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## INSTITUTE NEWS

### APPPA Convocation

The IIPA organised the convocation of the thirtyseventh Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA) on March 29. Commencing on July 1, 2011, the 38-week programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Shri V. Narayanasamy, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, as Chief Guest, delivered the convocation address. In his address, Shri Narayanasamy observed that with fast changing governance paradigm, the focus has shifted from the government to governance, which is a dynamic concept and encompasses fast changing political, social and economic milieu along with global environment and conditions of operational governance. For the sustained and successful growth of democracy, he exhorted that it is imperative to address the challenges of growth, equity and other key issues of public governance in an efficient manner. He expressed that corruption is a formidable impediment in our endeavour to use the public systems as efficacious instrument of socio-economic welfare. On this occasion, Shri Narayanasamy released the following publications (i) The Development and Impact of British Administration in India by Bernard C. Cohn; (ii) Corruption, Ethics and Accountability: Essays by an Administrator by Rakesh Hooja; (iii) Government in Action: Development of Case Studies by Rajesh Singh; (iv) Training Civil Servants in the States by Rakesh Hooja, Rajesh Singh and C. Sheela Reddy; (v) Consumer Concerns in 21st Century by Suresh Misra, Sapna Chadah and Mamta Pathania; and (vi) Organisational and Procedural Issues in the Government by R.K. Tiwari and Sujata



*Shri Narayanasamy delivers the convocation address.*

Singh. Earlier, tracing the genesis of the programme, Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, highlighted the objective, content and methodologies of the programme and also the future plan to make it more customised one. Congratulating the participants on their success, Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Chairman of IIPA, called upon them to be perceptive, reform-minded and clairvoyant. Prof. K.K. Pandey, Programme Director, presented a resume of the programme detailing its content. In his vote of thanks, Prof. N.P. Singh, Chairman of IIPA's Standing Committee, emphasised on leadership, innovation and awareness to face the dizzying array of challenges in the path of progress. Participants drawn from All-India and other Central services including defence services attended the programme.

### Justice H.R. Khanna Centenary Lecture

The Institute teamed up with the Universal Law Publishing Co. and the Khanna family in organising the captioned lecture on March 16. Shri Soli Jehangir Sorabjee,

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, delivered the lecture on “Judiciary—Protector of the Constitution”. Justice Deepak Verma, Judge, Supreme Court of India, presided over the programme. In his address, Shri Sorabjee stated that Constitution embodies the fundamental values and the philosophy, on which it is based, and the aims and objectives, which the founding fathers of the Constitution enjoined the polity to strive to achieve. Discussing Justice Khanna’s outstanding judicial acumen, impeccable honesty and ferocious rectitude, Shri Sorabjee recalled some of his memorable and landmark judgements that had far-reaching effects on the lives of the masses. Calling upon the legal fraternity, he emphasised that courage as shown by Justice Khanna while dealing with cases is what is required. Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, mentioned about Justice Khanna’s achievements and his commitment to moral values. In his presidential address, Justice Verma called Justice Khanna as the legendary figure in the legal fraternity. He called upon the judges and advocates to imbibe Justice Khanna’s great qualities to become perfect gentlemen. During the programme,



Shri Soli Sorabjee delivers the lecture. Sitting on his right are Justice Deepak Verma and Dr. Rakesh Hooja.

Justice Verma released a book entitled Rule of Law and Human Rights in India: Essays in Honour and Memory of Justice H.R. Khanna by Dr. Lokendra Malik. Showering encomiums on Dr. Malik for his intellectual brainchild, he opined that this book is fit to be called a jewel that can adorn any law library. Dr. Lokendra Malik and Dr. Kusum Lata coordinated the programme.

### Themes for Essay Competition, Members’ Conference and Special Issues of Journals

With the approval of the Chairman of IIPA’s Standing Committee, the following are topics for (a) Annual Essay Prize Competition 2012, (b) Members’ Annual Conference 2012, (c) Special Issue of *IJPA* (July-September 2012), and (d) Special Issue of *Lok Prashasan* (July-December 2012).

