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## INSTITUTE NEWS

### 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 Consumer Protection in India: The Way Ahead

To commemorate the silver jubilee of the enactment of Consumer Protection Act and to evaluate its achievements in the last 25 years, the Centre for Consumer Studies of IIPA organised the captioned



*Prof. K.V. Thomas delivers the inaugural address.*

programme on February 1-2. The seminar also attempted to evolve new strategies to strengthen the consumer movement in the country in order to meet new challenges. It provided a larger platform for exchange of ideas on various issues concerning consumers and the achievements of the Act. It was sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The seminar was divided into six technical sessions which included panel discussions on '25 Years of CP Act: 'What Have We Achieved?'; 'Consumer Rights and Services': 'Meeting Expectations'; 'Media and the Consumer': 'Leading or Misleading'; 'Standards and Consumer Safety': and 'Building Consumer Confidence'.

In his inaugural address, Prof. K. V. Thomas, Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, stated that 25 years of progressive consumer movement, since the coming into force of the Consumer Protection Act, presents an ideal opportunity for us to re-focus on how best to meet future challenges of the consumer movement. He emphasised that an

*The IIPA fraternity extends its greetings to all its readers for Holi, Chaitra Sukladi and Mahavir Jayanti*

effective consumer movement drives out inefficient manufacturers out of the market and rewards the efficient and innovative ones. He expressed that the completion of 25 years of the implementation of the Consumer Protection Act provides us with an opportunity to assess what has been achieved and what still needs to be done. He stressed that the future strategy of consumer policy is to be built on three over-arching objectives (i) to empower consumers and to widen choice; (ii) to enhance their welfare and educate them how to choose; and (iii) to give consumers effective protection and recourse.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Shri Rajiv Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, observed that there is absence of consumer demand for quality goods and services primarily due to lack of awareness among them regarding quality issues. He mentioned that the level of consumer awareness and protection is a true indicator of the development of a country and the progressiveness of its civil society.

Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, in his key-note address stated that the importance and utility of consumerism and the concern for consumer care has considerably increased in the recent past. He observed that due to the opening up of the economy and rapid changes in the consumption pattern of the modern day consumer, the consumer movement is facing new challenges, which calls for new approaches and strategies.

In his valedictory address, Shri Rajiv Agarwal observed that the Consumer Protection Act has achieved quite a lot but still there is great anxiety as far as speedy justice delivery is

concerned. He also emphasised that for the success of the consumer movement the participation of VCOs is most important because they are ones who are in touch with the common man and can raise this issue at appropriate forums. More than 650 participants from all over the country including policy makers, academics, members of voluntary consumer organisations and civil society organisations, researchers and students participated.

### Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture

To commemorate 150th birth anniversary celebration of Swami Vivekananda, IIPA's Centre for Social Welfare Administration and Administration of Justice organised the lecture on February 15. Dr. Karan Singh, MP and President of ICCR, delivered the lecture on "Vedanta Today". Swami Shantatmananda, Secretary of Ram Krishna Mission, New Delhi, presided. In his address, Dr. Karan Singh stated that there is no doubt that what Swami Vivekananda achieved in his lifetime was virtually a miracle; it was a restatement and rearticulation of the ancient truths that have underlined all our religious developments since the Upanishads. He observed that we are living in an age of great turmoil and tension when the old is collapsing and the new is struggling to be born; and we find ourselves precariously poised between disappearing past and an indeterminate future. He stated that the real purpose of human life is



Dr. Karan Singh delivers the lecture

to fan the spark of the divine into the blazing fire of spiritual reality. He observed that any action is not karmayoga, it is an action which is done in a spirit of devotion and dedication to the divine. Earlier, Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, in his welcome address, mentioned about Swami Vivekananda's interpretation of religion as a universal experience of transcendental reality common to all humanity. He stated that Swamiji provided a bridge between Indian culture and Western culture interpreting Hindu scriptures, philosophy and way of life for the Western people. In his presidential address, Swami Shantatmananda observed that Swamiji was perhaps the first Indian who gave an identity to our country and its country men. He appealed that on this glorious occasion of Swamiji's 150th birth anniversary, we should actively take his message to every nook and corner of the country in our own interest and interest of the entire welfare of the humanity. Dr. Kusum Lata and Dr. Lokendra Malik coordinated it.

