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From the Editor's Desk

Future of our world on this planet is uncertain. It became evident with the dramatic entry of man-made COVID19 in 2019 which has so far caused 3352438 deaths world over, sweeping its noxious hand everywhere. In March 2021, it took India unawares. Suddenly lakhs of Indians came under its influence and what we are now witnessing is major tragedy in terms of loss of health and lives. It is no surprise that Uttar Pradesh has also come under its impact, being a state with huge population, living in rural areas. The total number of corona-virus cases in U.P, on 13th of May 2021 were about 16 lakhs and deaths were around 17 thousand, as recorded by the UP Government.

Uttar Pradesh is also confronted with multi-faceted challenges. Its dense population (20.42crores) with crowded streets and markets, inadequate health infrastructure, shortage of doctors and nurses, poverty and unemployment make covid-19 a formidable challenge not only for the government but also for people. Besides, cough and hand hygiene are almost missing in its population. Even though there are strict orders of wearing masks, people tend to flout these.

Though cities do have some medical facilities to boast about, villages have very minimal level of medical facilities. This can cause entire families to be wiped out. Another major problem involves cremation of the dead due to inadequate space and non-availability of wood and other materials required for cremation. Cases have come in media where people have chosen to throw dead bodies of their deceased relatives in the river Ganga instead of cremating them.

The major step to control the situation would involve providing vaccination for all. This would indeed be a Herculean task, though not an impossible one. This can at least prevent deaths, as the disease becomes less severe in the body after the vaccine has been injected.

Not that we have not faced challenges of eradicating diseases. Diseases like smallpox and polio no longer exist in India. Each citizen was vaccinated for smallpox religiously, till it was completely eradicated. The same strategy was applied for polio, but with greater vigor and ardor. Polio drops day was an event that was enjoyed by parents and children alike, as on that day fairs were organized. Perhaps such kind of zeal is required to vaccinate people for COVID 19, so as to erase it from the face of India in general and Uttar Pradesh in particular.

Another important aspect is the cost of the vaccination. It should be affordable to the public. If it comes at exorbitant rates, most of the people may shirk away from getting themselves vaccinated.

Let us hope, we shall be in a position to control Corona virus and Covid-19 by the end of 2021.

Vidya Nand Garg
Editor

News from the Center

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1. The 25th meeting of steering committee of Centre of Urban Studies of IIPA was held on 23rd February, 2021, under the Chairmanship of Shri S.N. Tripathi, Director General, IIPA.
2. IIPA Head Office is conducting several Webinars like "India's Energy Mix and Implications for Foreign Policy, Atal Pension Yojana and Life from the Lens of an artist. These Webinars are attended by IIPA members all over India.

News from U.P. Regional Branch

Annual Essay Competition 2020

During the Executive Meeting held on the 15th February, 2020, it was decided that an Essay Competition would be held every year, in English and Hindi, separately and both Hindi and English Essays would be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. 1st prize will be of Rs. 5000/= 2nd prize would be of Rs. 4000/= and 3rd prize would be of Rs. 3000/=.

Thus Annual Essay Competition, 2020 was organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Uttar Pradesh Regional Office (Lucknow). The topics of the essay competition were

