

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

Minutes of the 319<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 01.00 p.m.

PRESENT

1. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman IIPA E.C.
2. Shri Shekhar Dutt, Former Governor of Chhattisgarh
3. Shri Srinvas R. Katikithala, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie
4. Ms. Rashmi Chowdhary, Addl. Secretary (Trg) – Representing Secretary, DoPT
5. Dr. Yogesh Suri, Sr. Advisor, NITI Aayog – Representing CEO, NITI Aayog
6. Shri V. Padmanabhan, Dy. Secretary, Dept. of Exp. – Representing Secretary (Exp.)
7. Prof. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University
8. Shri Arun Kumar Rath, Chairman, Odisha Regional Branch
9. Dr. Vijay Satbir Singh, Hony. Secretary, IIPA Maharashtra Regional Branch
10. Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Chairman, Manipur Regional Branch
11. Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar, Chairman, Kerala Regional Branch
12. Prof. K.K. Pandey - Faculty Representative
13. Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi - Director General & Member-Secretary

Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar assisted in the meeting. Shri Ashish Kumar, PS to the Hon'ble Union Minister and Shri Mithun Barua, Dy. Registrar (AS) were also present.

**Item No.319.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.**

All the members attended the meeting.

**Item No.319.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 318<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.**

The Minutes were confirmed.

**Item No.319.2 (b) Action taken on the minutes of the 318<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting.**

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.3 Instituting Paul H. Appleby Award in the field of Academic Excellence.**

The Chairman endorsed the idea of instituting the Award in the field of Academic Excellence. He was of the opinion that this award should be named after a personality who has recommendable work in the field which will match the essence of this award. The Members were requested to suggest names.

**Item No.319.4 Starting of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Annual International Memorial Seminar on the Founders' Day of IIPA (29<sup>th</sup> March) in memory of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India.**

The members accepted and approved this proposal. It was decided that the Hon'ble Vice President of India and President IIPA will also be invited as the first speaker of this programme.

**Item No.319.5 Theme for Special Issues of IJPA and Lok Prashasan for 2022.**

The Theme for Special Issue of Indian Journal of Public Administration (IJPA), (July-September 2022) may be related to 75 Years of Independence: *Azadi kaa Amrit Mahotsav* and the specific theme could be:

1. The Vision of India in the Constitution of India.
2. The Vision of India Envisaged in the Constituent Assembly Debates.
3. The Vision of India in Indian Constitutional Law.
4. Vision of Indian Administration in the Political Thought of Sardar Patel
5. The Vision of India in the Administrative Thought of R.C. Dutta
6. Vision of India in Indian Political Thought with Special Reference to Gandhi, Nehru and Ambedkar 'Vision of India in Political Thought of Tilak and Gokhale.

The Theme for Special Issue of Lok Prashasan (July-December, 2022) may be

1. भारतीय प्रजातंत्र की बदलती संस्कृति
2. स्थानीय निकायों की कार्यकुशलता का मूल्यांकन
3. प्रजातंत्र और जागरूकता: वर्तमान के संदर्भ में
4. भारतीय नौकरशाही की बदलती संस्कृति

It was decided to finalize the topic as 'Innovations in Governance' and the same topics in Hindi will be finalized for Lok Prashasan.

**Item No.319.6 Shri T.N. Chaturvedi Award for the best article in the IJPA for 2020.**

A committee comprising Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Director General, Dr. Sachin Chowdhry, Dr. Neetu Jain and Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar selected **Parul Jain and Anil Kumar Jain** for Shri T.N. Chaturvedi Award for their article on **Reforms in Direct Tax Administration in India (1991-2016) published in IJPA (Vol 66.2, April-June 2020)** as the best Article in IJPA for the year 2020. It was confirmed. However, the Chairman advised to prepare proper criteria for selection of any awardees in future.



**Item No.319.7** Draft office replies on the suggestions/observations made by the Office Bearers of the Regional & Local Branches in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.8** Admission of New Life Members.

Confirmed. The Chairman opined that IIPA is a very prestigious institute and the members of this Institute should be serving and retired bureaucrats, academicians, eminent professional and experts in different fields and occupations. Membership should be extended to eminent people from different professions like Medical Profession, Hospital Administration, media & journalism, corporate industry etc. and it should not only be confined to retired government officers and academicians. The membership applications should be properly scrutinized and evaluated so that eligible people will be made members. For this, a proper criteria should be made on the basis of that Membership should be granted in future.

