



Proceedings of the 40th Annual General Body Meeting of the J&K Regional Branch of IIPA held on January 5, 2019.

1. The 40th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the IIPA J&K Regional Branch was held on January 5, 2019 in IIPA Seminar Hall. A total of 39 members attended. Dr Ashok Bhan, Patron, J&K Regional Branch presided over the AGM.
2. The members were welcomed by Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary (Jammu). Er J.B.S. Johar Hony. Secretary presented the Annual Report for the calendar year 2018 which was approved by the General Body with words of appreciation. He informed that the Branch organized 19 programmes on diverse subjects including the training programme with an aim to enhance the capacity of government officers. The members complimented the Executive Committee for record number of quality programs during 2018.
3. In the absence of the Hony Treasurer Shri Vikrant Kuthiala the Statement of Accounts FY 2017-18 was read before the house by Dr Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary (Jammu). The statement after discussions was approved. Dr Anil Gupta informed the house that as on January 4, 2019 the funds position is as follows:

FDRs (J&K Bank Residency Road, Jammu)

- Rs 211327.00 due date 6-1-2019 @ **6.75% PA**
- Rs 278872.00 due date 6-7-2019 @ **6.75% PA**
- Rs 194478.00 due date 14-1-2019 @ **6.75% PA**
- Rs 500000.00 due date 8-8-2018 @ **6.75% PA**
- Rs 103276.00 due date 8-2-2019 @ **6.50% PA**
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- Rs.1000000.00 due date 3-1-2020 @ **7.30% PA** {3 FDR's Amounting To
- Rs 23,91,229.00** **Rs.5.00, Rs.2.00 & Rs.3.00 Lacs)**
- **Bank Balance as on 4th - January - 2019 (Saving A/c Interest @ 3.5% PA)**
 - * J&K Bank, Jammu - Rs 165608.14
 - * J&K Bank, Srinagar - Rs 170561.00
 - * UCO Bank, Jammu - Rs 12635.35
 - Rs. 348804.49**

Total Balance- Rs .27,40,033.49 (Rs 2391229.00 + Rs. 348804.49)

Grand in Aid received from J&K Govt. for financial year 2018-19 – Rs. 7,50,000/- as on December- 2018 and Balance of Rs 7.50 lacs pending to be released by the J&K Government.

4. The general body approved the appointment of M/s Rajat Mengi (Chartered Accountant) Partner, Arora & Vohra Associates, 21 B/C Gandhi Nagar Jammu as Chartered Accountant for auditing the accounts of the Regional Branch of IIPA for the financial year 2018-19 as per same rate, term and conditions of pervious term.

5. A detailed discussion was held for future programmes. Suggestions for future programmes made by the Hony Secretary were as follows:
 - Sat Pal Sahni Memorial Lecture
 - Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture
 - Training programme on Ethics in Public Administration
 - Programme on Health Care Management.
 - Training Programme on Management Competencies.
 - Seminar on Traffic Management.
 - Workshop on “Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare” at Jammu/Srinagar/Kargil.
 - Training programme on Bio Medical Waste Management.
 - Training Programme on Disaster Preparedness
 - Workshop on Environmental issue with reference to climate change.
 - IIPA Annual Debate Competition at Srinagar.
 - Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate competition.

6. Based on the discussion with the members, the following were proposed
 - The Branch should organize programmes at district level in all regions of the state. This will help to extend the reach to grassroot level
 - The branch should on priority basis undertake collaborative research projects, especially in the area of management and security studies. The topics selected for research projects should be of local relevance and the findings should influence public policy.
 - The Branch should explore the possibility of signing MoU with prestigious academic institutions in the region.
 - The branch should explore the possibility of taking up student interns (if requested) who can work on research projects taken up by the branch. The Executive committee can evaluate the proposals and such selected students can be offered stipend and certificate
 - A programme on Solid Waste Management, especially in the rural areas, should be organized and appropriate intervention strategies should be proposed. Further a pilot project on conversion of plant residues and other organic waste into use compost for agricultural purpose should be planned. Dr. G N Qasba and Sh. S.D. Swatantra in consultation with Hony Secretary shall submit the proposal.
 - The branch should have presence on various social media platforms, and, also explore the possibility of streaming live programmes or an edited version of the programmes. If need be, editing job can be outsourced to an agency duly approved by Executive Committee.

- The recommendations of the various programmes conducted should be communicated at a wider level through publishing newspaper articles, concept papers and the same should reach the government.
7. Dr. S S Bleoria, IAS (Retd) and former Patron, IIPA J&K Regional Branch while speaking during the occasion congratulated the team for successfully organizing the programmes and emphasized the need for identifying initiatives to make the branch more vibrant
 8. Dr Ashok Bhan, Patron, IIPA J&K Regional Branch addressed the AGM setting out future targets for the Branch in organizing activities aimed at capacity building for good governance through training programmes, taking up research projects in the area of management and security studies in collaboration with various universities. Dr. Ashok Bhan proposed that the annual activities of the branch should revolve around a specific theme and he suggested themes including social harmony and peace, electoral reforms and development hand in hand with environmental protection and Dr Bhan informed the General body that this year the 9th S.P. Sahni Memorial lecture on the topic “**Ethics and the Media: Yesterday, today and Tomorrow**” is being delivered by Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu on January 23, 2019 (Wednesday) from 3 pm to 5.30 pm in the Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium. The Hon’ble Governor Shri Satya Pal Malik will be the Chief Guest at this memorial lecture.
 9. The Patron placed before the house, the letters from the Hony Secretary Er J.B.S.Johar and Vice Chairman (Jammu) Dr C.M.Seth requesting for being allowed to step down a year before their elected tenure in order to facilitate a smooth transition of leadership to other members. Sh A M Wattali, Vice-Chairman (Kashmir) was made a verbal request in this regard and proposed to consider his request to step down as well.

The General Body unanimously appreciated the voluntary resignations of the above members in the larger interest of the institution. The general body approved the interim / arrangement, till the next elections in 2020, and recommended the name of Sh. Sameer Rekhi, KPS as the Honorary Secretary for the interim period. Further Er J.B.S.Johar was made as an interim Vice Chairman (Jammu) and Dr G.N.Qasba as Vice Chairman (Kashmir) till elections are held in January 2020 and The General Body agreed that Dr C.M.Seth and Shri A.M.Watali shall serve as member of the Executive Committee for the interim period against the vacancies of Shri Sameer Rekhi and Dr G.N.Qasba.

10. The Hony Secretary shared his concern about the low attendance of members in various activities of the branch in spite of invitations, emails, and reminders through other mediums including social media and website. He urged the members to come forward and actively participate in the activities of the branch. Further he requested all the members to constantly check the website for regular updates on the forthcoming activities of the branch.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and was followed by lunch.