needed to be aware and sensitized. He assured that his department has been proactively working along with the industry and traders for registration and he encouraged everyone in



L to R : CA Virender Chauhan, Sh. Rahul Sahai, Sh. P.K. Bhat, Dr. C. M. Seth, CA Sudhir Arora, Sh. Chander Gulhati

the state for registration. The commercial Tax offices are working round the clock and the GST facilitation center is working 24 x 7.

§ CA Virender Chauhan, GST Expert from VG Learning, gave a very detailed presentation on the overview of GST, very specifically focusing on each thrust sector of the state. He also explained the online and daily transactions that are expected to be put in place after the implementation. He stressed upon the various scenarios for various industries under the GST regime. He also explained how easier the daily transactions will become and how smooth it will be to handle the account books and online filing and transactions.

§ Mr Rahul Sahai, Chairman, CII J&K State Council presented the industry perspective stating that “CII as an industry body, welcomes GST and supports its



Sh. Rahul Sahai sharing his views

stand in bringing significant gains for economic growth, employment and exports. To help prepare the industry for GST, CII has also been organizing GST training workshops and educational seminars in various cities. CII has organized various initiatives in order to increase awareness about GST. We are hopeful that the GST will be implemented soon and the efforts have been made in this direction.”

§ CA Sudhir Kumar Arora, Chairman, J&K Branch of NIRC of the ICAI gave special emphasis on the perspective of CA professionals, stating “Our community supports GST implementation wholeheartedly and would like to put it on records that in case of delay, the industry, businesses and consumers will suffer majorly. ICAI has remained an active partner right from the beginning of formulation of law and has been proactively and positively supporting the implementation. We would encourage the stakeholders to start focusing on implementation and training.”

§ Dr C M Seth, Vice Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch & Mr Chander Gulhati, Executive Member of IIPA, stressed that implementation of GST is a win-win situation for everyone. They further added “GST is the biggest taxation reform in the economic history of



Participants during the function.

the nation is a comprehensive step towards unifying the national goods and services market shall lead to a simplified, assesse-friendly tax administration system. Once implemented, it will subsume all of the Central and State-level duties and taxes, thus making the country a national market and would contribute significantly to the growth of the economy.”

Seminar experienced the august gathering of top industrialists, account professionals, officers, businessmen, traders and employees. Among present, Mr K C Sharma, from Chenab Textiles, Mr Vikrant Kuthiala, Mr Anil Suri, Prof Alka Sharma, Director, The Business School, Prof B C Sharma, Mr Ravnish Gulati, Mr Jaspal Singh, Plant Head, Grauer & Weil, Mr Jigmet from CII Ladakh Zonal Council and various representatives of trade bodies, industry associations, CA association etc.

ANNUAL DEBATE SRINAGAR

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch, Srinagar in collaboration with Literary Club of Department of Students Welfare, University of Kashmir, organized the Annual IIPA Debate Competition on the topic “In the opinion of the house, 'Present education system has failed to achieve desirable results' on August 24, 2017 which was held at Kashmir University's Gandhi Bhawan in which students from various colleges and universities of the valley participated.



Winning team receiving trophy

Chairing a valedictory function Vice Chancellor Central University of Kashmir Prof. Mehraj-ud-din Mir said "We as society need to be conscious of the fact that there are some loop holes in our education system but with our joint efforts we can plug those loop holes and make it better for the benefit our enterprising students who are second to none in the country."

While giving away the prizes the Vice-Chancellor added "There is a need to groom this knowledge capital of our society and once we succeed in doing that our students

would excel not only in academics but also in various other fields of life."

Government College for Women, M A Road Srinagar comprising of Ms. Assar Majeed Lone and Ms. Ishrat Majeed , lifted the winning trophy. Around 60 students from various colleges and Universities participated in the annual debating competition.



In Picture Prof. Mehraj-ud-Din Mir, Jb. A. M. Watali, Prof. G.N. Khaki & Prof. S. M. Afzal Qadri

In individual category, Assar Majeed from Women's Degree college, M. A Road won the first prize While as Mah-Nashit Uzma from Central University of Kashmir won the second prize and Sayeed Hazeem from SP College Srinagar won the third prize. Ms. Ishrat Majeed from Women's College M.A. Road won the fourth prize while as Ms. Raheela Rashid from GDC Sopore won the Fifth prize.

