

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
INDRAPRASTHA ESTATE, RING ROAD, NEW DELHI**

**Minutes of the 318th meeting of the Executive Council
held on 8th July, 2021 at 11.00 a.m.**

PRESENT

1. Shri Shekhar Dutt
2. Ms. Rashmi Chowdhary, Addl. Secretary (Trg) – Representing Secretary, DoPT
3. Shri V. Padmanabhan, Dy. Secretary, Dept. of Exp. – Representing Secretary (Exp.)
4. Dr. Yogesh Suri, Sr. Advisor, NITI Aayog – Representing CEO, NITI Aayog
5. Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University
6. Shri S.S. Kshatriya, Chairman, Maharashtra Regional Branch
7. Shri S.C. Misra, Chairman, Odisha Regional Branch
8. Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar – Chairman, Kerala Regional Branch
9. Prof. G.P. Prasain, Hony. Secretary, Manipur Regional Branch
10. Prof. K.K. Pandey - Faculty Representative
11. Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi - Director General & Member-Secretary

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman IIPA E.C. was busy in taking over the charge at Ministry of Science & Technology. However, he extended his blessings to the meeting and conveyed to the DG IIPA to proceed with the meeting. Dr. Yogesh Suri, Sr. Advisor, NITI Aayog briefly joined the meeting and left as he had some urgent work.

Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar assisted in the meeting. Shri Mithun Barua, Dy. Registrar (AS) was also present.

Item No.318.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

Shri Lok Ranjan, Director LBSNAA could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

Item No.318.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 317th meeting of the Executive Council held on 21st October, 2020.

The minutes as circulated, were confirmed.

(b) Action taken on the minutes referred to above.

The action taken report was approved by the Executive Council.

Item No.318.3 (i) Subjects for the Annual Essay Prize Competition 2021 and Theme of Members' Annual Conference 2021.

The Executive Council considered the suggestions received from the E.C. Members, Branches & Faculty and deliberated the topics. The Members of the Executive Council endorsed that topic/theme of Annual Essay Competition and Members' Annual Conference



should be *Aatmanirbhar Bharat and its various aspects*. Dr. Pawan Kumar Taneja will prepare the Theme Paper and make the presentation.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University suggested to consider the topic of *Bhartiya Young Parampara*, which is also deliberated in the academic circles.

(ii) Appointment of Judges for the Annual Essay Competition, 2021.

The Executive Council authorised the Director General to finalise the names of Judges.

Item No.318.4 Dates for the Annual General Body Meeting and Members' Annual Conference.

The Executive Council approved that the General Body Meeting (AGM) may be convened on the 31st October, 2021 i.e. birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with the consent of the Hon'ble Vice President of India (President of IIPA) and Hon'ble Union Minister, DoPT and Chairman IIPA E.C. The Members' Annual Conference may be convened on 30th October, 2021.

Item No.318.5 Draft Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting.

The Executive Council approved the Draft Agenda of the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) as per the agenda notes in accordance with Rule 14 of the Memorandum of Association & Rules of IIPA.

Item No.318.6 (a) Admission of new Life Members.

Director General informed the E.C. about the grant of new Life Membership, upgradation of eligible Associate Members into Life Members and grant of Honorary Membership to distinguished officials of Government of India. Shri S.S. Kshatriya, Chairman, Maharashtra Regional Branch said that in the previous EC meeting, it was decided to approach the DoPT, State Governments for encouragement of officers of All India Services (AIS) to become member of IIPA. Director General informed that this matter was discussed with Hon'ble Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh and Hon'ble Minister has the opinion that there is no bar for AIS and other officials to take membership of IIPA. Director General has also informed that IIPA has written to all Chief Secretaries of States requesting them to circulate the news of re-opening of IIPA Life Membership and encourage the officers to become life member of IIPA. The letter written to Chief Secretaries will be shared with

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branches so that it can be further persuaded and taken-up with the State Governments. The DG also conveyed that it might be a better idea to approach various Officers' Associations in this regard which was endorsed by the EC members.

(b) Revival/Creation of Regional Branches.

Director General informed that the defunct Regional Branches of IIPA like Goa, Gujarat and Uttarakhand may be revived and new Regional Branches in the State Capitals where there is no regional branch may be created. Director General also informed about the digitalization of the different systems of the membership section like online filling of form, download of membership card, online checking of membership details etc. Director General appreciated the work of membership section of IIPA under Registrar.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University has suggested that Panjab University can collaborate with Regional Branches of IIPA situated in the Northern India and can work on different research projects. Panjab University has DST supported Policy Research Centre and activities of this centre can be diversified with the support of the regional branches of IIPA.

Prof. Prasain informed the members that he had been working hard for creation of the Tripura Regional Branch. He is facing difficulty as very few people in Tripura know about IIPA. Also, due to Covid pandemic, the normal activities and networking have come to almost standstill. However, this problem would be solved and the Branch would be established in due course.

Item No.318.7 A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during October, 2020 to May, 2021 relating to (a) Training Programmes, (b) Webinars and (c) Status of Research Projects.