### Workshop on Social Conflicts Analysis and Resolution Approaches

Sponsored by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the programme was

conducted at IIPA from February 6-10. Besides enabling the participants to evolve a comprehensive understanding of social conflicts and approaches to conflict resolution with social justice, the programme provided a forum for experience sharing and an analysis of actual conflict situations and resolution strategies by the participants while insights from scholarly works in the area were also shared to facilitate discussion on the possible approaches, considered meaningful in their own specific context. The faculty comprised guest speakers and the programme coordinator, Prof. Dolly Arora.

#### **Programme on Science, Technology and Emerging Trends in Governance**

Sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, this programme was conducted at IIPA from February 13-17. Apart from providing an in-depth analysis of the complex process of governance, involvement of various institutions and civil society, the programme was designed to facilitate the participants to: (i) get a comprehensive understanding of the concept of governance and its importance and its importance in contemporary times; (ii) comprehend the complex process of interface of science and technology and governance; (iii) acquire necessary skills for facing the challenges posed by sweeping changes in governance; (iv) appreciate the process of making governance citizen-centric; and (v) envision the role of scientists and technologists in strengthening governance and democratic fibre of the country. The faculty comprised guest speakers and in-house faculty. Dr. Sujit Kumar Pruseth coordinated it.

#### **Programme for the Presidents and Members of the District Consumer Forums**

Sponsored by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution under the guidance of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, the programme was conducted at IIPA under its Advanced Management Development Programme-II from February 13-17. Apart from elaborating and integrating the various provisions of the Consumer Protection Act and other legislation having a bearing on consumer protection, the programme was designed to enable the participants to: (i) appreciate the intricacies of judicial procedure in general and the requirements of fairness and reasonableness in the functioning of quasi-judicial bodies such as the consumer disputes redressal agencies in particular; (ii) effectively make use of the art of judgement-writing in delivering the orders of the consumer courts; (iii) appreciate the legal dimensions of the case laws developed in the area of consumer protection; and (iv) develop effective leadership for better administration of consumer justice. The faculty comprised guest speakers and in-house faculty. Prof. Suresh Misra and Dr. Sapna Chadah directed it.

#### **Inter-College Competition Activities on Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare**

IIPA's Centre for Consumer Studies collaborated with the Consumer Club of Kamala Nehru College, New Delhi in organising Inter-College Competition Activities on Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare-Consumidor' 12 on February 24. In the Annual Consumer Festival four activities were

organised which included Brand-o-Mania (quiz competition), Poster-making Competition, Slogan Writing Competition, and *Nukkad Natak*. The theme of all programmes was 'Consumer Rights'. Students from various colleges in Delhi participated in the activities. In his inaugural address, Shri Rajiv Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, stated that the government has taken many initiatives to educate the consumers which include the *Jago Grahak Jago* campaign through media and consumer clubs in schools and colleges. He mentioned that consumer protection and welfare has also been introduced in the school and college curriculum; and the consumer club scheme which started in 2002 now has more than 7000 clubs in 23 states. He expressed that the children are the hope and future of our country and it is most important to equip them with the knowledge and skills to enable them to make intelligible decisions in the market place. He emphasised that teachers should be philosopher, guide and friend for the children to develop them into good and enlightened citizens who not only know their rights but are also aware about their responsibilities. Dr. Sapna Chadah coordinated it.

#### **Programme on Harnessing Leadership among Women**

Sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, the programme was conducted at IIPA for women scientists and technologists from February 20-24. It was designed to help the participants unleash their leadership potential and utilise them for the development of their organisations and the society at large.

The programme-content included: (i) identifying the issues involved for leadership; (ii) discussing the problems faced in handling leadership issues; (iii) deliberating on some causes of why leadership succeed and fail; and (iv) helping the participants enhance their leadership skills to take up and face challenges and perform better. The faculty comprised guest speakers and the programme coordinator, Prof. Bharati Sharma.

