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## HIGHLIGHTS

## INSTITUTE NEWS

### Sixty-sixth Annual General Body Meeting

The sixty-sixth Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) was held on October 31, 2020 via online mode. The event was graced with the presence of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu who is also the President of IIPA, Union Minister of State (I/C) of PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoNER, Space and Atomic Energy and now Chairman of IIPA, Dr Jitendra Singh, Director of IIPA, Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (Retd.), and Senior EC member and the Vice President of the Institute, Shri Shekhar Dutt, IAS (Retd.).

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Presiding over the AGM through video conferencing, the Vice President of India called for a change in the delivery of services, delivery of justice and the way governance structures respond to the needs of common people. "This is the change India is looking for today", he said.

He opined that IIPA as the premier institution of public administration must play a pivotal role in bringing about this change. He expressed happiness that IIPA has continued its activities and conducted training programs during the pandemic by creating digital infrastructure. He also appreciated the new website launched by IIPA. On this occasion, Shri Naidu also unveiled the statue of the former Deputy Prime Minister of India, Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at IIPA Library. Congratulating the Director and staff for this, he said the statue should serve as an inspiration to all of us working for improving India's governance. "Sardar Patel was a real *karmayogi*, a quintessential visionary administrator, one who had dreamt of a united India and worked tirelessly to achieve this dream" the Vice President of India said. Calling the new programme- "Mission *Karmayogi*" as the largest Civil Services Reform to improve delivery of services, Shri Naidu expressed happiness that IIPA is offering digitally-enabled capacity building programmes to the civil servants under this initiative. He also expressed his satisfaction that the financial condition of IIPA has improved in the last five years and that the institute was reducing its expenditure without compromising on the quality.

Taking note of the steps initiated by the Executive Council of IIPA to re-position it in the light of current and emerging challenges, Shri Naidu said "We have to come up with sound strategy for institutional reforms and make IIPA a fit organization to catalyze the new wave of governance reforms in the country".

He appreciated the amendments and changes in the Rules of IIPA to make the Executive Council leaner, efficient, cost-effective and more representative.

Praising IIPA for its strong network of institutions at the State and local levels, the Vice President of India suggested strengthening the network further. "The State Governments must be brought on board and be active participants, as also the local bodies in cities and rural areas", he said. "I wish to see IIPA set new ambitious goals in the next few months, benchmarking itself against the best institutions with similar mandate around the globe", he added. He welcomed Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who took over as the Chairman of the Executive Council of IIPA recently and hoped that his experience and capability will further enhance the stature of IIPA. The Vice President of India also congratulated Dr. Singh for taking the important decision of opening up of Life-Membership of IIPA. This would enable experienced Civil Servants and Academicians to join IIPA as members and the strength and capability of IIPA will increase substantially, he added. Shri Naidu also paid tributes to the former Chairman of IIPA, Shri T. N. Chaturvedi who passed away in January this year.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that in the last 5 to 6 years, a series of reforms were undertaken by the government. Referring to some out of box decisions taken during past few years, he mentioned the decision to do away with the time old practice of getting documents attested by a gazetted officer and replacing the same with self-attestation, doing away with interviews for lower rung selections for group B and C. Shri Tripathi announced the names of the winners of various awards. Shri Shekhar Dutt and Shri Amitabh Ranjan proposed the Words of Thanks. Registrar along with the Dy Registrar (AS), Shri Mithun Barua coordinated and organised the programme.

## Paul H. Appleby Awards

The following members were conferred with Paul H. Appleby Awards at the AGM for their distinguished services to IIPA and to the field of public administration: Shri Bishambar Nath Makhija, IAS (Retd.), former Additional Secretary Coal and former Principal Advisor in the Planning Commission; Shri Sarat Chandra Misra, IPS (Retd.), former DGP of Odisha; Prof K Munirathnam Naidu, former Professor of Economics at Department of Economics, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi; and Shri Ishwar Chandra Dwivedi, IPS (Retd.), former Director of Vigilance, U.P and former as Chairman, Banking Service Recruitment Board, Lucknow.