as follows:-

1. COVID and Public Health System
2. Migration and job Creation

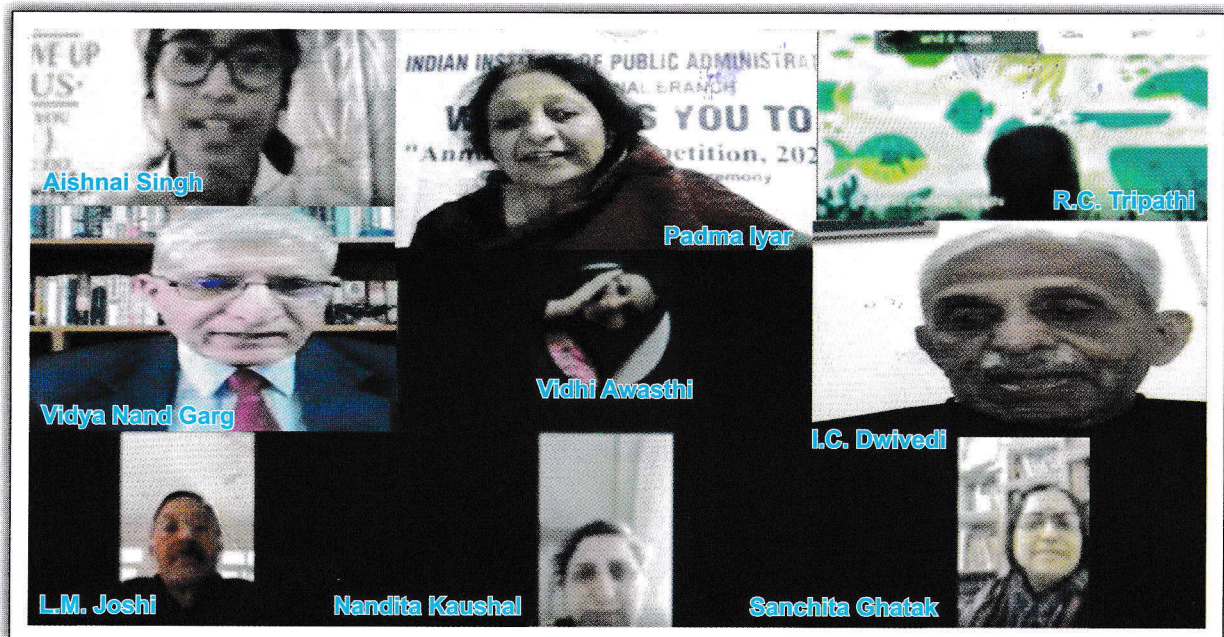
Participants could attempt any one of the above essays. Both the essay could be attempted in Hindi and English, and each essay was to be written in about 2000 words. The participants of the essay competition were students from Classes 9-12, of institutions located at Lucknow.

The heads of the institutions were first contacted by E-mail. 110 heads of schools were contacted in this way. Besides, they were contacted by mobile or telephones also.

Participation of the students came from 11 institutions. Altogether, 43 students participated in the competition. 19 essays were in Hindi while 24 were in English. 35 girls and 8 boys participated in the competition.

The essays were assessed by two judges:

Dr. Nandita Kaushal, Assistant Professor, Lucknow University and Dr. Padma Iyer, Joint Secretary, IIPA UP Regional Office, Lucknow



Online Annual Essay Prize Distribution Event 2020

6 Students were announced as prized winners (three for English and three for Hindi). The prize winners of the essay competition, with their institutions are as follows:

Hindi Essay Competition Prize winners all were from Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.

The names of the winners are as follows:-

1. Aishnai Singh-Seth MR Jaipuria School, Lucknow
2. Suhani Bansal-Seth MR Jaipuria School, Lucknow
3. Aditi Shukla-Seth MR Jaipuria School, Lucknow

English Prize winners are as follows:

1. Vidhi Awasthi - Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow
2. Khushi Jaiswal- Central Academy, Sector 9, Indira Nagar, Lucknow
3. Agrima Srivastava - City Montessori School Indira Nagar, Lucknow

The prize distribution event was conducted online on the 22nd of February, 2021. The special guests of the event were Shri R.C. Tripathi and Shri I.C. Dwivedi, both very senior members of U.P. Regional Branch and winners of the very prestigious award of the Paul Appleby Award. They expressed their views on the importance of the essay competition for students and congratulated and blessed the prize winners as well as the participants. They also praised the people behind the success of the event. Earlier, Shri Vidya Nand Garg, Honorary Secretary of the UP Regional Branch described the event. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Padma Iyer, Joint Secretary of the Branch.



