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43RD ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Shri B.R.Sharma, IAS (Retd) was re-elected as Chairman of the IIPA, JK Regional Branch for the period 2022-2024 during the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Branch which was held on January 8, 2022 through online mode. Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Former DGP, J&K Police shall be mentoring the branch as Patron.



L to R : Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala, Er. J.B.S. Johar, Dr Ashok Bhan & Prof. Alka Sharma

During the AGM, the new office bearers for the period 2022 - 2024 were elected and the Executive Committee was also nominated. The office bearers elected for the period 2022 - 2024 are Er. J. B. S. Johar - Vice Chairman (Jammu); Dr G. N. Qasba - Vice Chairman (Kashmir); Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS - Vice Chairman (Central); Prof Alka Sharma - Hony Secretary; Shri Vikrant Kuthiala - Hony Treasurer; Dr Anil Gupta - Joint Secretary (Jammu); Shri G. M. Andrabi - Joint Secretary (Kashmir); Shri K. B. Jandial, IAS (Retd) - Director Seminars; Lt Col (Retd) Karan Singh - Joint Director Seminar (Jammu) Prof S. M. Afzal Qadri - Joint Director Seminars (Kashmir).

The 15 member Executive Committee nominated include Sh. Kuldeep Khoda IPS (Retd), Sh. A.M.Watali IPS (Retd); Shri Manoj Dwivedi, IAS; Dr. C.M.Seth IFS (Retd), Prof. Rekha Choudhary, Prof. Mehraj-ud-din, Er. M.M.Gupta, Sh. Prem Gupta IPS (Retd), Sh. Manoj Panditha, JKPS, Dr Naseer Iqbal Bhat; Shri Hitesh Gupta, JKAS, Dr Sudershan Kumar, Sh. Narinder Khajuria, JKAS; Sh.Qazi Shabeer Ahmad, Dr. Komal Nagar.

Sh. B R Sharma in his address complimented the outgoing team and said that more active and focused effort is required to make the branch vibrant and performing. He

informed branch shall undertake activities across Jammu Kashmir and UT of Ladakh.

Dr. Ashok Bhan while congratulating the branch for achieving the distinction of being adjudged the 2nd best branch in the country consecutively for the last two years, and suggested to lay emphasis on undertaking research projects which have relevance and impact on the public administration.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary presented the annual report and Sh. Vikrant Kuthiala, Hony Treasurer presented the statement of accounts for the last financial year. Prof Alka Sharma formally welcomed the august gathering and conducted the proceedings of the function. Er. M.M.Gupta was the returning officer during the conduct of the elections. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary coordinated the AGM.

20TH ANNUAL VEERANNA AIVALLI MEMORIAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch and J&K Police in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized the 20th Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition on the topic "In the opinion of the house, it is the culture of sports and not just Government Policy that can improve Indian medal tally at Olympics 2024" on March 11, 2022. A total of 29 teams from various institutions of the region participated in the competition.



Winning team receiving Veeranna Aivalli trophy

The team from Cluster University (PG) comprising of Alvin Singh and Perna Sharma lifted the Veeranna Aivalli Running team trophy. The individual first prize was won by Alvin Singh from Cluster University (PG); Perna Sharma, Cluster University (PG) bagged the second prize followed by Ishika Sharma from Department of Commerce, University of Jammu as the winner of third prize. The consolation prizes were won by Shivani Sharma, GCW Parade; Priyatosh Dev, Department of English, University of Jammu and Ojasvi Dubey, Cluster University (Colleges).

Sh. Dilbag Singh, IPS, Director General of Police, JK Police was the Chief Guest of the occasion while remembering the services of Sh Aivalli congratulated IIPA JK Regional Branch for organizing the debate competition in his memory. He said that India can emerge as a sporting nation by building a strong sports culture in the educational institution.

Prof Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Guest of Honor and in his address he said that through the effective implementation of National Education Policy 2020 sports can be made an integral part of the curriculum helping the students in their overall personality development.

Sh B R Sharma in his address said that the glorious tradition of culture of sports in India needs revival through effective policy and individual level interventions. He was of the view that sports help the youth to learn leadership, team skills and builds characters.

Dr. Ashok Bhan while fondly remembering the personality of Sh. Aivalli said that this debate competition is a reflection of his personality. He said that good sports person emerge as good and responsible citizens. He said that culture of sports should be made an integral part of the society.