## Shri TN Chaturvedi Award

Shri TN Chaturvedi Award for best article published in the Indian Journal of Public Administration for the year 2019 was conferred to Ms Abhilasha Bahuguna and Mr G. Prasanna Ramaswamy for their article "*Highland to: High Fashion: The Development of a Women Cooperative in Ladakh*" published in IJPA (65/1, pp. 152 -170). Ms Bahuguna is Co-Founder, Project Strategy and Brand Development (Non-profit), Looms of Ladakh Women Cooperative and Mr G. Pasanna Ramaswamy, IAS, is the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir.

## Award for Excellence in Public Service

The Award for Excellence in Public Service was conferred to DELNET - Developing Library Network.

## Award for Best Performing Branch of IIPA

A new category of Award for the *Best Performing Branch of IIPA* was introduced this year. IIPA Puducherry Local Branch of IIPA received the award for the best performance among the regional and local branches.

## Shri TN Chaturvedi Memorial Certificate

*Shri TN Chaturvedi Memorial Certificate of Appreciation* was awarded to Dr Saket Bihari for completing maximum number of research studies by an IIPA faculty in the year 2019-2020. It was the new category of Award introduced this year.

## Dr UC Agarwal Memorial Certificate

*Dr UC Agarwal Memorial Certificate of Appreciation* was awarded to Dr Charru Malhotra for most number of articles authored by an IIPA employee in the year 2019-2020. It was the new category of Award introduced this year.

## Annual Essay Competition

The names of the following people were announced during the AGM as the recipients of IIPA's Annual Essay Prize Competition 2020. First prize of Rs 10000 was conferred to Dr Vivek Dixit for his essay on "*Covid & Public Health System*". Second prize of Rs 7000 was conferred to Lohi HVV for his Hindi essay on , d jkV एक jklu dM ; k u%l kZ fud forj. k izkyh ea dMj . Third prize of Rs 5000 was given to Harish Kumar for his essay on "Migration and Job Creation".

## Annual Case Study Award

The names of the following people were announced during the AGM as the recipients of Annual Decision Making/ Teaching Case Study Competition - 2020. As none of the entries merited for first and third prize, second prize of Rs. 3000 was awarded to Kanchan Ramesh Gupta & Smita Nimsarkar for their entry on "*Naina Town Planning Schemes - Land Owner's Meet in Pre-Covid and Post-Covid Times*"

## Books Released

The following publications were announced to be released during the AGM: i) Indian Journal of Public Administration, Special Edition (July - September) by Shri SN Tripathi and Prof C Sheela Reddy (ii) IIPA Digest (July-Sept 2020) by Shri SN Tripathi, Shri Amitabh Ranjan and Ms Meghna Chukkath (iii) Lok Prashasan, Special Edition (July - December 2020) by Prof SN Mishra and Dr Saket Bihari (iv) Nagarlok (July-September 2020) by Shri SN Tripathi and Dr VN Alok (v) Prashashak Prashasika of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh branch by Shri Kewal Krishan Sethi (vi) TN Chaturvedi Memorial (Research - Evaluation) by Shri SN Tripathi (vii) Dr UC Agarwal Memorial (Articles - Papers) by Shri SN Tripathi (viii) Dr Ambedkar Memorial by Prof C. Sheela Reddy (ix) Dr Rakesh Hooja Memorial by Prof C. Sheela Reddy (x) Report of study on the impact of inter- caste marriage scheme of Dr Ambedkar Foundation on the lives of beneficiaries by Prof C. Sheela Reddy (xi) NBCFDC (PGB) Report by Prof C. Sheela Reddy (xii) NBCFDC (PBCLDFC) Report by Prof C. Sheela Reddy (xiii) Capacity Building for Judicial Officers of Uttar Pradesh by Dr Surabhi Pandey.

## Members' Annual Conference

The sixty-fifth IIPA Members' Annual Conference was held on November 2, 2020 via virtual mode. The theme of the conference was "Management of Pandemics". Dr Sachin Chowdhry presented the theme paper in which he highlighted the concept. In his welcome address, Shri SN Tripathi, Director of IIPA, highlighted the significance of the theme. Representatives of regional as well as local branches expressed their views on the theme. Besides the discussion, papers on the theme were presented during the conference. Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar, IIPA, proposed the vote of thanks.