Director General informed that irrespective of covid pandemic and lockdowns, IIPA had successfully conducted more than 60 online training programmes, APPPA programme through blended mode, more than 50 webinars on topics of current relevance, webinars in collaboration with Regional Branches on the flagship schemes and programmes of Government of India. The loss in the offline training programmes have been made up by getting and conducting a number of research projects from 20 or more ministries/departments of Government of India by IIPA faculty. Director General also informed that IIPA is actively



associating itself with the online training platform of Government of India i.e. iGOT and already various digital modules prepared by the faculty of IIPA have been uploaded in the iGOT platform. Director General appreciated the work and efforts of faculty and supporting staff of IIPA in this regard.

Mrs. Rashmi Chowdhary, Additional Secretary, DoPT appreciated the efforts of IIPA with regard to digital infrastructure, online training programme, blended mode of APPPA and active participation and association of IIPA with the iGOT platform.

Prof. Raj Kumar suggested that IIPA should focus more on the inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary programmes and there should be a dedicated Case Writing Cell to be established in IIPA for furtherance of case-based studies.

Shri Shekhar Dutt suggested that IIPA should document the lessons learned from the various online initiatives with respect to training, webinars, research projects and should present it as report to the concerned ministries. He highlighted that Government of India has established new Ministry of Cooperation and there are other new areas of governance where IIPA can focus and do a fruitful engagement. He also extended his congratulation to the Chairman IIPA EC Dr. Jitendra Singh ji for taking over the charge of Ministry of Science & Technology.

Director General thanked DoPT for all of their support and encouragement. Director General informed that IIPA is already focussing on the new aspects and areas of governance. IIPA is focusing on Aspirational Districts of India and it is decided that the APPPA participants will visit these districts as part of their study tour and prepare reports. Director General also informed that NITI Aayog has formed a Committee on the Aspirational Districts and IIPA has been incorporated as member. IIPA is also undertaking a research study of NITI Aayog where all the training institutions of Government of India are being evaluated. Director General informed that IIPA conducted a special Workshop on Case Studies in 2020 in collaboration with Panjab University and DG thanked Panjab University for their support.

Shri S.S. Kshatriya, Chairman, Maharashtra Regional Branch suggested that IIPA should work closely with Capacity Building Commission (CBC) which Government of India established under Mission Karmayogi project.



Director General informed that IIPA already had a detailed discussion with the members of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) in April 2021 and IIPA is planning to organize one-day workshop in collaboration with CBC.

Mrs. Rashmi Chowdhary, Additional Secretary, DoPT said that IIPA is the first training institution which interacted with the members of the CBC.

Director General also informed that IIPA has submitted a proposal to DoPT for kind consideration of Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary for the induction training of all officers joining the JS/AS position under CSS and it has been actively examined.

Director General also informed that IIPA has taken up the FRACing process, which is part of the Mission Karmayogi and where competencies of the staff need to be mapped and their capacity building need to be done. IIPA is among the very few organization of the Government of India which has taken-up the process. The FRACing of faculty and staff has already been completed and Director General informed that the final report will be uploaded on IIPA Website soon.

Item No.318.8 Memorial Lectures at IIPA.

Director General informed about the proposed changes to be made in the memorial lectures and all the lectures will be combined in one big event. In that event, papers will be invited from the researchers, scholars, academicians and best papers will be awarded. Dr. Neetu Jain, Associate Professor of IIPA is working to prepare a concept note for this event. It would be like a LitFest event and may be held in 1st week of December depending upon the Covid situation.

Item No.318.9 Items to Report:

(i) Recent infrastructure initiatives at IIPA.

Director General informed that construction of new IIPA Bhawan has started by M/s HSCL, a Subsidiary of NBCC. The Bhoomi-Poojan was done by the Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman IIPA EC, Dr Jitendra Singh ji on 24th June. Director General, IIPA thanked DoPT for all the support extended and grant of the additional funds for this Project.

(ii) Appointment of Faculty.

Director General informed about the necessary items in this section.

(iii) Employees retired/relieved from the services of the Institute/deputed elsewhere.

Director General informed that Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India is establishing the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) at IIPA Campus. IIPA is mentoring the NTRI and one of the vacant buildings of IIPA has been given on rent to the ministry for this apex National Institute. NTRI will be headed by Dr. Nupur Tiwari of IIPA, who has been given permission to join as its Special Director for 03 years or earlier till further orders.

Director General informed about the sad demise of Shri Bhuwan Chander, staff of IIPA due to covid and the E.C. observed one minute silence in this regard.

(iv) Report of the Peer Review of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).


Director General informed that as per the requirement by DoPT, IIPA conducted its review by the National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), which is under NITI Aayog. NILERD has not mentioned any adverse points on IIPA in the report. Shri Kshatriya, Chairman Maharashtra Regional Branch has conveyed that he has gone through the Report and one of the major recommendations of the Report is that the present system of grant-in-Aid by the DoPT should be continued.

Shri V Padmanabhan conveyed that he had noted down the discussions and recommendations given by the esteemed members and would brief the Secretary (Expenditure) accordingly. The Deptt. of Expenditure will extend full cooperation to IIPA in future also in all its endeavours.

(v) Physical verification of assets and writing off.

Director General informed about the necessary items in this section.

Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar IIPA proposed the words of Thanks.


15/7/21
(SURENDRA NATH TRIPATHI)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
AND
MEMBER SECRETARY