Dignitaries presenting the certificate to the participants

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB presented the formal welcome address. Sh K B Jandial, IAS (Retd), Director (Seminars) presented the formal vote of thanks. Earlier during the day Prof Prakash Chand Antahal, Dean Students' Welfare, University of Jammu in presence of Er. JB

S Johar, Vice-Chairman, IIPA J&K Regional Branch appreciated all the students for their active participation in the debate. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA J&K Regional Branch conducted the proceedings of the function.

The adjudicators for the debate competition were, Prof Indu Kilam, Dr Komal Nagar and Shri Shaminder Kumar. The rapporteur of the event was Harneet Kaur and Manisha Mehta, Department of English University of Jammu. The debate was anchored by Ms Shavi Sharma, Department of English and Dr Virender Koundal Teacher In Charge (Debate), Mr Sumit Sharma from University coordinated the event.

9TH RAM SAHAI MEMORIAL LECTURE ON “BRIDGING SKILL GAP THROUGH INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP”

“We are on borrowed time and it is time for all of us to buck up and change our attitude towards education, skilling, industrial growth and employment” said Prof. (Dr.) Neharika Vohra, Vice-Chancellor Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, New Delhi while delivering 9th Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on “Bridging Skill Gap through Industry Academia Partnership” organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch on June 25, 2022.



L to R : Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof. Neharika Vohra, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Sh. K. B. Jandial & Sh. Rahul Sahai

While raising concerns about the quality of human capital, skill deficit, and unemployable graduates, Prof Vohra strongly advocated that both academia and industry cannot be complacent anymore, and should synergize their efforts and come forward to handle the issue of talent depth in the country. According to her, the education sector should rethink and design an effective curriculum through intensive collaboration with the industry to define required skills at a detailed level.

Further highlighting the role of the industry in reducing the skill deficit, she said that industry should be willing to come into the classroom, engage with the students, provide internship opportunities, co-create curriculum which is of relevance to them.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Patron of IIPA-JKRB while remembered the contributions of Late Sh. Ram Sahai and said that educated unemployment is a matter of serious concern and suggested that suitable interventions should be made by both academia and industry to handle this issue which affects the youth of the country.

Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman of IIPA-JKRB in his presidential remarks of paid homage to Sh. Sahai, and said that the vision of India becoming a 5-trillion dollar economy is only possible with the synergistic and systematic effort of policy makers, educational institutions and industry.

Sh. K B Jandial, IAS (Retd.), Director (Seminars), IIPA JKRB paid glowing tributes to Late Sh. Ram Sahai and said this memorial lecture is organized every year to carry forward his legacy by deliberating on issues of relevance to the industry.

Sh. Rahul Sahai in his concluding remarks said that in a constantly changing world, inculcating steadily experiential learning is key to develop human capital of the future and assured fruitful relationship with academia benefit the local industry and society at large. He acknowledged IIPA for organizing this memorial lecture in memory of his father every year.

Earlier Prof. Alka Sharma, Secretary, IIPA JKRB delivered the formal welcome address and the proceedings were conducted by Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary. The programme was attended by eminent citizens, members of IIPA, family members of Late Sh. Ram Sahai including Dr. S D Singh, IPS, ADGP, Prof, Manoj Dhar, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Sh Sandeep Mittal GM RBI J&K , Sh Sanjeev Kr Garg Airport Director Jammu , Sh Arun Gupta President CCI Jammu, Sh Rajesh Jain Chairman Federation of Industries Jammu , Sh. Lalit Mahajan Chiarman BBIA , Sh Sanjay Bansal Chairman Federation of All India Vyaparmandal, Sh Satish Kaul, President Pharma industries of J&K and others.

