



IIPA organizes a one-day interactive session for the new IAS officers of 2020

IIPA organized a one-day interactive session for the new IAS officers of 2020 batch undergoing three months stint as Assistant Secretaries in the Government of India on July 29, 2022. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh graced the workshop. While addressing the new IAS officers, the Minister said that the next 25 years will be critical for India and the current batch of IAS officers are privileged as they have time on their side, moreover the opportunity to devote their next 25 years for active service to the nation.

During the interaction, the Minister was informed that the 2020 batch of 175 officers had 108 officers with engineering background and many officers with background in medicine, management, law and arts. He, therefore emphasized that the officers should utilize their educational background to showcase how the Ministries/Departments can innovate, use new ideas and deliver high quality outputs directly to citizens with complete elimination of middlemen and leakages. He also hoped that the technocrats will be able to do justice to the flagship programmes of the government in sectors like Health, Agriculture, Sanitation, Education, Skills and Mobility to name a few, which are technology based and technology driven.

Dr Jitendra Singh lauded the role of Indian Institute of Public Administration and said that IIPA is working as a knowledge partner with different ministries and incorporated in their training and research programmes, the latest trends and advancements in public governance and administration. This includes: India@2047, a vision plan for a 'future ready India' that suits the 100th year of India's independence; competency framework for the civil services under Mission Karmayogi which envisages to prepare civil servants for the future by making them more constructive, enabling, energetic, innovative, proactive, professional, progressive, transparent and technology enabled; Indian thoughts on good governance and new methods of governance like PM Gati Shakti which aims at the coordinated planning and execution of infrastructure projects in India to enhance efficiency and reduce logistics cost.

In his concluding remarks, the Minister told the young civil servants that gaining knowledge from institutions like IIPA will help them to meet the various decision-making challenges, which they will face in the states and the districts and conveyed his best wishes to officers in all their future endeavours.

Training Programme for Assistant Secretaries was initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2015. The objective of this programme was to provide exposure to the young IAS officers for 13 weeks about the functioning of the Government of India at an early stage in their career on completion of their Phase II training. ■

—Amitabh Ranjan