### National Workshop on Status and Provisions of Mixed Land Use

IIPA's Centre of Urban Studies collaborated with the Town and Country Planning Organisation in organizing the captioned programme on February 28. Land use is the activity on parcel of land while mixed land use is a combination of several uses on one parcel/site. This combination could be residential-cum-commercial/institutional purposes. The programme focused on: (i) report on the various practices adopted by the states; (ii) whether mixed land use needs to be promoted at all; and (iii) consider policy framework/guidelines for mixed land use. In his inaugural address, Dr. Sudhir Krishna, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, stated that for good urban planning, it is important to consider well planned mixed-use developments. He mentioned that the genesis of the concept is the creation of a true multi-use development that assimilates venues for retail, hospitality and offices thus helping cross-synergies. Shri. J.B.Kshirsagar, Chief Town Planner gave the background of the workshop. Dr. S.P.Bansal, Commissioner Planning (Dwarka) Delhi Development Authority, Dr. S.K.Kulshrestha and Prof. Mahavir, School of Planning and Architecture, were the key speakers.

Around 50 participants from town and country planning department of 18 states attended the programme. Dr. Kusum Lata and Dr. VN Alok coordinated it

### Workshop to Review the ICDS form a Gender Lens

IIPA teamed up with UN Women in organising the captioned programme to review the Integrated Child Development Services from a gender lens on February 29. Dr Syeda Hameed, Member of Planning Commission, was the Guest of Honour and delivered the inaugural address. Among the many issues that she raised were the difficulties in effecting convergence, the importance of enhancing grass-root capacities, using participatory processes in planning and focusing especially on the 0-3 age group in order to reduce malnutrition. Dr Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, Dr Anne Stenhammer, Regional Programme Advisor, UN Women; and Dr N.C. Saxena, Member, National Advisory Council, also addressed the experts during the inaugural session. Experts were invited to make presentations on coverage, utilisation and key challenges in delivering the ICDS; new initiatives taken in some of the states; findings from monitoring and evaluation; and issues relevant to budgeting. In peroration, she drew attention to the many gender related issues that had emerged during the day-long presentations and discussions and that need urgent attention so as to make this flagship

programme more gender sensitive and inclusive. Prof. Aasha Kapur Mehta coordinated it.

### Workshop on Consumer Protection and Consumer Welfare

Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Centre for Consumer Studies, IIPA, collaborated with the Jharkhand Regional Branch, in organising the captioned programme on February 22-23 at Ranchi. Inaugurating the programme, Shri. A.K. Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Jharkhand, called upon various stakeholders to strengthen the consumer movement as it is the need of the hour. Prof. N P Singh, Chairman Standing Committee of IIPA, was the Chief Speaker. Prof. Suresh Misra gave the introductory remarks. The seminar was divided into various sessions covering Consumer Protection Act, Consumer Education and Awareness, Food Safety, Need to Protect Rural Consumers Consumer & Electricity, Banking, Insurance, Telecom, etc. The main objectives of the workshop were to enhance the knowledge and skill of the participants in the area of consumer protection and consumer welfare; understand the need and importance of consumer protection and welfare and the role



*Dignitaries on the dais.*

of various stakeholders; discuss the legal dimensions of consumer protection in different service sectors. About 80 participants attended the programme. Prof. Suresh Misra and Dr. Mamta Pathania coordinated it.

### French Delegation Visits IIPA

A three-member delegation led by Mr Maxime Lefebvre, Director International Affairs, Ecole Nationale D'Administration (ENA), France, along with Mr. Benjamin Gestin, Attache for Cooperation, Ms. Turan-Pelletier Gaele of French Embassy visited IIPA on February 28. They met Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director IIPA; Prof. Vinod K Sharma, Prof. Pranab Banerji and Dr Naresh Kumar. Mr. Lefebvre discussed the possibilities of mutual cooperation between two institutions and requested that a renewed MoU can be signed between two institutions. Dr. Hooja gave a brief description of the activities of the Institute and discussed the areas of cooperation which include training, faculty visits, joint workshops/seminars and exchange of publications. He asked the French delegation to send a draft MoU so that it can be considered for renewal after discussing with the IIPA management, DoPT and MEA.