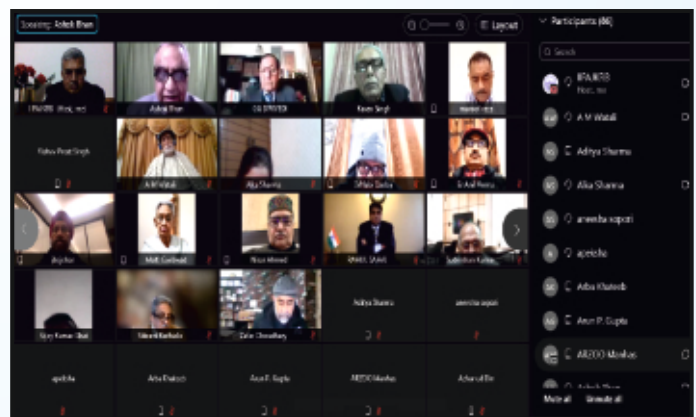
12TH SAT PAUL SAHNI MEMORIAL LECTURE ON “INDO-CHINA CONFLICT”

The J&K Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration organized 12th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on the topic of Indo-China Conflict on January 22, 2022. Shri Maroof Raza, Defence Analyst from New Delhi delivered the memorial lecture while Maj Gen (Dr.) G .G. Dwivedi (Retd), SM, VSM (Bar) presided over the function.

While sharing the historical perspective on the topic, Sh Maroof Raza narrated the sequence of conflict post Independence, he said that 1962 Indo-China War was a leadership failure and India could have utilized its military strength to its advantage as done during Operation Falcon in 1987. Further due to China's Geo-Strategic ambition and its water storage & control strategy, Chinese agenda of using Pakistan to destabilize India has been successful. He suggested that since China is a power of consequence to the world, therefore Indian leadership should strengthen its negotiation power by strengthening its economy and defence infrastructure.

Maj Gen Dr. G .G. Dwivedi (Retd), SM, VSM (Bar) who presided over the Memorial Lecture. In his scholarly address emphasized on a long-term strategic policy towards China. He was of the view that the policy of appeasement will prove detrimental towards the strategic interest of India. He cautioned that Chinese have the tendency to violate all agreements and feared that once the current dispute settles, the gravity will shift towards Indian Ocean. According to him the way forwards to reduce the power differential, India should adopt a two-fold approach of improving economic & military strength, and build alliance with QUAD from defence perspective.

In his welcome address, Lt Col (Retd) Karan Singh Joint Director (Seminars), IIPA J&K Regional Branch introduced the theme and build a perspective for the session. Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Patron of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and former DGP, J&K Police paid glowing tributes to the memory of Late Sat Paul Sahni and said that he was moving spirit of the IIPA.



Participants during the lecture

Prof. Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, presented the vote of thanks while the proceedings were conducted by Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary. Among others, the event on virtual mode was attended by Smt Prem Sahni, wife of late Sat Paul Sahni and other family members, office bearers and members of IIPA, academicians, research scholars and students from various Universities across the country.

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON “THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1955 & THE SC/ST (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989”

Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, Government of Jammu & Kashmir organized a sensitization workshop on The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 & The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 on March 26, 2022 with an objective to realize the vision of government to promote social integration, equality and mainstreaming the marginalized section of the society. The workshop was attended by over 90 senior officers representing various stakeholder departments of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sh. D C Raina, Advocate General, Government of Jammu & Kashmir in his key note address deliberated on the origin and genesis of the acts, and said that while legal and constitutional provisions focus on prevention and protection aspects, the real change in the society can only be achieved by inculcating moral and ethical values.



*L to R : Smt. Sheetal Nanda, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Sh. D. C. Raina,
Dr. Shahid Choudhary, Prof. Alka Sharma*

Ms. Sheetal Nanda, IAS, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government of J&K., Department of Social Welfare in her address emphasized that while effective implementation of the legal provisions is essential, it is the duty of the society to protect and eliminate any kind of discrimination on

grounds of colour, caste, gender and creed. She informed that prior to the reorganization of J&K in 2019, the provisions of The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 will protect the rights and provide social justice and empowerment for their inclusive development.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary IAS, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department (Addl. charge of Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth & Mission Director, Skill Development Mission) in his address informed that there is an urgent need for policy makers to ensure the inclusion and equality of tribals. He was of view that discrimination against the nomadic communities persists in terms of education, health, child care and livestock.

Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman, IIPA JKRB in his presidential remarks said that there is a need to create an eco-system to tackle the menace of social discrimination and move towards a more inclusive society. He said that the public servants should emerge as change makers and help



View of Audience during the Workshop

build a public opinion leading to the end of discrimination.

Prof Vijay Nagpal, Former Chairman, Department of Law, Panjab University Chandigarh in his lecture on “Constitutional Perspective significance and implementation of The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955” laid emphasis that it is important to understand the psychological point of view of the victim rather than merely focusing upon criminal jurisprudence.

