

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

**Minutes of the 327th meeting of the Executive Council
held on 29th September, 2025 at 11:30 AM**

PRESENT

1. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman IIPA E.C.
2. Shri S.S. Kshatriya, IAS (R), Former Chief Secretary of Maharashtra
3. Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (R), Former DGP of J&K
4. Shri Sriram Taranikanti, IAS, Director LBSNAA, Mussoorie
5. Prof. Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University
6. Shri Vijay S., Dy. Secretary (Training), Representing Secretary, DoPT
7. Shri Abhimanyu Sahoo, Dy. Secretary, Representing Secretary (Exp.)
8. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Under Secretary, Representing CEO, NITI Aayog
9. Shri Dipak Kumar Sarma, IAS (R), Chairman, Assam Regional Branch
10. Dr. R.R. Dhanapall, Chairman, Puducherry Regional Branch
11. Prof. Neetu Jain, Faculty Representative
12. Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (R), Director General & Member-Secretary

Shri Amitabh Ranjan, Registrar assisted in the meeting. Shri Pankaj Dixit, IAS, P.S. to the Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Mithun Barua, Dy. Registrar (AS) and Shri O.P. Chawla, Dy. Registrar (F & A) were also present.

At the outset, the Executive Council condoled the demise of Shri Shekhar Dutt, Eminent Member of EC and Dr. Sapna Chadah, Associate Professor of IIPA and observed a minute silence to pay tribute to the departed souls.

The Executive Council also welcomed Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (R), Patron of Jammu & Kashmir Regional Branch as the new Eminent Member of IIPA EC.

Item No.327.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

Shri S.K. Misra, IAS (R), Chairman, Chhattisgarh Regional Branch, Dr. Rajvir Sharma, Chairman, Delhi Regional Branch and Dr. Satish K. Batra, Chairman, Rajasthan Regional Branch could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

Item No.327.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 326th meeting of the Executive Council held on 29th March, 2025.

The Minutes were confirmed.

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

Confirmed.

Item No.327.3 Paul H. Appleby Award for 2025.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to confer the Paul Appleby Award on **Mrs. Meenakshi Hooja, IAS (Retd)**. She is an IAS officer of 1975 batch of Rajasthan Cadre and has been an IIPA Member for over 42 years. She has been a very active participant in academic activities of IIPA for a very long time. Her contribution in the field of Public Administration has been outstanding.

Item No.327.4 Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award for Academic Excellence for 2025.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to confer the **Prof. Prakash C. Sarangi**, former Vice Chancellor of Ravenshaw University, Cuttack for Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award for Academic Excellence for 2025. He has been an eminent educationist, academician and writer in academic discipline. He has been an IIPA Member for over 27 years and contributed actively in academic activities of IIPA and development of IIPA Odisha Regional Branch.

Item No.327.5 Award to IIPA Branches for best performance.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to confer the award as under:

1. Karnataka Regional Branch – First Prize carrying a Certificate and cash award of Rs.10,000/-.
2. Uttar Pradesh Regional Branch – Second Prize carrying a Certificate and cash award of Rs.7500/-
3. Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram Regional Branches – Joint Third Prize carrying Certificates and cash awards of Rs.5000/- each.

Item No.327.6 Award of Prize to the winners of Annual Essay Competition 2025.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to award of prizes to the winners of the Essay Competition as under:

First prize of Rs.10,000/- to: Dr. Annita Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Gossner College, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001

Topic: Ease of Living

Second prize of Rs.7000/- to: Mr. Syed Ahmed Afzal, H.No. 1-8-7/4/1, Station Road, Yadadri, Bhongir-508116, Telangana

Topic: Era of Artificial Intelligence: Transforming Governance, Services and Society

Third prize of Rs.5000/- jointly to:

Ms. Riddhi Shrivastava (MA Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh). C-18, B Second floor, Brij Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011

Topic: Ease of Living

Ms. Muskan, H.No.1120, Gali No. 3C, Kalaka Road, Saraswati Vihar, Rewari-123401 Haryana

Topic: Social Media Challenges and Opportunities

Item No.327.7 Award of Prize to the winner of Annual Case Study Competition 2025.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to award of prizes to the winner of the Annual Case Study Competition as under:

First Prize of Rs.10,000/- to: Shri Vivek Dixit, Dept. of Orthopedics, AIIMS, New Delhi

Topic: The Third Gender in a Third World Country: Major Concerns and the AIIMS initiative

Item No.327.8 Shri T.N. Chaturvedi Award for Best Article in IJPA and Lok Prashasan.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Committee as under:

Shri T.N. Chaturvedi Award for Best Article in IJPA:

“An Examination of Socio-economic well-being in Aspirational and Non-aspirational Districts of Assam: A Comparative Analysis of their Performance” by Nilanjana Chakrabarty and Juthika Konwar published in Oct-Dec. 2024 edition of IJPA.

Shri T.N. Chaturvedi Award for Best Article in Lok Prashasan to:

“साइबर स्पेस, किशोर अवस्था में महिला उत्पीड़न, सस्थानिक चुनौतियां और उपाय / दिल्ली और चयनित एनसीआर क्षेत्रों का एक अध्ययन” – संजीव कुमार published in July-Sept. 2024 edition of Lok Prashasan.

Item No.327.9 Theme for Special Issue of IJPA and Lok Prashasan for 2026.