### Ethiopian Delegation Visits IIPA

A five-member delegation from the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia headed by Mr. Muktar Kedir, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Head of the Office of the Prime Minister, visited IIPA on February 27 to renew cooperation and learn about the recent developments in Governance in India. There was rich exchange of ideas and the delegation was benefited by the discussions and presentations made by the Director and faculty members including Prof. Dolly Arora, Prof. Sujata Singh and Dr. V N Alok. Dr. Rakesh Hooja conducted the proceedings and Dr. Alok organised the dialogue.

### Book Review Discussion

As part of the book discussion series, the Institute organised a programme February 27 on the book entitled *Re-visioning Indian Cities: The Urban Renewal Mission* by K.C. Sivaramakrishnan, former Secretary, Government of India and Chairman, Centre for Policy Research. Ms. Nisha Singh, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, JNNURM, Ministry of Urban Affairs; Prof. K.K. Pandey of IIPA; and Prof. P.S.N. Rao of School of Planning and Architecture were

### भ्रष्टाचार: समस्या एवं निदान

संस्थान की हिंदी व्याख्यान-माला की उन्नीसवीं कड़ी के रूप में गुरुवार, 9 फरवरी, 2012 को संस्थान सभाकक्ष में 'भ्रष्टाचार: समस्या एवं निदान' विषय पर संसद सदस्य (राज्यसभा) श्री मणिशंकर अय्यर के व्याख्यान का आयोजन किया गया।

संस्थान के निदेशक डा. राकेश हूजा ने कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता की। समिति के संयोजक प्रो. प्रमोद कुमार चौबे ने कार्यक्रम का संयोजन किया और समिति की सदस्य डा. ऊषा मुंजु मुंशी ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया।

इस व्याख्यान-माला के अन्तर्गत आयोजित डा. नामवर सिंह के व्याख्यान 'भूमंडलीकरण की भाषा और संस्कृति' की पुस्तिका का श्री मणिशंकर अय्यर ने इस अवसर पर विमोचन भी किया।

the discussants. Dr. P.K. Mohanty, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation, moderated the discussion. The book probes the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) right from its inception to its present day avatar. Commencing with a historical background of the JNNURM, it traces the evolution of public policy in India on urban growth. It also provides an understanding of the complex urban issues and examines whether the JNNURM is a project response or a response to these problems.

### Faculty News

- Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of IIPA, has been asked by the DoPT to

### Books Released

During the Seminar on Consumer Protection in India, following books were released by Prof. K. V. Thomas (i) *Consumer Protection in India: Issues and Concerns* (published by IIPA to commemorate the silver jubilee of CP Act which contains message by Prof. K.V. Thomas and foreword by Shri Rajiv Agarwal. It contains papers contributed by well known experts); and (ii) *Emerging Perspectives in Consumer Welfare: Twenty Five Years of the Consumer Protection Act* (published by IIPA highlighting some of the issues confronting the consumers today. It contains foreword by Dr. Rakesh Hooja. Both the books are edited by Prof. Suresh Misra and Dr. Sapna Chadah). Awareness material prepared by GIZ which included *Teacher's Kit, What is Waste—A Beginner's Handbook on Smart Waste Management* and a *Brochure on What is Waste* were also released on the occasion.

continue as Chairman of Committee to Select RTI Fellows for 2012.

- Dr. Kusum Lata, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, delivered a lecture on "Measures of Earmarking of Land and Houses for Urban Poor" to about 20 participants comprising mainly Maharashtra state level functionaries at the workshop on "Pro-poor Reform Agenda (Urban Governance, Management and Municipal Finance)" organised by National Resource Centre of YASHADA, Pune on January 30-31.