A M Watali, Vice Chairman (Kashmir) IIPA J&K Regional Branch, Prof GN Khaki Dean Students Welfare KU and Prof SM Afzal Qadri, Director Seminars (Kashmir) IIPA J&K Regional Branch also spoke on the occasion, The debate competition was coordinated by Mr Shahid Ali Khan, Cultural Officer DSW KU.

Noted columnist and writer Mr Ajaz-ul- Haq, Ms. Gazala Hassan and Mr. Zubair Ahmed were the judges for the competition. Liaison Officer KU Mr. Ozair Nissar presented a brief report of the debate on the occasion.

SEMINAR ON 'POST DISASTER CRISIS MANAGEMENT'

A one day seminar on the theme 'Post Disaster Crisis Management' and 'Sanitation and Innovations' in processing Biodegradable Organization Waste” was organized by the Srinagar branch of IIPA in collaboration with Departments of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering of SSM College of Engineering on October 24, 2017.

Dr GN Qasba vice-chairman IIPA, Syed Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Andrabi secretary IIPA JK Regional Office and Tahir



Dr. G. N. Qasba speaking during the occasion

Mohi-ud-din Wani BDO Singpora in addition to senior functionaries and students of the College participated in the event.

Prof. (Dr.) N.A. Shah, Registrar, threw light on the relevance and necessity for disseminating awareness among people about importance of sanitation and waste management. Dr GN Qasba, Chief Guest while discussing the experience of disastrous flood of September 2014 made a detailed description about challenges and difficulties the people face at different levels in managing the crisis of natural disaster. He emphasized on practicing latest technology and methodology for dispensation of the waste management and curbing the use of polythene and plastic.

PRELUDE CONFERENCE ON “DEMONETIZATION AND ITS IMPACT”

A prelude conference on “Demonetization and its impact” was organized on October 12, 2017 wherein Prof Deepanker Sen Gupta, Professor of Economic, University of Jammu, delivered the key note address. Shri Satish Kumar Sharma, IRS Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Jammu was the Chief Guest and Dr Ruveda Salam, IRS Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Jammu was the Guest of Honour of the function. The function was attended by members of the civil society, officers from Income Tax Department., members from Chamber of Commerce & Industries, PHD Chamber of Commerce, Confederation of Industry J&K Chapter, Scholars and Students from University of Jammu and Central University of Jammu, IIPA members, members from welfare societies, civil society.

Shri Satish Kumar Sharma in his address highlighted the following points

- It is too premature to analyze, generalize and comment on the impacts of demonetization.
- Due to policy the money is coming back into the

system which will pay rich dividends in the long run.

- It is important to understand the real intent of the government behind the policy and unless “culture of responsibility” is encouraged real change will not happen.

Prof Deepanker Sen Gupta in his key note address emphasized

- Demonetization should be viewed as work in progress and as part of a multifaceted project with multiple aspects.
- It is difficult to isolate the effect of demonetization from other major economic initiatives taken by the government in the recent past.



L to R : Er. J.B.S. Johar, Prof. Deepanker Sen Gupta, Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma, Dr. Ruveda Salam & Prof. Alka Sharma

Dr Ruveda Salam in her address said for realizing the real benefit of demonetization needs to be supplemented with other measures. The function was held under the guidance of Dr. Ashok Bhan, Patron and Er J.B.S.Johar, Hony Secretary IIPA, J&K Regional Branch. Prof Alka Sharma, Director The Business School, University of Jammu and Director, Seminars IIPA in his welcome address introduced the subject and the guest speaker to the audience. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA conducted the proceedings of the function. Er. J B S Johar, Hony Secretary presented the formal vote of thanks.

J&K REGIONAL BRANCH REPRESENTS AT SIXTY FIRST ANNUAL MEMBERS CONFERENCE

Dr. C. M. Seth, Vice-Chairman IIPA J & K Regional Branch, delivered a lecture on 'Demonetization and its impact' in the sixty first IIPA members conference at New Delhi on 12th September, 2017. In the conference more than 200 delegates from twenty three regional and local IIPA branches from different states participated. Sh. Shekhar Dutta, Vice-President IIPA; Sh. T. Chatterjee, Director IIPA and Prof. Geethanjali Nataraj were the key



Dr. C. M. Seth presenting report on J&K Regional Branch

resource persons during the Conference.