#### (a) Topics for Annual Essay Prize Competition 2012

- (i) The Meaning and Relevance of Public Administration in Today’s India
- (ii) Civil Society and Parliamentary Democracy in India
- (iii) Administrative Measures for Increased Agriculture Production

#### (b) Theme for Members’ Annual Conference 2012

Administration of Urban Development and Urban Service Delivery

#### (c) Special Issue of *IJPA* (July-September 2012)

Use of a Competency Framework in Administration:

Recruitment, Training and Promotions

#### (d) Special Issue of *Lok Prashasan* (July-December 2012)

*Sanghvat: Vaishvic evam Bharatiya Sandarbh*

### National Seminar on Development and Weaker Section: Issues and Challenges

The Institute organised the captioned programme on March 5-6. The seminar focused on the various issues related to the weaker section’s estrangement and alienation. During the deliberations, development and its meaning with weaker section; the issues of SCs, STs, OBCs; gender; panchayati raj and other decentralising concerns; ecology and economy; caste-based politics and indigenous movements as the reaction to development were discussed. Dr. K.N. Jhangir, Consultant, ICSSR; and Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, spoke in the inaugural session. In the first technical session on “Development: Its Meaning with Weaker Sections” six papers were presented. Prof. T.K. Oommen chaired the session. In the second technical session on “SCs, STs, OBCs and Gender for Development” nine papers were presented. Prof. Sheo Bahal Singh chaired the session. In the third session on “Panchayati Raj and Decentralisation Concerns for Weaker Sections” five papers were presented. Prof. E. Haq chaired the session. In the fourth session on “Ecology and Economy: A Concern for Weaker Sections” six papers were presented. Prof. R.K. Barik chaired it. In the final session on “Caste-based Politics, Indigenous Movement: A Concern for Weaker Sections” eight papers were presented. Prof. Sushma Yadav

chaired it. Shri Saket Bihari, Dr. C. Sheela Reddy and Dr. Manan Diwedi coordinated the programme.

### **Awareness Workshop on Data Management and its Importance**

Sponsored by the Central Pollution Control Board, the programme was conducted at IIPA on March 2. The programme was designed to familiarise the participants with importance of data, its generation, acquisition, validation, storage and retrieval; and application of statistics on water quality analysis. The faculty comprised guest speakers and the programme coordinator, Prof. Vinod K. Sharma.

### **Programme on Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare**

Sponsored by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the captioned programme was conducted at IIPA by its Centre for Consumer Studies, for Heads/ Presidents/Secretaries/Directors of NGOs/VCOs from March 12-16.

Apart from enhancing the participants' knowledge and skill in the area of consumer protection and consumer welfare, the programme was designed to enable them to: (i) comprehend the need and importance of consumer protection and welfare; (ii) acquaint with the national and international dimensions of consumer protection and the role of various stakeholders; (iii) explain the various provisions of the Consumer Protection Act and other legislation on consumer protection; (iv) discuss the legal dimensions of consumer protection in different services sectors such as housing, healthcare, banking, insurance, etc; and (v) develop training skills. The faculty comprised guest speakers and in-house faculty. Prof. Suresh Misra and Dr. Mamta Pathania coordinated it.

### **Programme on GIS Application and Water Quality**

Sponsored by the Central Pollution Control Board, the programme was

conducted at IIPA from March 15-17. Coordinated by Prof. Vinod K. Sharma, the programme was designed to enable the participants to: (i) understand the need of GIS for water quality management; (ii) understand scientific investigations, resource management and development planning through GIS technology; (iii) know capturing, storing, analysing and displaying geographically referred information for development of GIS; (iv) study water quality monitoring and management—a case of river Yamuna; (v) understand data/topological modeling—isolines, computer maps, combination of graphics/tables on map, inter-relationship of values within and between the sites; and (vi) learn overlay and data output graphics, maps and export information. The faculty comprised guest speakers and in-house faculty.