Dr Nupur Tiwary, Special Director, National Tribal Research Institute and Head, Centre of Excellence for Tribal Affairs, IIPA New Delhi in her lecture on “Historical Perspective, Significance and Effective Implementation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989” talked about the need to address the unresolved issues of indignity, humiliation and harassment of SC/ST – the marginalized sections of the society.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint

Secretary conducted the proceedings and presented the formal vote of thanks. Ms. Seema Bharti, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Welfare and Development of Scheduled Caste and Dr. Vijay Sehgal from Department of Law coordinated the event.

TWO DAYS' WORKSHOP ON "THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1955 & THE SC/ST (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989"

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, J&K Advisory for Welfare and Development of Schedule Castes Government of Jammu & Kashmir organized two days training cum induction workshop for newly empanelled "Legal Adviser" (LAs) and "Field Level Counselors" (FLCs) under National Helpline against Atrocities (NHAA) on Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 & the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 on May 13-14, 2022.



Participants during the workshop

The workshop aimed at educating the participants on the various aspects of these laws which have been implemented in UT of Jammu & Kashmir after the reorganization in 2019 to realize the vision of government to promote social integration, equality and mainstreaming the marginalized section of the society.

During the workshop, Dr. Nupur Tiwary, Special Director, National Tribal Research Institute and Head, Centre of Excellence for Tribal Affairs, IIPA New Delhi and Advocate Aseem Sawhney, Ex. Advocate General of J&K High Court deliberated on various provisions of these laws, the challenges to be encountered and the roles and responsibilities of these empanelled members.

Ms. Seema Bharti Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Welfare and Development of Scheduled Caste informed that the Government of India has established National Helpline against Atrocities on SC/ST and the benefits of this helpline will now be available to the citizens of UT of Jammu & Kashmir also. The empanelled members have a significant role in the effective implementation of these

Acts to ensure safety, justice, relief and rehabilitation of the victims.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB coordinated the programme. The programme was also attended by Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd) and Sh. K B Jandial, IAS (Retd) in addition to other members of IIPA, JKRB and civil society.

EXHIBITION CUM INTERACTION ON "JAMMU SMART CITY: CONNECTING THE DOTS"

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch organized an exhibition cum Interaction on the theme "Jammu Smart City: Connecting the Dots" on June 18, 2022 to create awareness about the various initiatives being undertaken under the aegis of Jammu Smart City Ltd. During the exhibition, all the projects of JSCL were displayed to the audience, who keenly viewed these projects and interacted for more information.



L to R : Prof. Alka Sharma, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Sh. K. B. Jandial, Sh. Hitesh Gupta

The exhibition was followed by an interaction during which, Additional CEO, JSCL, Hitesh Gupta gave a detailed presentation about various projects of JSCL under the Smart Cities Mission Launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoUHA) with an objective to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology as a means to create smart outcomes for citizens. During the presentation, he deliberated in detail on an ambitious project of JSCL "Tawi River Front", which is being developed on the lines of the Sabarmati riverfront in Gujarat.

Sh. B. R. Sharma, (IAS Retd.) Chairman IIPA JK Regional Branch presided over the function and in his presidential address talked about the infrastructural deficit that Jammu city has in terms of availability of basic amenities but the discussion has cleared the vision. He added that Smart

Cities Mission is aimed to ease the life of the urban population and believed that tech-oriented projects will ease the life of people.

Adv Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation in her address appreciated the IIPA JKRB for organizing interaction on such an important topic and talked about the various initiatives of JMC to facilitate and improve the standard of living of people of Jammu.



View of Audience

A long question answer session was also held during which many queries were raised by the audience to the Addl. CEO JSCL, who answered all of them very diligently and comprehensively. A number of suggestions were also offered by the audience.

Earlier, Shri K.B.Jandial, IAS (Retd) Director Seminars presented a formal welcome address, during which he mentioned various issues being faced by local peoples and helped set the tone for interaction. The interaction was attended by prominent citizens, IIPA members and Business Associations, Senior Government officers serving and retired.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Honorary Secretary IIPA JKRB conducted the proceedings and presented the formal vote of thanks.

TWO DAYS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME ON “DEVELOPING HIGH PERFORMANCE MINDSET IN PUBLIC SERVICE”

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch organized two days Leadership Programme on “Developing High Performance Mindset in Public Service” for Middle and Senior Level officers of Government of Jammu & Kashmir on August 26-27, 2022.