The Executive Council approved the theme as under:

Theme for the Special Issue of IJPA

Process Reforms for Promoting ease of living/ and or ease doing business for entrepreneurs

Theme for the Special Issue of Lok Prashasan

उद्यमियों के लिए व्यापार करने में आसानी/ या आसानी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रक्रिया सुधार

Item No.327.10 Annual Report for 2024-25.

The Executive Council confirmed for adoption of the Annual Report by the General Body in its meeting in October, 2025.

Item No.327.11 Balance-sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for 2024-25 together with the Report of the Chartered Accountants.

The Executive Council confirmed for adoption of the Balance-sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts by the General Body in its meeting in October, 2025.

Item No.327.12 Establishment of Nanded Local Branch.

Confirmed

Item No.327.13 Admission of new Life Members.

Confirmed

Item No.327.14 Removal of Annual & Corporate Members due to non-payment of membership fee.

The Executive Council approved to remove 03 Annual members and 18 Corporate members from membership roll.

Item No.327.15 A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during April to September, 2025 relating to (a) Training Programmes and (b) Status of Research Projects.

Confirmed.

Item No.327.16 Items to Report: Confirmed

- (i) Retirement of Staff
- (ii) Relieved on Lien
- (iii) Promotion/Placement of Staff
- (iv) Appointments/Extension of Service (on contract basis)
- (v) Foreign visits of Faculty
- (vi) Demise of Employees

Item No.327.17 Any other business with permission of the Chairman.

(i) Nomination of Dr. Ashok Bhan as an Eminent Member of Executive Council.

Confirmed.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman, IIPA EC mentioned that a Dashboard should be created for connecting the Regional Branches about activities of IIPA and activities of the branches giving real-time information and sharing of views/suggestions to add value in the activities and programmes. Hon'ble Minister further mentioned that a WhatsApp

group of the Branches may be created so that information could be shared faster and in an easier way among them.

Dr. Ashok Bhan thanked the Hon'ble Minister and Chairman IIPA EC for nominating him as the Eminent Member of IIPA EC and conveyed his gratitude to all EC members.

Director General, IIPA informed that IIPA conducted Regional Conferences in collaboration with Regional Branches of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Puducherry, Karnataka and these conferences were very successful.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman emphasized publicity of IIPA Library through social media platforms and about the activities to reach out to the students pursuing civil services and higher studies in public administration. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized the need for stronger integration of governance training with emerging technologies such as AI, digital platforms and data-driven tools. He underlined the importance of equipping scientists and academicians—who often transition into senior administrative positions—with governance and communication skills. He also spoke on the evolving role of social media in governance, urging sensitization of officers on responsible use and called for dedicated workshops to address the "How and how not to" of Social Media engagements, noting the risks of misinformation and the need for credible public communication. He also lauded the expanding footprints of IIPA with Capacity Building Programmes for State Governments and Block level Officers who are the backbones of Grassroot Public Administration and Governance, and opening of new IIPA Branch at Nanded, Maharashtra.

Prof. Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University also endorsed the suggestion of Hon'ble Minister and further added that there is also need for such type of training programmes for the senior level academicians and university functionaries who come from academic background. Shri Amitabh Ranajan, Registrar, IIPA informed that IIPA is already providing training to scientists of DRDO, Atomic Energy Department and other scientific institutions of Government of India on leadership, management and administrative skills. DG, IIPA added that IIPA will connect with Prof Ashutosh of INSA and design training programme for INSA and other scientific institutions and bodies. IIPA will also plan for Faculty Development Programme as mentioned by the Vice Chancellor, Panjab University.

Shri S.S. Kshatriya, IAS (R), Former Chief Secretary of Maharashtra and Dr. R.R. Dhanapall, Chairman, Puducherry Regional Branch appreciated the decision of the Hon'ble Minister and Chairman, EC IIPA for opening the membership and this has given new momentum to the Regional and Local Branches. Shri Sriram Taranikanti, IAS, Director



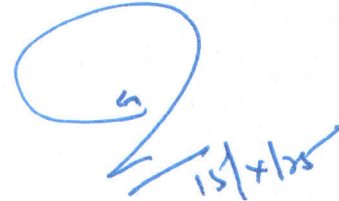
LBSNAA, Mussoorie also said that there is need of adding new members, but it should not be made free for all type and there should be proper evaluation of the applications.

Shri S.S. Kshatriya, IAS (R) conveyed that efforts are being made to create new local branches in Ratnagiri and other districts of Maharashtra.

Shri Taranikanti, Director LBSNAA, Dr. Bhan, Shri Kshatriya and Dr. Dhanapall appreciated the efforts put by IIPA in improving its financial position. Shri Tarankanti was of the opinion that there should be more financial support to IIPA from DoPT. DG, IIPA thanked DoPT for extending proper financial and budgetary support to IIPA and conveyed that IIPA is also putting its best efforts to increase its earning potential from training, research and other activities.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister and Chairman also said that IIPA is working to increase its earning potential and IIPA should reach out to the private sector on bigger way. IIPA has developed a very good infrastructure and the Auditorium and Conference Halls of IIPA should be hired by other government departments. In this regard, IIPA should reach out to different government organizations informing about its infrastructure and facilities such as the digital studio of IIPA, named, 'Shristi' which is an excellent place for the digital creations. The benefit of this digital studio can be availed by other government departments and organizations for their digital content creation on hired basis.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(SURENDRA NATH TRIPATHI)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
AND
MEMBER SECRETARY