- Dr. C. Sheela Reddy, Associate Professor of Socio-political Development, participated in a two-day International Seminar on "BONN'01 to BONN'11: Debating Afghanistan's Political Future" at Jamia Millia Islamia on February 8-9. It was jointly organised by Maulana Abdul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia. She presented a paper entitled "Women and Political Future of Afghanistan". Dr. Reddy also participated in the international symposium (a follow-up programme of the seminar) on "War on Terror in the Post-Osama Phase" on February 10, organised by MAKAIAS and Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.

- Dr. Charru Malhotra, Assistant Professor of System Analysis and Programming, was

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invited to present her research paper on "Eliciting Citizens' Participation for Incorporating Contextual Factors in Rural e-Governance Initiatives" in Australasian Conference on Information Systems (ACIS) at the University of Sydney in November 2011. The paper provided inputs for innovative strategies and policy recommendations to achieve sustainable rural development in a participatory manner using collaborative e-governance models.

During this visit, she was also invited by the School of Information Systems and Technology, University of Wollongong to present a seminar on "E-governance as a Tool for Good Governance: Issues in Developing Countries" on December 7.

A seminar on "*Finance and Government of Delhi: The Capital City*" was organized at IIPA on January 11, 2012 in which Shri P.K. Tripathi, Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi delivered a talk. Dr. V.N. Alok organised it.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### Gulbarga Local Branch

The branch jointly with Rotary Club, Gulbarga organized a lecture-

meeting on December 24 in which Shri T. Veerbhushan, former Member of Consumer Service, spoke on

"Consumer Awareness". Shri Maruti K. Pawar, Secretary of the branch, presided over the function.

***Happiness does not lie in happiness, but in the achievement of it — Fyodor Dostoevsky***

### Haryana Regional Branch

The branch jointly with the Commissionerate of Police, Gurgaon, organised a seminar on "Role of Police and Media" on January 15. It was sponsored by the Institute of Social Sciences. Lauding the role of media, Shri M.C. Gupta, Chairman of the branch, stated that it has injected transparency in the system and the government establishment would benefit by appreciating. Touching on the operational part of the relationship between the two institutions, Shri Shankar Sen, Head of the Institute of Social Studies, observed that that at times it becomes difficult for the police to come forward with full details of the occurrences because the matter gets sub-judice, or in the interest of the full investigation of the case. In his address the Gurgaon's Police Commissioner, Shri K. K. Sindhu stressed that the media as an instrumentality of democracy has the potential to play a signal and key role in the society. Intervening in the discussions, a senior journalist Shri Ravi Shankar Singh highlighted the psychological aspect of the social role of the media and its relationship with the government agencies.

### Jharkhand Regional Branch

The Branch in its general body meeting, held on January 16, elected the following office-bearers for a four-year term (2011-2015): *President*: Ex-officio Chief Secretary to the Government of Jharkhand; *Vice-Presidents*: Shri Arun Kumar Singh and Dr. Mahendra Prasad Singh; *Secretary*: Shri U.N. Singh; *Joint Secretaries*: Dr. S.K. Jha and Shri Manoj Sinha; *Treasurer*: Dr. Bahadur Singh; *Members*: Shri Sudhir Kumar, Dr. Amrendra Nath Ojha, Dr. M.K. Singh, Dr. Shailesh Kumar Sinha, Dr. Jawed Ahmad, Shri Ashwini Kumar Singh, Shri U.K. Choubey and Shri Ram Kumar Kataria. The meeting was chaired by Shri C.K. Singh, Vice-President of the branch and Smt. Lakshmi Singh,



Newly elected office-bearers of the Jharkhand Regional Branch

Chairperson of Jharkhand Academic Council, was the Returning Officer for conducting the elections.