**Item No.319.9** Removal of members in arrears for more than two years (2019 & 2020) from the roll of membership of the Institute.

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.10** Draft Annual Report for 2020-21.

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.11** Balance-sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for 2020-21 together with the Report of the Chartered Accountants.

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.12** "Paul H. Appleby Award" for Distinguished Services to IIPA and to the field of Public Administration.

Confirmed.

**Item No.319.13** A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during June to August, 2021 relating to (a) Training Programmes, (b) Webinars & Memorial Lectures and (c) Status of Research Projects.

Confirmed.



**Item No.319.14 Items to Report:****(i) Demise of employee.**

Shri Raj Pal, MTS passed away on 18.08.2021.

**Item No.319.15 Any other business with permission of the Chairman**

Nil

Director General IIPA requested the Chairman to express his thoughts and give his directions to IIPA.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Chairman, IIPA Executive Council complimented Director General and entire team of IIPA for conducting 66 training programmes, 46 webinars and 60 research projects in the hard times of covid pandemic but expressed the concern that in spite of such hard work and efforts, IIPA is not getting the desired recognition and there is need for more inclusiveness and integration of IIPA with other organizations like DoPT (Training Division), ISTM, LBSNAA, CBC etc. The esteem of IIPA needs to be enhanced with wider spectrum of activities and outreach. IIPA should not be known as retired officers club and this notion needs to be changed by including more and more serving officers, academicians, professionals and corporates. Eminent people, domain experts may be invited as guest faculty or visiting faculty to IIPA. There are many journalist and media professionals who have expert knowledge of the working of the government and knowledge of different social, economic and political aspects. Like media professionals, there are experts from different fields, industry who can be invited as guest faculty to IIPA. IIPA can work with Capacity Building Commission (CBC). Different ministries are approaching CBC for advisory, training etc. and IIPA can do the same work for the ministries. IIPA can also reach out to private sector. Big corporate sector like TATA, has their own TATA Administrative Service and they are now reforming it. IIPA can become Resource Hub for the government and corporate sector. In this way, the spectrum of IIPA will be widened. IIPA should coordinate more with LBSNAA and National Centre of Good Governance (NCGG) for the training programmes and research studies. NCGG is imparting training to civil servants of foreign countries and IIPA is also doing the same. So, these two institutes can coordinate. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has started the programme of placing the newly inducted IAS officers as Assistant Secretaries in the central ministries for 3 months before their placement in their respective cadres. This initiative is very successful and giving very good

results. In the 3-month attachment, these IAS officers prepare presentations on flagship schemes of India and they present it before the Prime Minister. IIPA can also be part of this initiative and these IAS officers as Assistant Secretaries can have one-day attachment with IIPA. The membership has been reopened and the objective should be to include serving civil servants, professionals and people who are experts in their own fields and professionals. Chairman added that our Hon'ble Prime Minister is so much focused on governance reforms and simplifying the service delivery to the people. Chairman mentioned that there is a programme on starts-up and one participant said that he needs to go through so many licenses to start a new venture, 62 NOCs required for starting covid clinic etc. Chairman said that the Hon'ble Prime Minister is focused to bring reform in this system of unnecessary licenses and steps involved. Now, technology will play a major role in very aspects of governance and life and government is promoting more and more technology enabled governance and decision-making. Technology and futuristic projects should be the focus of IIPA. In order to enhance the esteem of IIPA, consistency in its work is required. Chairman also emphasized that IIPA should use the social media channels to promote its work and visibility. Chairman also emphasized that there should be exclusion criteria and all the membership applications should be properly scrutinized.

Shri Arun Kumar Rath, Chairman, Odisha Regional Branch said that serving officers and professionals should be given preference for membership. Eminent Subject matter experts from regional and local branches having the desired and relevant knowledge should be chosen by IIPA to become visiting faculty in the training programmes of IIPA Delhi. IIPA should collaborate with regional and local branches in training and researched programmes. The training and research programmes which IIPA Delhi thinks that can be done by any regional branches should be either outsourced or the branches should be included appropriately. He informed that Odisha Regional Branch is involved in local resource mobilization, but IIPA Delhi may increase the grants given to branches.

Shri Yogesh Suri (representing CEO, NITI Aayog) seconded the suggestions of the Chairman and other members of the EC.