### **Programme for the Diplomatic Correspondents of Nepal**

Sponsored by the Ministry of

#### **EXTENSION OF THE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP FORMAT**

“The Executive Council after considering the representations and the legal opinion thereon, has decided in its Meeting held on 28/3/2012 that the eligible members as per Rule 30(2) of the Memorandum of Association & Rules of the Institute, members who have not submitted their membership details on prescribed format by 31/01/2012 may be given a final opportunity to submit the same by 27/4/2012. Accordingly all such members who have not submitted their membership details on prescribed format are required to submit the same directly to the Director, IIPA so as to reach before 27/4/2012. Any format received after 27/4/2012 will not be included in the voter list of the Institute as on 31/3/2012.”

#### **AMENDMENT IN THE ELECTION BYE-LAWS OF INSTITUTE**

The Executive Council in its Meeting held on 28/03/2012 approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for the following amendment in the Election Bye-laws of the Institute:

In Rule 19 the following may be added after (vi)

“(vi a) The giving of one's ballot paper to any other person, or receiving of any other member's ballot paper, since each ballot paper is meant to be handled only by the member who has a right to vote.”

And accordingly existing para (vii) of Rule 19 may be read as follows:

“(vii) Any member found indulging in unethical practices referred to in Rule 19(i) to (vi a) shall be debarred from voting for a period of eight years. Any contestant found indulging in malpractices shall be debarred from contesting all future elections to the Executive Council of the Institute”.

Accordingly the para 10 of the election related notification will also be changed.

### **Barcoded Library Tickets for Annual/ Associate/ Student/ Life/ Corporate Members**

As per the Library Advisory Committee decision regarding the automation of Circulation Section in the Library, to operate the library in an fully automated environment in six months. The new barcoded tickets are compulsory for all the members of the library who have deposited the library security of Rupees one thousand and five hundred respectively. The barcoded tickets are being prepared and the cost of preparing these tickets is Rupees twenty per ticket. Members desirous of receiving the same by post may remit Rs 65/ (including the postage charges). This cost is for the members who have deposited Rs 1000 as library security. Those members who have deposited the library security of Rs 500 may remit Rs 45 (including the postal charges) by means of a demand draft in favour of Director, IIPA payable at New Delhi or may collect it from the library on payment of Rupees twenty or forty in the accounts section for one or two tickets respectively

External Affairs, the programme was conducted at IIPA from March 19-30. Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, gave the inaugural address on "What Nepal could learn from India". Besides understanding India-Nepal economic cooperation and Indo-Nepal political relations, the programme was designed to enable the participants to: (i) know the Indian federal structure and democracy; (ii) discuss development concerns and study the internal security issues of both the countries; and (iii) understand inter-basin water management and non-conventional source of energy programme in India. The faculty comprised guest speakers and the programme coordinators, Prof. Vinod K. Sharma, Prof. Suresh Misra, Dr. C. Sheela Reddy and Dr. Manan Dwivedi.

### **Workshop on Communication and Presentation Skills**

Sponsored by the National Academy of Statistical Administration, the programme was conducted at IIPA for NASA officials from March 21-23. Apart from identifying the essential elements of communication, the programme was designed to enable the participants: (i) analyse the effectiveness of his/her current style of communication; (ii) discuss barriers to communication and strategies to deal with difficult people; (iii)

develop skills of presentation at seminars, workshops, meetings, etc: (iv) provide skills in preparing and designing presentation materials; and (v) improve communication by using feedback tools. Prof. Sushma Yadav coordinated it.

### **Workshop on Right to Information**

Sponsored by ONGC Academy, Dehradun, the programme was conducted at IIPA on March 26. Besides comprehending the aims and objectives of the RTI Act, the programme was designed to enable the participants to: (i) get a first-hand knowledge on how the Act is being implemented; (ii) appreciate the view points of the supposed beneficiaries of the Act; and (iii) secure a better understanding of the tasks as a PIO through participative deliberations, potential pitfalls and possible solutions. The faculty comprised guest speakers and the programme coordinator, Prof. Sushma Yadav.