Shri Raj Kumar Goyal, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir in his valedictory address said that officers while serving at any position should aim at bringing in systematic improvements which positively enhances the lives of common citizen. He urged

upon the officers to enhance their area of influence, think innovatively and consistently improve their performance.



L to R : Prof. Alka Sharma, Sh. Raj Kumar Goyal, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Dr. Piyush Singla, Sh. K. B. Jandial

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Former DGP and Patron of IIPA JKRB in his inaugural address on “Citizen Centric Governance” said that citizens are premier stake holders of Governance and should play active role in sharing their expectations. He was of the view that equitability and inclusiveness of Governance should be aimed towards the citizens. He urged upon the participants to reflect upon their decisions on a continuous basis and ensure that the decision is in public interest & has been taken in consultation with the community without any fear or favour.

Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, Government of India; Chief Secretary, Government of J&K and Chairman IIPA JKRB in his address while discussing the motto of Indian Administrative Service, referred to योग: कर्मसु कौशलम्, and said that essence of a public servant is to develop an acumen of empathizing with a common man and solve social issues for effective governance. He further said that technological interventions in governance will bring in transformation changes in promoting collaborative governance, and the officers should enhance their capacities to be relevant in the digital era.

Dr. Piyush Singla, Administrative Secretary, General Administrative Department, Government of Jammu &



Participants during the programme

Kashmir appreciated the initiative of IIPA JKRB in conceptualizing the program in line with the vision of Government of India to build competencies of Civil Servants under the “Mission Karamyogi”.

Sh. Manjot S Gill, Chief Business Officer, Mind Bridge Professional Consultants Pvt Ltd and Prof Charru Malhotra, (e-Governance and ICT), Lead Coordinator (Centre of e-Governance) IIPA, New Delhi were the key resource persons. They engaged the participants using innovative pedagogy of role plays, activity based learning, case studies to drive upon the key aspects of developing high performance mindset through strategic thinking & collaborative governance in building up a New & Digital Bharat.

Sh. K B Jandial, IAS (Retd), Director (Seminars) presented the formal welcome address while Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB coordinated the programme. The participants of the rank of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Director, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Director etc. from over 20 different departments were nominated by GAD, Government of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition to the participants the programme was attended by Sh. Kuldeep Khoda, IPS (Retd), Er. J B S Johar, Sh Prem Gupta, IPS (Retd), Sh M M Gupta, Sh Vikrant Kuthiala, Col. Karan Singh in addition to other members of IIPA, JKRB.

PRELUDE CONFERENCE ON “INDIA EMERGING AS A GLOBAL LEADER”

“We are at the cusp of transformational times and strategic uncertainty in world politics, engineering common good is becoming the central idea of collective survival”, said Prof. Varun Sahni from JNU while delivering key note during the Prelude Conference on “India Emerging as a Global Leader” organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch on September 23, 2022.



L to R : Prof. Alka Sharma, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Prof. Varun Sahni, Sh. K. B. Jandial

While deciphering the topic, he narrated the attributes of India and strategic interests arising out of it. Prof. Sahni, was of the view that old policy grooves will not navigate India through this strategic transition and a novel approach will ensure security, prosperity & identity of the country.

While differentiating between great powers, super powers, rising powers, declining powers and emerging powers, he said that India can easily maneuver towards rising power and has the capability and willingness to play a system shaping role. He said India is in a position to articulate an attractive and distinctive vision as a Global leader by operationalising trusteeship in the field of planetary ecosystem, a key concern in the world order.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Former DGP, JKP and Patron, IIPA JKRB in his presidential remarks said that, “Social cohesion and co-existence are the only



Participants during the conference

ways that India- a multi-cultural, multi faith and multi-linguistic society- can grow as a nation.” Further he was of the view that India's soft power as a civilization and a cohesive polity, will catalyze our journey to a position where the world sees India as a leader.

Sh. B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, GoI and Chief Secretary, JK and Chairman of IIPA JKRB in his address said that the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal will shape the destiny of the country and India will emerge as a developed country by 2047.