## Webinar on Case Study method for Teaching and Decision Making

A webinar on *Case Study method for Teaching and Decision-Making* was organised on October 26, 2020. The webinar gave an opportunity to deliberate and discuss on improving the case study programme of IIPA. All the authors who submitted their case studies for the Annual Decision Making/ Case Study Competition of IIPA in the past 5 years (2016-2020) were invited for the webinar. Prof. C. Sheela Reddy, Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice and Member Secretary, Committee for Case Studies

in her opening remarks highlighted the importance of case study method as an effective tool for teaching, training and decision-making. Shri S. N. Tripathi, Director, IIPA emphasised that the method fosters a broader perspective of decision-making and integration of critical thinking skills, enabling administrators to review their own action and inaction. Prof. Nand Dhameja, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad, the key resource person of the webinar made a comprehensive and an insightful presentation on 'Case Method and Case Analysis'. Prof. Ashok Vishandass, Professor of Applied Economics presented a perspective on 'Mission *Karmayogi*' an ambitious programme of Government of India, supporting transition from 'Rules-based' to 'Roles based' HR Management and to calibrate all Civil Service positions to a Framework of Roles. Dr. V. N. Alok, Associate Professor of Public Finance summing up the discussion stressed the need to strengthen the case study programme of IIPA. Prof. C. Sheela Reddy coordinated the event and proposed vote of thanks.

## Webinar on Overview of CPSEs

A webinar on overview of *Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)- Disinvestment and Performance Evaluation* was organised on October 26, 2020. The eminent speakers were Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIAPM), Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Shri SN Tripathi, Director, IIPA presented the introductory remarks. Dr Surabhi Pandey coordinated the webinar.



## Webinar on Consumer Protection Act, 2019

A webinar jointly in association with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University, Panvel, Navi Mumbai and Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA, was organised on *Consumer Protection Act, 2019- A Game Changer* was organised on October 20, 2020. It was held in collaboration with St. Wilfred's College of Law, Panvel. Dr Mrityunjai Pandey, Principal, St. Wilfred's College of Law presented the welcome speech. Prof Suresh Mirsra, Chair Professor, CCS, IIPA, gave the introductory remarks. Prof AK Sinha, Vice Chancellor, CSMU, Panvel, Navi Mumbai gave the special address, Shri SN Tripathi, Director, IIPA presented the inaugural address. The

presidential remark was presented by Dr Keshav Badaya, President, C SMU, Panvel, Navi Mumbai. Prof Suresh Misra and Dr Sapna Chadah coordinated the event.

## Webinar on Role of RTI Act in Public Service Delivery System

A webinar on *Role of RTI Act in Public Service Delivery System* was organised on October 1, 2020. Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.), former Chief Information Commissioner, New Delhi and Ms Anjali Bhardwaj, Co-Convener, National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI) and Founder-Member, SNS - Satark Nagrik Sangathan (Society for Citizen's Vigilance Initiative) were the eminent speakers. Shri SN Tripathi, Director, IIPA chaired the session. Prof Ashok Vishandass and Dr Sapna Chadah coordinated the event.



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## Webinar on Digital Transformation in Governance

A three-day virtual summit on *Digital Transformation in Governance* under the project *Awareness and Skill Development Programme* for District officials through State ATIs was organised from 13-15 October 2020. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. Shri SN Tripathi, Director, IIPA chaired the session. The eminent speakers were Dr Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Shri Abhishek Singh, CEO and President, NeGD, Dr Jaideep Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary, MeitY, Dr Lovneesh Chanana, Vice-President (Government Affairs- Asia Pacific and Japan), SAP, Dr Avik Sarkar, Faculty,

Indian School of Business, Shri Shobhendra Bahadur, Director, e-Gov & MyGov, Meity, Mr Golok Smili, Principal Consultant & Chief of Technology, MEA, Shri Deepak Maheshwari, Public Policy Professional and Shri Deepinder Singh, Freelancer, e-Governance Specialist. Dr Charru Malhotra coordinated the webinar.

## Virtual Tribal Talent Pool Conclave held

IIPA's Centre of Excellence for Tribal Affairs under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a virtual *Tribal Talent Pool Conclave* on October 13, 2020. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The eminent speakers were Prof Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director, ANSI and Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary UGC & CVO. Dr Nupur Tiwary coordinated the programme.