### Karnataka Regional Branch

The branch collaborated with the Centre for Gandhian Studies of Bangalore University in organising the commemoration programme "Sarvodaya/Martyrs' Day", by involving Shri V. Kalyanam, who served as Personal Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi, on January 30. The day began with the inauguration of a day-long exhibition titled "V. Kalyanam and his Gandhi Collection" by Prof. N. Prabhu Dev, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University. After a two-minute silence in memory of Gandhi, there was a melodious rendering of bhajans by the staff and students of the Department of Performing Arts. This was followed by the release of a book entitled *Those Eventful Years with the Mahatma: A Selection from V. Kalyanam's Archives* by D. Jeevan Kumar. It was released by Shri S. Ramanathan, Chairman of the branch. This was followed by a lecture by Shri Kalyanam on "In the Shadow of the Mahatma—And After" where he recounted interesting anecdotes of his association with Gandhi. Shri S. Ramanathan presided over the programme.

### Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Regional Branch

The branch organised its monthly seminar on January 21. In the absence of Shri Khaitan, who was on

election duty, his paper on "Urban Development and Environment with special reference to Lavasa" was presented by Shri Kewal Krishna Sethi, Chairman of the branch. It discussed the various steps taken to protect environment while allowing for growing urbanisation. The members also referred to various issues like efficient use of energy, disposal of waste and better coordination amongst authorities for providing better service to the citizens. The response to the essay competition on "Influence of TV and Movies on Indian Culture" has been exceptionally good this year. As many as 257 essays were received. The five essays adjudged to be the best have been awarded prizes.

### Madurai Local Branch

The branch organised a special executive council meeting on January 23. The meeting was presided by Captain DVP Raja, Chairman of the branch. Dr. H.R. Bangia, Secretary of Haryana Regional Branch; and Shri S. Ramathanan, Chairman of Karnataka Regional Branch, also attended. Shri Venkidusamy, Chartered Secretary of the branch, explained about the branch's developments. Earlier, in a special general body meeting of the branch, held on January 7 Prof. N.P. Singh, Chairman of IIPA's Standing Committee; and Dr. K.N. Srivastava, Vice-President of IIPA, attended the meeting as Chief Guests. Dr. Srivastava spoke about funding of IIPA and its branches. Prof. N.P. Singh also participated in the discussions.

### Odisha Regional Branch

The branch jointly with IIMC organised a symposium on "Civil Society and the Role of Media" on January 27. Shri Sanjib Hota, Chairman of the branch, inaugurated the programme.

**A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read — Mark Twain**

Prof. Mrinal Chatterjee, Director of IIMC, gave the key-note address. Earlier, the branch organised a seminar on "Demographic Changes—Challenges to Urban Livelihood" on January 16. Addressing the members, Shri Trilochan Kanungo, former Chairman of State Finance Commission, laid emphasis on the growing urbanisation trends in different countries of the world. Shri Saurabh Garg, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Urban and Housing Development, highlighted that urbanisation has played an important role in the development of countries and

it is closely connected with economic growth. Shri Bipin Bihari Misra, Vice-Chairman of the branch, presided over the programme.

#### **Puducherry Local Branch**

The branch in its general body meeting, held on February 24, unanimously elected the following office-bearers for a four-year term (2012-16): *Chairman*: Dr. R.R. Dhanapall; *Vice-Chairmen*: Shri A. Asokan and Dr. K.V. Raman; *Secretary*: Shri Pankaj Kumar Jha; *Treasurer*: Shri R. Narasimmamurthi; *Members*: Dr. B. Charumathi, Dr. M.

Surumathy, Shri D. Jayavijayan

#### **Tirupati Local Branch**

On the eve of 65th Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the branch jointly with the Centre for peace and Non-violence, S.V. University organised a lecture-meeting on January 30, in which Prof. V. Raja Gopal, former Director of CPCRI, spoke on "Gandhian Views on Hunger Elimination". Prof. Rallapalli Ramamoorthy, former Vice-Chancellor of S.V. University also spoke on the topic. Prof. A. Ranga Reddy, Chairman of the branch, presided.

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#### **Quotable Quotes**

- **Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future—Oscar Wilde**
- **Existence really is an imperfect tense that never becomes a present—Friedrich Nietzsche**
- **In critical moments even the very powerful have need of the weakest—Aesop**
- **Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices—Voltaire**
- **A heart well prepared for adversity in bad times hopes, and in good times fears for a change in fortune—Horace**
- **The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes—Benjamin Disraeli**

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