Sh K B Jandial, IAS (Retd), Director (Seminars), IIPA JKRB in his welcome address said that India has emerged as the 5th largest economy in the world and can significantly make a mark in global arena. Prof. Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary presented the formal

vote of thanks. Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB conducted the proceedings of the well attended program. The program was attended by eminent people from civil society, police, defence, administration, academia and members of IIPA.

WORKSHOP ON “ESSENCE OF FIRE SAFETY”

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch (IIPA JKRB) in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India organized a one day workshop on “Essence of Fire Safety” which was attended by over 125 participants from various stakeholders in government and private sector on October 10, 2022.

Sh Rajiv Narang, Outstanding Scientist and Director, Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES), DRDO in his key note address informed that as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative of Prime Minister, CFEES has started developing indigenous products for fire safety which meet the global standards. He informed that CFEES as part of its initiative is now bringing its know-how and technologies for the benefit of civil society and has invited various stakeholders to take the benefit of this initiative.



L to R : Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. B. Srinivas, Sh. B. R. Sharma, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Sh. Rajiv Narang, Dr. Sudershan Kumar

Sh B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, GoI and Former Chief Secretary, Government of J&K, Chairman of IIPA JKRB in his address said that new technologies should be put to effective use and there is an urgent need to reprioritize our thinking while designing buildings and a greater sense of responsibility on the part of the citizens can prevent

disasters from fire.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Former DGP, JK and Patron of the IIPA JKRB in his address while narrating the horrific fire incidents cautioned the audience against the possible hazards of fire. He urged that stakeholders to invest in prevention of fire by adopting proactive measures.



Participants during the workshop

Dr. B Srinivas, IPS, Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K in his address shared the challenges related to fire incidents in J&K and said that Government of JK is committed to adopt best practices, invest in capacity building of its people and adopt latest technological equipments to prevent incidents from fire.

Dr. Sudershan Kumar, Former DG, DRDO and Special Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India also the architect of this workshop in his address talked about the concept of Fire Triangle and said that safety measures can prevent collateral damages.

Later three technical sessions were held on “Development of State-of-the-Art Fire Safety Products and Technologies” by Dr K C Wadhwa, Outstanding Scientist and Associate Director, CFEES ; “Status of Fire Safety in India” by Sh Prashant Lonkar; & a case study of a Fire Incident by Sh Pankaj Chawla, Scientist 'D' were held.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hon'y Secretary, IIPA JKRB presented the formal welcome address, Sh K B Jandial, IAS (Retd), Director (Seminars) presented the formal vote of thanks and Dr. Anil Gupta, Joint Secretary, IIPA JKRB conducted the proceedings of the function.

INTER UNIVERSITY ANNUAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch Kashmir organized Annual IIPA Debate in association with Department of Students Welfare University of Kashmir on August 18, 2022.



Winning team receiving trophy

More than 60 students from the University departments and degree colleges of Kashmir spoke for and against the motion on the topic, "Keyboard learning is not an alternative to formal education".

Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, who earlier inaugurated the debate, said the University administration is fully committed to do best in the area of student welfare and provide all necessary facilities and infrastructure to students within and outside the classrooms. Dr G N Qasba, Vice Chairman IIPA J&K Regional Branch and Mr A M Watali, former Vice Chairman IIPA J&K Regional Branch also spoke on the occasion and thanked the University authorities for their support to the IIPA debates.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan presided over the valedictory-cum-prize distribution ceremony of the event as chief guest.



Dignitaries presenting the certificate to the participants

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said debating not only enables the debaters to evolve as better communicators, it also helps them to foster critical-thinking which is vital for their overall personality development.

"We want our students to be ready to meet the further requirements of the ever-competitive world of academia. Their participation in extracurricular activities like these will go a long way in helping us realizing this goal," the VC said, complimenting DSW and IIPA for organising this debate annually.

Later, the Vice-Chancellor distributed prizes among the position-holders and consolation prize winners.

Mehak Fayaz from KU's English Department bagged the first prize while Saira Jabeen and Numaira (both from SKUAST-K) bagged the second and third prizes respectively. Fahad Fayaz from Amar Singh College and Mehvish Manzoor from School of Law KU bagged the first and second consolation prize respectively. SKUAST-K emerged overall winners of the IIPA Cup. Cultural Officer KU (Dr.) Shahid Ali Khan conducted proceedings of the programme.