## Webinar on Strengthening Health System in India – Post Covid Scenario

A webinar on *Strengthening Health System in India – Post Covid Scenario* was organised on October 13, 2020. The eminent speakers were Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, Ayushman Bharat (AB - PMJAY) and National Health Authority, Shri Manoj Jhalani, IAS, Director (Health System Development), World Health Organization and Prof Surekha Kishore, Executive Director, AIIMS Gorakhpur. Dr Pawan Taneja coordinated the webinar.



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## FACULTY NEWS

- Union Minister of State (I/C) of PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoNER, Space and Atomic Energy and now Chairman of IIPA, Dr Jitendra Singh presided over the 317<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting of the Institute on October 21, 2020 as its new Chairman. The proceedings of the Executive Council meeting were conducted by S N Tripathi, Director, IIPA. Among the members of the Executive Council who attended the meeting were Amitab Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, Shekhar Dutt, former Governor, Chhattisgarh, Professor Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Punjab University, Professor G B Prasad, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University, Dr G Kurup, Secretary, Kerala Regional IIPA Branch, Vijay Satbir Singh, Secretary, Maharashtra IIPA Regional Branch, S C Mishra, Chairman, Odisha IIPA Regional Branch, K K Pandey, Professor IIPA, Rashmi Choudhary, Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, V. Padmanabhan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Expenditure and Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar, IIPA. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh expressed his thanks to the Executive Council Members for having entrusted him with the responsibility of the Chairman of IIPA and hoped that with their support and guidance he will be able to do his best and live up to their expectations. In his first Executive Council Meeting after taking over as Chairman, Dr Jitendra Singh made the important announcement that the Life Membership of IIPA will be thrown open w.e.f. January 1, 2021. He also called upon more number of serving officers to take up the membership of IIPA and noted that the government service rules do not forbid a serving official to become a member of IIPA. Appreciating the hard work of IIPA faculty and officials, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the best evidence of their commitment and diligence came out during the difficult times of Covid pandemic when IIPA established a digital classroom for conducting online classes and did not allow the curriculum to be disrupted. He said, it is not a small achievement that IIPA conducted as many as 14 online training programmes for officers from different services during the lockdown and post-lockdown period. Not only this, 62 Research Projects were also completed during the last one year in spite of the Covid constraints, he said. Dr Jitendra Singh hoped that various State Branches and Chapters of the IIPA will also take a cue and extend their programmes through both virtual and semi-virtual means. He also suggested collaboration with more number of Universities and Academic bodies in order to widen the spectrum and range of IIPA curriculum.



- Meeting of the Chairmen of IIPA 24 Regional and 43 Local Branches was held on October 31, 2020. The meeting was chaired by Shri SN Tripathi. Chairmen of the regional and local branches attended the meeting virtually. Many important agenda's were discussed and feedbacks were shared. Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar, IIPA, proposed the vote of thanks.



- Faculty and staff of IIPA paid homage and expressed heartfelt condolences on the demise of Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, who was an instrumental in setting up the National Consumer Helpline.



- Prof. C. Sheela Reddy was an invited speaker in the online Management Development Programme for Officers of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislature Secretariat organised by the Parliamentary Research & Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), Lok Sabha Secretariat. She delivered a lecture on 'Changing Landscape of Public Administration and Governance' on October 08, 2020 highlighting the emerging trends and challenges.



- Dr. Charu Malhotra was invited to conduct a session at 4<sup>th</sup> International Webinar titled *Status of Smart Cities in Global Scenario*. The session was held online by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, India on July 11, 2020.



- Dr. Charu Malhotra was invited by Institute of Economic Growth to deliver lecture on *Cyber Security* as a part of Induction Level Training Programme. The programme was designed for IES Officer-trainees, batch 2019. The lectures were a part of two day lecture program held on September 25, 2020 and September 29, 2020.



- Dr. Charu Malhotra along with her co-author was invited to showcase her paper presentation through a virtual e-conference organised by ICEGOV 2020 held on September 23, 2020. The session was on the paper entitled "*Accelerating Public Service Delivery in India: Application of Artificial Intelligence and IoT in Agriculture*" was scheduled to be presented during Paper Session 1: Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things in Governance.