Dr. Seth in lecture emphasized on the following points

- Demonetization is a visionary and revolutionary step towards bringing economic reforms to curb corruption and black money,
- It is too early to assess the impact of demonetization and it should be seen in totality keeping in view the other reforms taken by Government of India.



Dr. C. M. Seth & Mr. Jatin attending Chairman/Hony Secretary meeting at IIPA New Delhi

Demonetization has definitely created positive impact in the State of J & K where hawala funding of separatist and militants have reduced considerably and mobs of stone pelting have almost stopped.

LECTURE ON “SARFAESI FONS JURIS OF FEDERALISM AND NATIONAL PATRIOTISM”

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch organized a lecture on “SARFAESI Fons Juris of Federalism and National Patriotism” on May 20, 2017 which was attended by members of IIPA and civil society. Prof K.L.Bhatia, Former Professor of Law,

National Law University, Jodhpur was the key resource person.

The Supreme Court of India recently handed down a very significant judgment in SARFAESI case that strengthens Centre State Relations. SARFAESI means the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest. In light of the recent development Prof. KL Bhatia in his lecture highlighted the SARFAESI Fons Juris of Federalism and national Patriotism: An Analysis of State Bank of India v. Santosh Gupta, 2016.

Following are the key highlights of the lecture:

- § While introducing the subject Prof. Bhatia talked about the recent path breaking judgment of State Bank of India v. Santosh Gupta 2016 which was decided on December 16, 2016, in which the Apex Court of India has in unequivocal words expressed that the Constitution of India is a mosaic drawn from the experience of nations worldwide.



L to R : Dr. Komal Nagar, Prof. K. L. Bhatia & Sh. Chander Gulhati

- § The federal structure of this Constitution is largely reflected in Part XI of the Constitution of India, namely, Legislative powers of Parliament and State Legislatures enumerated in Articles 245-255 read with Union List, State List and Concurrent List of Schedule VII.

- § The State of Jammu & Kashmir is a part of this federal structure. This case is famously known as SARFAESI. All federal Units (States) of federal India, without exception, are mutually friendly reciprocal to each other and not distant from each other. The case is magnum opus relating to legislative relations between the Union and States in content and context as it revisits to re-examining the federal structure enjoined in the textual Constitution of India by its Founding Authors on the lines of constitutional patriotism.

§ During his discussion, Prof. Bhatia quoted several cases from the past in support of his argument.

The lecture was organized under the guidance of Sh. J B S Johar, Honorary Secretary, IIPA. The receptive audience posed several queries which were well received and explained by the resource person. Earlier, Dr. Komal Nagar, Joint Director (Seminars), IIPA J&K Regional Branch welcomed the guests and conducted the proceedings of the function. Sh. Chander Gulati presented a formal vote of thanks.

IIPA J&K REGIONAL BRANCH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Indian Institute of Public Administration J&K Regional Branch celebrated the Independence Day in the IIPA Complex by hoisting the National Flag, The major attraction of the programme is the participation of the differently abled children of SAHYOG INDIA who jointly hoisted TIRANGA with Nisar Ahmed Khan, IGP (Retd.). The Flag hoisting ceremony followed by National Anthem, remembering the great sacrifices of martyrs. Entire programme organized under the abled guidance of Er J.B.S.Johar, Hony Secretary, IIPA J&K Regional Branch and Ashwani Jojra, Founder SAHYOG INDIA. Prominent members from IIPA, Sahyog India and civil society also participated.



Flag Hosting during the Independence Day for the first time at IIPA

We deeply condone the sad demise of the following respected life members of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch.

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NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING – 2018

The 39th Annual Meeting of the General Body of the J&K Regional Branch of the Indian Institute of Public Administration will be held on January 6, 2018 (Saturday) at 7 p.m. in the IIPA Complex, across 2nd Tawi Bridge, Jammu-180006.

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