### **Programme on ICT and e-Governance Skills Development**

Sponsored by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration (Department of Information Technology), the programme was conducted at IIPA for the IT cadre officials of Andaman and Nicobar Administration from March 26-April 6. The programme

was designed to enhance the ICT and e-governance skills of the participants so that they can play their role more effectively and can assume higher responsibilities in the department. The faculty comprised guest speakers and in-house faculty. Shri S.R. Das coordinated it.

### **Workshop on Mobilizing the Information and Knowledge Society: Crossed Perspectives from SAARC Countries**

The 2nd International Workshop on Mobilizing the Information and Knowledge Society : Crossed Perspectives from SAARC Countries was organised by IIPA in collaboration with UNDP, Accenture, NIDM, DESIDOC, DRDO and OneWorld South Asia as knowledge partners on March 30-31, 2012. The Workshop was coordinated by Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi and Prof. Vinod K. Sharma and conducted by Dr. Charru Malhotra. The workshop focused on contextual factors of development with respect to various aspects of knowledge societies with special reference to SAARC region.

The workshop was attended by a galaxy of 50 eminent experts from industry, academia and policy making institutions including IIT, JNU, SAU, STQC, NIC, DRDO, MHRD, Corporate bodies like Accenture, Microsoft and members of the civil

society. The speakers expressed their views through four thematic sessions on (i) Key Challenges in Knowledge Management in Development Context; (ii) ICT- Led Knowledge : Capacity Building for Knowledge Societies Connecting Strategies through KM; (iii) Mainstreaming Indigenous Knowledge Across the Region in Disaster Risk Management; and (iv) Dynamics & Elements of Knowledge Based Society

This workshop was based on the rationale of creation of domain based knowledge foundation with ICT as the key enabler. It was felt that the exchange of ideas in these sessions would help all the stakeholders of knowledge society. The workshop had helped to collate diverse perspectives, and various nuances such as relevance of contextualisation and the policy formulation in a developing and diverse country like India. The deliberations also clearly highlighted that the SAARC countries have a number of common concerns and challenges and even some commonalities in their culture. Sharing problems and finding solutions will uncover new vistas for sustainable development for the region. Keeping these priorities in mind, the participating experts presented those aspects of knowledge management including risk management issues, which are about applying the collective knowledge while fine combing them through knowledge sharing sessions.

#### Release of IIPA Publication and Study Report

On the occasion of World Consumer Day, organised on March 15 at Vigyan Bhawan, Justice Ashok Bhan, President of NCDRC, released the book entitled Consumer Protection in India: Policies and Case

Studies edited by Prof. Suresh Misra, Dr. Sapna Chadha and Dr. Mamta Pathania. Prof. K.V.Thomas, Minister for Consumer Affairs, released (i) Proceedings of the National Seminar on Consumer Protection in India: The Way Forward held at IIPA on February 1-2; and (ii) The Study Report on Assessment of Food Wastage and Ostentatious Behaviour in Social Gatherings conducted by the Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA.

#### Faculty News

- Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, addressed the visiting students of Tougaloo College, Jackson (USA), on “The British Raj to Contemporary India: Political, Economic and Social Developments” at YWCA, New Delhi on March 9. Earlier, at the request of DoPT and UNDP, Dr. Hooja chaired the plenary session on “Competency-based Human Resource Management Precept and Practice” at the National Conference on Human Resource Management Towards Competency-based Performance at New Delhi on November 28-29. It was organised as part of the Gol-UNDP Project on Pathways to an Inclusive Indian Administration.

- Prof. Aasha Kapur Mehta, Professor of Economics, has been conferred Skoch Challenger Award as Gender Economist by the Skoch Group at the Skoch Challenger Awards 2012 Felicitation Function at Le Meridien, New Delhi on March 27. She has been nominated as Member of a Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, for framing the guidelines of the newly proposed scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan in the 12th Five Year Plan.

- Prof. P.K. Chaubey, Professor of Economics, spoke

as a panelist in the session on “Developing Ecosystem for Research” in the National Convention on “Indian Higher Education—Vision for Quality, Autonomy and Accountability”, organised by Education Promotion Society of India at Lakshmi Pat Singhania Auditorium, PHD House, New Delhi on March 25.