## ATTN. MEMBERS

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2020. She talked extensively about the use of Telerobotics and AI in the current pandemic world. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi was the keynote speaker for the inauguration.

□ Dr. Charu Malhotra was a panel expert at the session *Building the Platform for Digital Nomads* on October 07 for the RAISE Event

□ Dr Nupur Tiwary appeared as panelist during the discussion on 'Panchayati Raj & Future Challenges' telecasted on Rajya Sabha TV.



- Tribal Affairs Minister, Shri Arjun Munda e-launched Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Programme by ASSO-CHAM in collaboration with MoTA and organised in association with IIPA.



## NEWS FROM BRANCHES

### Haryana Regional Branch

The branch organised an online prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* on October 17, 2020. The webinar was presided over by Sh. M.C. Gupta IAS (Retd), former Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana and currently Chairman of the branch. Dr. G Prasanna Kumar, Vice Chairman, of the branch delivered the welcome address. Dr. Umesh Gupta, MD, DM (Senior Cardiologist) and Chairman, Umkal Hospital, Gurugram introduced the other panelists, Dr. Sameer Gupta, Interventional Cardiologist, Diplomat American Board Medicine, Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology, Prof. D.K. Dham, MD, Ex Prof. Medicine, AFMC and Ms. Archita Sobti, Clinical Psychologist. The webinar was attended by 92 people including Sh. V.S. Chauhan, Dr. Rajvir Dhaka, Secretary of the branch and other members.

Professors from Kenya, Dr.R.Nataraj, IPS (Retd.) and former Chairman, TNPSC and Economics Professor Balasubramanyam also participated. Dr.K.Usha, Hony.Addl. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

### West Bengal Regional Branch

The branch organised an online prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* on October 27, 2020. Sri Surya Ray, Chairman of the branch presided over the conference. Dr. Sibranjana Chatterjee (Retd.), Head of the Department of Political Science, Maulana Azad College, Calcutta University, and Hony Secretary of the branch delivered the key-note address. Dr. Avijit Banerjee, Director, GLF Business School, Kolkata, presented a paper. Mr. D. Chakraborty, IAS (Retd.), Mr. M.S. Banerjee, WBCS (Retd.), Mr. Amitava Sinha, Mr. Nirmal Dutta and Mr. Abarno Chatterjee took part in the deliberations.

## Kerala Regional Branch

The branch organised an online prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics*. The webinar was inaugurated by Dr.O.S.Syamsunder, Senior Medical Consultant at the General Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram. The theme paper was presented by Dr.Unnikrishnan.R.Nair of the Mental Health programme of Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Ronnie Thomas, Head, Department of Political Sciences and Public Administration, St.John's, Anchal, explained political and economical impact of the pandemic from the International to the local level. Above 100 participants attended the webinar. Shri Pratap Thevarthottam. S. proposed the vote of thanks.

## Karnataka Regional Branch

The branch in collaboration with the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU) organised an online prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* on October 29, 2020. Shri S. Ramanathan, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of the branch gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S. Pruthvish, Consultant, National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research at the Indian Council for Medical Research highlighted the key data from different perspective. Dr. Ms. Shailaja Patil, Professor and Head, Dept. of Community Medicine at BLDEA Medical College, Vijayapura made a key recommendations for future preparedness. Dr. Sudhir Krishna, Physician Scientist at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru referred to contentious issues. Dr. Girish Rao, Professor of Epidemiology, Centre for Public Health, NIMHANS, Bengaluru identified the mental health conditions during the pandemic. Based on the presentations made by the panellists, Dr. Suresh Kishanrao, Public Health Consultant and Visiting Professor at premier universities and public health institutes framed recommendations for the policy. Dr. Vishnukant Chatpalli, Vice-Chancellor of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University presided over the conference. Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar, Secretary of the branch welcomed the gathering. Dr. Sridhar Hadimani, Coordinator of the MA RDPR programme at KSRDPR University proposed a vote of thanks.