21ST ANNUAL VEERANNA AIVALLI MEMORIAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional Branch and J&K Police in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu organized the 21st Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition on the topic "In the opinion of the house, pre-poll freebies is a misuse of taxpayers money and hampers the financial sustainability" on December 15, 2022. A total of 34 teams from various affiliated colleges and University teaching departments and other Universities and Institutions of the region participated in the competition.



Winning team receiving Veeranna Aivalli trophy

The team from The Law School comprising of Aditya Mahajan and Anshika Gandhi lifted the Veeranna Aivalli Running team trophy. The individual first prize was won by Irtiq Tariq, Jammu College of Physiotherapy; Kritika Sharma, Department of Political Science bagged the second prize followed by Akshita Sharma, Department of Zoology, JU as the winner of third prize. The consolation prizes were won by Aditya Mahajan (The Law School), Arshpreet Kaur Sudan, Cluster University of Jammu and Ananya Singh Sudan from School of Biotechnology, JU.

Sh. Dilbag Singh, IPS, Director General of Police, JK Police was the Chief Guest of the occasion while Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Guest of Honor. Sh B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch and Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Patron of IIPA, J&K Regional Branch also attended the prize distribution function. Mr. Girish Aivalli also joined the event.



Dignitaries presenting the certificate to the participants

Sh. Dilbag Singh while remembering the services of Sh. Aivalli to the police services congratulated IIPA JK Regional Branch for consistently organizing the debate competition in his memory. He said that the role of police with the active support of the civil society has created conducive and peaceful environment in the region. He said JK Police is keen to engage with the youth and support positive activities in form such events.

Prof Umesh Rai in his address highlighted the new changes which University of Jammu has initiated which allow an active interaction with the public experts from diverse domains in the academic pursuits. While complimenting the IIPA for initiating this activity, he said that University of Jammu will

always be at the forefront in organizing events which build the overall capacity of the students.

Sh B R Sharma in his address pondered upon the pro and cons of freebies in the present social structure and its consequences across the different strata of the society. He opined that all freebies are not bad, however a targeted approach can benefit the real segment. He congratulated all the participants for intelligently highlighting the issues related to the topic.

Dr. Ashok Bhan while fondly remembering the personality of Sh. Aivalli said that this debate competition is a reflection of his personality. He acknowledged the immense contribution of JK Police in the last three decades as spearheading the fight against the proxy war. He opined that would need a legislation in future which ensure financial discipline and judicious use of public funds.

Prof Alka Sharma, Hony Secretary, IIPA JKRB presented the formal welcome address. Dr. Anil Gupta, Associate Dean (SW) & Joint Secretary, IIPA conducted the proceedings and presented the formal vote of thanks. Earlier during the day, Prof Prakash Chand Antahal, Dean Students' Welfare, University of Jammu in presence of Er. J B S Johar, Vice-Chairman, IIPA & Sh K B Jandial, IAS (R) appreciated all the students for their active participation in the debate.

The adjudicators for the debate competition were Sh Naveen Chopra, Sh Sanjeev Sharma, and Dr. Komal Nagar. The rapporteur of the event was Swati Vijay. The debate was anchored by Ms Insha Dawood and Dr Hema Gandotra & Dr. Raj Sandhu Teacher In Charge (Debate), Mr Sumit Sharma, Ms. Irfa Kak, Kulbhushan, Arif from University coordinated the event ably supported by Sunny Singh Rajput, Jhanvi, Aparna, Chahat, Rohan, Deepak, Mrinal and Sheena.



View of Audience during Debate Competition

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Our list of achievements has grown further in the past year. Our Chairman Shri B.R.Sharma, IAS (Retd) co-opted as a member of the Executive Council of IIPA for Two Year term 2022-24.

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To mark the 73rd Republic Day, flag hosting ceremony was organised on January 26, 2022 at IIPA Complex. Shri B.R.Sharma, IAS (Retd) Chairman of the Branch and other office bearers and members of Executive Committee were present during the ceremony.



Members of IIPA celebrating Republic Day

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IIPA, J&K Regional Branch celebrated the Independence Day in the IIPA Complex by hosting the National Flag on August 15, 2022. Prof Alka Sharma, Hony. Secretary of the branch and other office bearers and members of Executive Committee were present during the ceremony.



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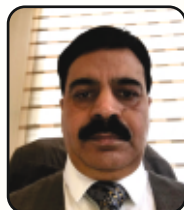
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