- Dr. C. Sheela Reddy, Associate Professor of Socio-political Development, presented a paper on “European Union and SAARC: The Identity Questions” in an international seminar on “India and the European Union in a Changing World: Perceptions and Perspectives”, organised by the Centre for European Studies, JNU on March 1-2.

#### Corrigendum

IIPA Newsletter, March 2012 issue: page 2, col. 3 under the programme “Vivekananda Memorial Lecture”: Read Shri Saket Bihari coordinated the programme and also proposed vote of thanks.

#### International Women’s Day

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) organised a Workshop to mark International Women’s Day at IIPA on March 9. Shri V. Narayanasamy, Union Minister of State for Personnel and PMO, delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA; and Dr. S.K. Sirker, Addl. Secretary, DoPT, also addressed in the inaugural session. Ms. Upama Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Training; and Ms. Mamta Kundra, Joint Secretary, Administration, DoPT, also participated. Women functionaries of DoPT and some other women employees from other agencies

including IIPA participated. Prof. Sujata Singh coordinated with DoPT officers in organising it.

### Workshop on Impact of Quota System on Women's Empowerment

The Institute organised the programme on March 28 to discuss issues pertaining to quota system and its impact on empowering women. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, former Minister of Panchayati Raj, delivered the key-note address. He mentioned that we have more than 1.3 million politically elected women representatives in the country and there is not much objection to women occupying positions of power and authority. Also that the lower a woman is on a social/economic scale, the more likely she is to be empowered

politically. Thus, in Karnataka the participation of SC/ST women is 65 per cent as against 32 per cent from the general category. Shri A.N.P. Sinha, former Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, gave an overview and summed up the programme. The workshop addressed the following issues: (i) "Can Political Reservations Empower Women and Affect Economic Outcomes: Evidence from Rural India"; (ii) "Can Political Reservation Affect the Quality of Participation of EWRs: A Case Study of Bihar"; (iii) "Training and Capacity Building for Women's Empowerment"; (iv) "Voices from the Panchayat"; and (v) "From Representation to Participation to inclusion". About 40 participants including experts, development practitioners, administrators, policy

makers, social activists attended the programme. Prof. Aasha Kapur Mehta, Shri Saket Bihari and Dr. Nupur Tiwari coordinated it.

### Workshop on Ethics in Public Service

IIPA's Centre for Values and Ethics in Public Affairs organised a workshop on "Ethics in Public Service" on March 21. Justice J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India, delivered the inaugural address; and Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Chairman of IIPA, presided over the inaugural session. Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, welcomed the gathering. The key speakers of the workshop were Swami Bodhananda, eminent teacher of Vedanata and Yoga; Shri B.P. Mathur, former Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Shri Kamal Jaswal, Director and Chief Executive of Common Cause; Dr. P.L. Dhar, former Professor, IIT, Delhi; Shri Shekhar Singh, Member of the National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI); and Shri Sunil Gupta, Law Officer, Delhi Prisons. Various issues involved in ethics in public service were discussed in the technical sessions: Current Ethical Challenges; Building Ethical Culture and Fostering Trust; and Sharing Best Practices.

### Hostel Booking/ Reservation

All the members of the IIPA are informed that since the Hostel services have been outsourced by the Institute to M/S. ACME Enterprises (P) Ltd, all requests for room booking/reservation may be sent atleast 15 days in advance and addressed to: "Hostel Reception IIPA, IIPA Campus, IP Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi-110002". Phone # 23468501, 23468502, 23468503. Email: hostel.osd@iipa.org.in

It is also requested that one may arrive at the Hostel after getting confirmation of the booking/reservation to avoid any inconvenience as the booking is subject to availability of rooms. Any member dissatisfied with Hostel services of the agency may contact either: Dr. B.D. Singh, Deputy Registrar and Deputy Warden Hoste or Dr. Naresh Kumar, Registrar and Warden Hostel.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### Andhra Pradesh Regional Branch

The branch elected the following office-bearers on March 18 for a four-year term: Chairman: Shri M. Gopala Krishna; Vice-Chairman: Dr. P. Narsaiah; General Secretary: Prof. T.V. Gopala Chary; Treasurer: Dr. AVN Reddy; Members: Shri. B.V. Rama Rao, Dr. V. Guna Shekar Reddy,

Dr. V.Sita, Dr. P. Mohan Rao, Prof. M.Satyanarayana, Dr.P.N. Reddy, Dr. A Surender, Prof. Gopala Reddy, Dr. Hemalatha, Dr. V. Gopala Krishna and Shri K. Shiva Prasad.