## Rajasthan Regional Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 25, 2020. Shri H. L. Chauhan, Retired Chief Engineer and Vice Chairman, Rajasthan Regional Branch, Jaipur was keynote speaker. Professor Ramesh K. Arora, Chairman, IIPA Rajasthan Regional Branch welcomed all virtual participants. Mrs. Meenakshi Hooja, Former Member Central Administrative Tribunal, Dr. Devendra Kothari, Eminent Demographer and former, Director, IIHMR, Dr. Ved Prakash Ganda, Medical Practitioner and Dr. Sandeep Nyati, Engineering Professional, MNIT, Jaipur graced the event.

The branch in collaboration with IIPA Delhi organised a webinar on *Consumer Awareness and Consumer Protection* on 28 October, 2020. Prof. Suresh Misra directed the programme and acted as Chief resource person joined by Dr. Sapna Chaddha and Dr. Mamta Pathania. Around 354 ladies participated in the webinar.

## Assam Regional Branch

The branch organised an Annual Regional Convention on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 25, 2020. The convention was presided over by Shri Jatin Hazarika, Chairman of the branch. The key note address was presented by Dr. Dipak Kumar Sarma, Professor and Head of Department of Emergency Medicines, Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati.

## Tamil Nadu Regional Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 17, 2020. Mr. T. Ramakrishnan, Senior Journalist of Chennai and Dr. Ajmer Singh Malik, Professor of Public Administration, Kurukshetra University, Haryana were the expert speakers. They made several recommendations.

## Mizoram Regional Branch

The branch in collaboration with UGC-Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University organised National Webinar on Women's Right in India: Dr. Ambedkar's Perspective on September 15, 2020. Prof Sheela Reddy, Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, IIPA, New Delhi acted as resource person. Prof. KRS Sambasiva Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered inaugural address. Prof. Lalrintluanga, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Mizoram University & Vice Chairman, IIPA-MRB and Dr. Laltanpuii Ralte, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration & Treasurer, IIPA-MRB conducted the Q&A session. The Programme was presided by Prof. Lalneihzovi, Professor, Department of Public Administration & Hony. Director, UGC-Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University- Hony. Secretary, IIPA-MRB.



## मध्य प्रदेश एवं छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्रीय शाखा

शाखा का प्रिल्यूड सम्मेलन का आयोजन 12 अक्टूबर 2020 को आन लाईन किया गया। इस में श्री राकेश दूबे, पूर्व निदेशक, आपदा प्रबंधन संस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश मुख्य अतिथि थे। बैठक को श्री नरेन्द्र प्रसाद, पूर्व पुलिस महानिदेशक, ने भी सम्बोधित किया। अध्यक्ष श्री सेठी द्वारा अपने विचार व्यक्त करते हुये कहा गया कि अभी इस महामारी के शीघ्र समाप्त होने की सम्भावना नहीं है। इस में किसी प्रतिरोधक टीके का अनुसंधान भी प्रारम्भिक चरणों में है। ऐसे में सावधानी एवं स्वानुशासन ही महत्वपूर्ण है। बैठक को श्री विवेक गुप्ता तथा श्री राजपूत ने भी सम्बोधित किया। अन्त में श्री डी पी तिवारी, मानद सचिव, द्वारा श्री राकेश दूबे, श्री नरेन्द्र प्रसाद का तथा अन्य सदस्यों के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया गया।

## Madurai Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 29, 2020 at Madurai. Mr. C.R.Patel, Chairman of the branch welcomed the speakers and participants. Dr. M.S.Vasan, Senior Vice- President Global Taxation, Hinduja Group of Companies, Bengaluru presented a paper on "Social and Economic Impact" and Dr. Alagavenkatesan, Professor in Medicine, Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai presented a paper / PPT on " Super Spreaders". After discussions, K.Baskaran, Secretary of the branch concluded the conference with a vote of thanks.

## Dharwad Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 28, 2020. During the conference they made several recommendations.

## Patliputra Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 27, 2020. The branch sought opinion of its members spread over the Districts of Patna, Gaya ,Jehanabad ,Rohtas, Kaimur, Aurangabad ,Shahabad, Nawada, Nalanda etc., to evolve a general consensus all about the mode of our communication on holding the Prelude Conference. The event was coordinated by the Chairman of the Bihar branch, Er Jugal Kishore Singh. Shri Ram Ranbir Singh, Sri Krishna Pratap Singh, Sri. M P. Jakhanwal, and Shri J.K.P. Sinha presented their views.