Shri Satbir Singh, Maharashtra Regional Branch appreciated the idea of inclusion of more serving officers and professionals as new members. He suggested that senior serving officials in Central and State Government, Universities etc. may be given the status of ex-officio members of the IIPA. He informed that Maharashtra Regional Branch is encouraging innovations in government and awarding Rs 10000/- to the officers who are promoting innovations in their work.



Shri Srinivas R. Katikithala, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) had one minor observation that the Paul Appleby Award for Academic Excellence may be renamed. Director General, IIPA informed that it will be renamed, and members were requested to give suggestions of names. Director, LBSNAA said that LBSNAA will coordinate more with IIPA as suggested by Chairman and both the institutes will explore the areas of coordination. DG IIPA suggested that new joining probationers in LBSNAA may be asked to take the membership of IIPA so that from the very beginning of their career in government, they will be members of IIPA and can contribute more for its development.

Smt Rashmi Chaudhary, Additional Secretary, DoPT (representing Secretary, DoPT) has said that IIPA got its Peer review done and the findings of the review may be sent to DoPT. Director General, IIPA informed that NILERD (organization under NITI Aayog and Shri Yogesh Suri is the Director General of NILERD) has done the PEER Review Report was already placed before the members in the last EC meeting. However, the findings will be presented to the EC in the next meeting. Chairman IIPA said Smt Rashmi Chaudhary to give more focus to IIPA and get involved in the activities and functioning of IIPA.

Shri V. Padmanabhan, Dy. Secretary, Dept. of Exp. (Representing Secretary (Exp.) has raised three issues: 1) Efforts taken by IIPA to increase the revenue of the institute, 2) How IIPA is focusing on the North-East and 3) Contribution of the branches of IIPA in revenue mobilization. Director General, IIPA informed that there are regional branches of IIPA in every northeastern state and efforts are on to open new Regional Branches in Sikkim and Tripura. He further added that the branches do not contribute to the revenue mobilization of IIPA and rather branches are financially supported by IIPA Delhi. However, the branches should do more efforts towards revenue-mobilisation and try to be self-sufficient. DG IIPA also informed that in spite of covid and less revenue from training programmes, IIPA has been able to reduce the deficit and several economy measures were taken for managing the expenditure of the institute. Chairman said that IIPA should sensitize the representatives of the branches and there should be more close and small group meetings in order to develop more linkages and coordination with branches. DG IIPA informed that IIPA has started webinars on the flagship schemes of the Govt. of India with the regional branches from January 2021 with 02 webinars each month. The Regional branches have been involved in organizing the webinars and all the Regional/Local branches are invited to participate in the Webinars.



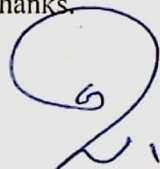
Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar, Chairman, Kerala Regional Branch supported the suggestions of Chairman, IIPA Executive Council for increasing and widening the spectrum of IIPA. Dr Kumar informed the efforts of Kerala Regional Branch in spreading awareness through programmes during Covid in Kerala. Dr Kumar said that those experts involved in policy studies and implementation may be given preference for membership.

Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Chairman, Manipur Regional Branch said that next EC meeting should be in-person meeting in Delhi and members may attend personally. DG IIPA informed that all the members are welcome to attend EC meeting or any other programme of IIPA physically in Delhi.

Shri Shekhar Dutt, Hon'ble Member said that IIPA should collaborate with national and international institutions and should work on coordinating with DoPT, LBSNAA, Capacity Building Commission (CBC) as suggested by Chairman, IIPA.

Shri S.N. Tripathi, Director General, IIPA thanked Chairman and Members of Executive Council. DG IIPA said that membership is not limited to retired civil servants and its open to all the serving officers, professionals. DG IIPA said that Shri Ashish Kumar, IAS from Tamil Nadu cadre and PS to Hon'ble Minister of DoPT is serving officer and became the member of IIPA. DG IIPA said that IIPA will use for social media platforms as suggested by Chairman, IIPA for increasing the visibility of IIPA. DG IIPA thanked Chairman, IIPA and Director, LBSNAA for exploring the opportunity to induct new probationers of IAS and other services to become members of IIPA and engaging with DoPT Training Division for one day attachment of the Assistant Secretaries in IIPA. DG IIPA also said that IIPA will explore the suggestion of engaging professionals, scientific personnel, defence personnel etc. as visiting or guest faculty in the programmes of IIPA.

Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar, IIPA proposed the vote of thanks.

  
(SURENDRA NATH TRIPATHI)  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
AND  
MEMBER SECRETARY