### Budaun Local Branch

The branch organised a seminar on "Women Empowerment and Village Development Programme" on February

14. Dr. M.S. Mittal, former Principal of NMSN Dass College, was the Chief Guest. He stressed that the village women should come forward and participate in the activities of the village panchayat. Dr. Madhuri Lata Singh, President of the Madan Mohan Singh Laxmi Bai School, presided over the programme. Dr. R.B. Mathur, Joint

***A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal — Oscar Wilde***

Secretary of the branch, convened the programme. Earlier, the branch organised a seminar on “Protection of Human Rights—Women Empowerment and Rural Development” on December 22. Shri Jaideep Singh Kochher, Joint Secretary of Human Rights Commission, was the Chief Guest. He stated that the Commission is committed to protection and promotion of human rights and has made significant contributions to bring a human rights approach to legislation, policy and programmes in the country. Dr. R.B. Mathur and Dr. Rakesh Jaiswal convened the programme.

### Haryana Regional Branch

The branch collaborated with Algot School of Management and Technology in organising a Seminar on “Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare” March 26. The dignitaries present in the seminar were Shri M. C. Gupta, Chairman of the branch; Dr. G. Prasanna Kumar, Vice-Chairman of the branch; Shri H.R. Bangia, Secretary of the branch; and Shri B.K. Taimni, former Member, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. Dr. Sapna Chadah, Dr. Mamta Pathania and Dr. Amit Singh were from Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA (New Delhi) spoke on various aspects of consumer protection and consumer welfare.

### Howrah Local Branch

The branch organised a seminar on “Police Administration” on February 17. Prof. Asish Ray, Secretary of the branch, gave the inaugural address. Shri Sukesh Kr. Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, gave the key-note address.

### Jammu and Kashmir Regional Branch

On the suggestion by Shri Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, the branch organised an interaction between Asian Centre for Organisation Research and Development (ACORD) and State Government officials on the subject

“Creating and Sustaining a Strong Bond between Citizens and Government” on March 16. Shri Omar Abdullah, as Chief Guest, evinced his keenness to transform the relationship of people and government from present ‘complainants and critics status’ to ‘partners and collaborators’ in the process of development and responsibility. Shri Tara Chand, Deputy Chief Minister, was the Guest of Honour. Prof. M.D.G. Koreth, Chairman and Dr. Kiron Wadhwa, Member, Board of Governors, ACORD, gave a presentation on the advantages of the large group interactive process. The focus of ACORD is to improve various civic services and good governance in cities and towns through a partnership between the citizens and officials. Earlier, the branch organised a Workshop for Controlling Officers and PIOs under RTI Act on February 18. Shri G.R. Sufi, Chief Election Commissioner of J&K, was the Chief Guest; and Dr. Ashok Bhan, Chairman of the branch, presided over the programme. He called upon the PIOs to furnish correct and complete information within the specified time to the information seekers. Dr. Bhan stated that the government must work towards storing of information in such a manner that it is easily retrievable and if this information is kept in public domain, there will be less need for seeking information.

### Karnataka Regional Branch

The branch in its extraordinary general meeting, held on March 16, elected the following office-bearers for a two-year term (2012-14): Chairman: Shri S. Ramanathan; Vice-Chairmen: Dr. D. Srinivasan and Shri V. Balasubramanian; Secretary: Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar; Joint Secretary: Shri R. Madhwaraj; Treasurer: Shri G. Narendranath; Elected Members: Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram, Shri N.B. Bhat, Shri T. Sethumadhavan and Dr. M.P. Chowdiah; Co-opted Members:

Dr. A. Ravindra, Dr. Venkata Rao, Dr. S.N. Sangita, Shri Y.V. Pai and Dr. K.V. Puranik Math.