## Burdwan Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 21, 2020. It was dedicated to the memory of Late Founder Chairman, Professor Shri Mohit Bhattacharya who passed away in April 2020. Dr. Bijoy Chand, Hony. Secretary of the branch welcomed the guests. The Chairman of the branch, Dr. Shorosimohan Dan and at present, the Vice-Chancellor of Dakshina Bharat Hindu Prachar Sabha (Chennai), introduced Dr. Gispati Chakrabarti, Ex-Chief Medical Officer of Burdwan University, who delivered the key-note address. Other members who participated in the interactive session were Dr. Sashinath Mondal, Dr. Prem Agarwal, Prof Dilip Bhattacharya and Dr. Arindam Ray.

## Puducherry Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 24, 2020. Dr R R Dhanapall Chairman, IIPA Puducherry branch opened the proceedings. Dr Jayanthi ,Dean ,Mother Teresa Post Graduate Research Institute of Health Sciences , rendered the address on the occasion. Shri.D.Jayavijayan,Joint Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

## Tirupati Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 21, 2020 at Department of Economics, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati highlighting the theme - *Covid 19 -When China is eating, we are washing*. Dr. Y. Raghava Reddy, S.V. Medical Officer, SVU Health Centre Tirupati, inaugurated the event. Dr. P. Krishna Prasanthi, president, Indian Medical Association of AP, Tirupati highlighted that 3 Ps - Politicians, Public Expertise and People are held responsible for reduction of Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. A. Sudhakar Reddy, Sr.Medical Officer, SVU Health Centre Tirupati, Prof. M.A. Hussain, Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration, S.V. University, Tirupati, Prof. K. Srinivasa Reddy, Social Scientist, NGR Agriculture University, Tirupati, Prof. T. Lakshamma, Vice Chairman, IIPA, Tirupati, were among the ones who spoke during the event. Prof. A. Ranga Reddy, Chairman, IIPA, Tirupati Local Branch presided over the conference. Dr. A. Samanthakamani, Secretary,IIPA TLB, proposed hearty vote of thanks.



## Howrah Local Branch

The branch organised a prelude conference on *Management of Pandemics* through virtual mode on October 10, 2020. Rtn. D.K. Das, Chairman of the Branch presided over the Online Conference. Sri Shekhar Dutt, IAS (Retd.), Former Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh and Vice President, I.I.P.A., New Delhi delivered the Key Note address. Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, Vice Chairman of the branch was thanked for coordinating the webinar. Prof. Asish Ray, General Secretary of the branch delivered the recommendations. Prof. Sachindra Nath Das, Jt. Secretary, IIPA, Howrah Local Branch spoke on the subject and submitted written Papers on the topic.

## THEME NOTE FOR THE SPECIAL EDITION OF INDIAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (2021)

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### Special Issue on 'Management of Pandemics' Volume 67, No 03 July-September 2021

COVID-19 will be remembered as the virus that stopped the world. The pandemic has exposed the health security status of countries across the world. Even the countries like the United States, Britain, France, and Germany with better medical facilities, access to resources, and skilled manpower succumbed to the tyranny of this virus. Moreover, the pandemic has affected societies and economies adversely. All major economies have reported a decline in growth rate and poor countries have been worst affected. Different countries responded differently though lockdown was a preferred strategy initially.

The governments' world over took several measures covering all sectors ranging from augmenting health facilities, providing citizens food security, creating avenues for employment, facilitating enterprises, etc. The Government of India also announced a relief package worth Rs. 20 lakh crore covering a range of sectors in May 2020. The stimulus package is a mix of fiscal support, monetary support, ease of doing business processes, as well as some fundamental reforms. If we compare India's stimulus package with that of other developing countries with similar per capita GDP, the Indian response to Covid-19 in terms of percentage of GDP, as well as areas covered, has been significant.

Countries need to chalk-out multi-pronged strategies that take care of not only the health sector but also of the society and the economy. There is a need to devise resilient strategies encompassing behavioral changes in the society, new and innovative ways of doing works, and adoption of technologies. Despite the unexpected nature of the COVID-19 crisis, it has also provided an opportunity for countries and institutions to introduce necessary reforms.

It is pertinent to look at the impact of COVID-19 on various sectors and identify gaps in the institutional responses. It will be important to know how other countries responded to the pandemic and subsequent strategies they adopted. It would also be necessary to analyse the contours of international cooperation in collective response, sharing of knowledge, and the role of different international institutions. The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally altered many aspects of life, with both short-term and likely long-term effects. Against this backdrop, the Special Issue of IJPA on 'Management of Pandemics' invites quality papers for a comprehensive analysis of the theme. Submission of papers is solicited on topics as indicated:

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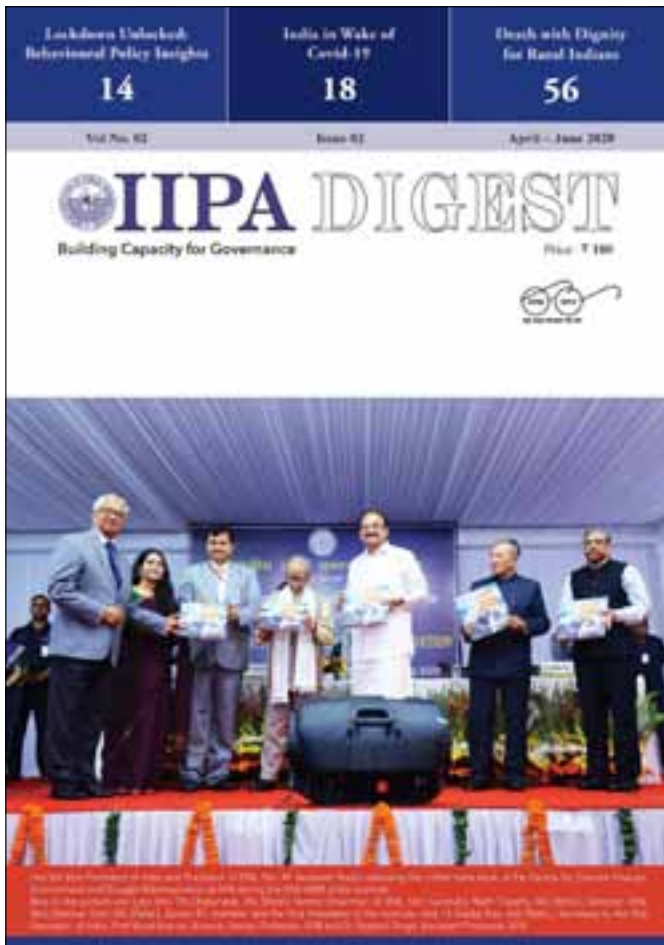
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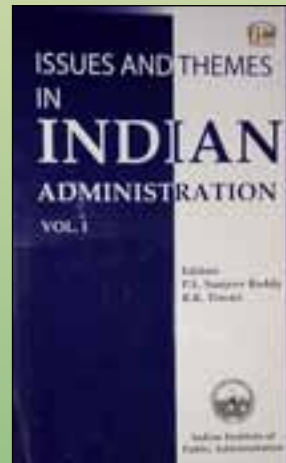
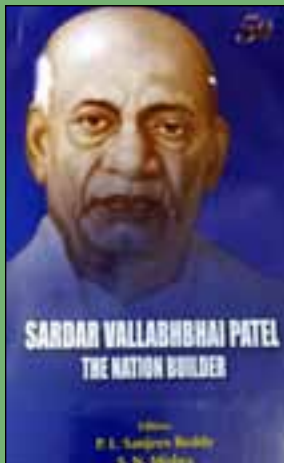
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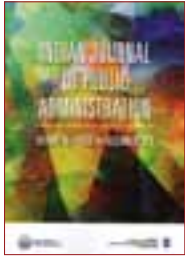
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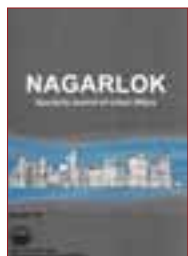
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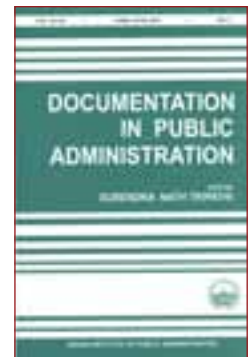
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