### Madhya Pradesh Regional Branch

The branch organised its held in March discussed the need to prioritise and check the flow of sewage and effluents flowing from Dindori district into the Narmada river, which is considered to be the lifeline for the people of Madhya Pradesh. The lead speaker was Shri Sanjay Shukla, State Secretary, Urban Administration and Development; and Shri K.K. Sethi, Chairman of the branch, presided over the meeting.

### Mizoram Regional Branch

On the eve of World Consumer Rights Day, the branch in collaboration with the Department of Public Administration and UGC-Academic Staff College, Mizoram University, organised a State Level Seminar on “Consumer Awareness and Consumer Movement” on March 14. Prof. Srinibas Pathi, Secretary of the branch, presided.

### Mysore Local Branch

The branch jointly with JSS Law College and Mysore Grahakara Parishat organised a seminar on “The Karnataka Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act 2011” on March 17. Shri S. Ramanathan, Chairman of Karnataka Regional Branch, as Chief Guest, inaugurated the seminar and also inaugurated the Mysore Citizens Advisory Bureau of the JSS Law College. Shri Y.G. Muralidharan, Managing Trustee of CREAT, Banagalore, gave the key-note address on “Assuring Public Services to Citizens”.

### Rajasthan Regional Branch

The branch jointly with Prakrat Bharti Academy and Rajasthan Productivity Council organised the following programmes on February 10, 11 and 24: (i) Shri A.K. Ojha, Visiting Professor,

*All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking — Friedrich Nietzsche*

Centre for Good Governance, RIPA, spoke on "Right to Information: the first Six Years"; (ii) Prof. Ramesh K. Arora, Chairman of the branch, reviewed a book entitled *The Best Thing About You is You* authored by actor Shri Anupam Kher; and (iii) Shri M.L. Mehta, former Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, gave the key-note address on "Productivity and Innovation—Enablers for Emerging Economy. The branch also in collaboration with Management Development Academy and Prakrat Bharti Academy organised the following lecture-meeting on March 15, 16, 17 and 18: (I) Shri P.K. Tiwari, former Director General of Police, delivered a memorial lecture in honour

of late Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma. He emphasised on social, economic and administrative reforms for strengthening morality and integrity in public life. Justice Pana Chand Jain, former Judge of Rajasthan High Court, presided. (II) Prof. J.S. Bansal, Former Dean, Science, University of Rajasthan, spoke on "Gita in Everyday Life". He stressed upon the need to imbibe Gita's philosophy in personal and professional life. (III) Prof. Satish K. Batra, Deputy Director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, spoke on "Seven Steps Strategy for Meaningful Success". He underscored the value of diligence, enthusiasm, commitment and harmony in the process of attaining success. (IV) Prof.

L.N. Nathuramka, Economist, spoke on "Central Budget 2012-13 and the Indian Economy". He highlighted the salient features of the Budget and their implication on Indian economy.

#### Tamil Nadu Regional Branch

The branch organised a lecture-meeting on March 31, in which Dr.B.P. Chandramohan, Professor of Economics, Presidency College, spoke on "Union Budget 2012-2013-An Analysis". He spoke on various sectors of budgetary allocations and critically analyzed the Union Budget from different perspectives. Shri P.R. Shampath, Chairman of the branch, presided over the programme.

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#### Quotable Quotes

- *A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety — Aesop*
- *By appreciation, we make excellence in others our own property — Voltaire*
- *A man's accomplishments in life are the cumulative effect of his attention to detail — John Foster Dulles*
- *Our span of life is brief, but is long enough for us to live well and honestly — Cicero*
- *Freedom means you are unobstructed in living your life as you choose. Anything less is a form of slavery — Wayne Dyer*
- *One of the secrets of a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody everything every night before you go to bed — Bernard Baruch*

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