Executive Committee Meeting

II. The Executive Committee Meeting and the Annual General Meeting

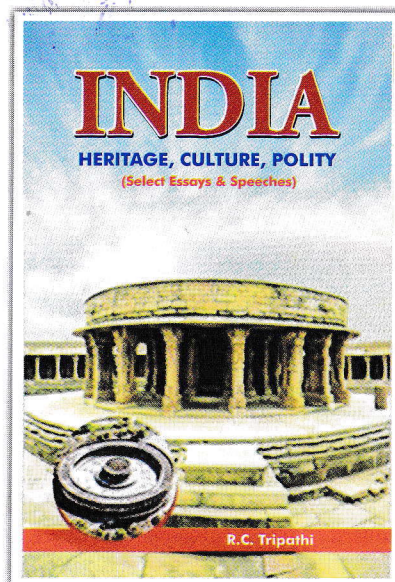
The Executive Meeting and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) were held on the 23rd of March, 2021, online, at 4.15 and 4.30 PM, respectively. The following relevant points were discussed in the meetings:-

1. It was decided that the Regional Office, U.P. would pay honorarium to a guest faculty, at the rate of 1500/- per session.
2. The history of IIPA, U.P. Regional Branch, written by Shri K.N. Trivedi and Dr. Padma Iyer, was approved to be sent to the Head Office.
3. Accounts of the year 2019-2020, approved and adopted by the board.
4. It was decided to hold an Annual Essay Competition in the year 2021.
5. It was also decided to conduct some Webinars online, on relevant topics of Public Administration of UP Regional Branch.

II. Books authored by members of IIPA UP

1) India: Heritage, Culture, Polity (Select Essays and Speeches)

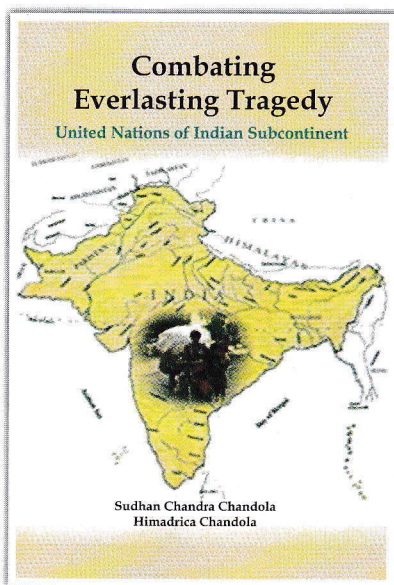
The book is written by Sri R.C. Tripathi, very senior and esteemed member of the Lucknow Regional Branch and the winner of the prestigious Paul Appleby Award of 1918. It is published at the Bharat Book Centre in 2020, which compiles the essays and speeches of the author, in 299 pages. It is an enlightening book which gives us insight on how India's ancient History, culture and heritage are handed down to posterity and what could be done to preserve our culture. The book also reveals the authors profound



interest and knowledge in the History of India, as well as his passion to improve Indian administrative system. He combined academic expertise with experience of archeological exploration and excavations and the experience of an administrator. The book consists of twenty essays, two of which are also written in Hindi. The essays bring out the emotions of the writer, and he has written in the language which helped him to put forth his ideas lucidly. The essays have also endeavored to reflect and anticipate on the future of India, in terms of education, national integration, transparency and disclosure in governance, containment of terrorism and policy for farmers. It is an excellent blend of the then and now, the ancient and the modern. It is a must read for all administrators as well as the researchers and students of public administration.

2) **Combating Everlasting Tragedy-United Nations of India Subcontinent**

The book written by Sudhan Chandra Chandola and Himadrita Chandola is published by Gyan Publishing House in January 2021, The 231 pages book is divided into eight Chapters. It is a study of the multidimensional challenges confronted by 5 countries, namely, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. The book assigns the backwardness of these nations to the political conflict between them and lays emphasis on the futility of hostilities, conflicts and wars and the exorbitant expenditure on war preparedness. It states that procurement of arms and weapons benefit the arms exporting countries



and on the contrary, push the arms-importing countries such as Pakistan and India deeper into backwardness. A worthwhile comparison in relation to the expenditure on education, health and military by the countries of the 5 countries and the countries supplying arms to them has been meticulously brought out through figures largely based on UNDP sponsored Human Development Reports and Reports published by SIPRI and other internationally recognized organizations. The book proposes a win- win strategy for these nations, that is, if they have to develop, they must form a Union on the lines of the European Union. This will help them to share their resources and grow together.

Quotable Quotes

“Angels are the dispensers and administrators of the divine beneficence toward us.”

John Calvin

“An administrator in a bureaucratic world is a man who can feel big by merging his non-entity in an abstraction. A real person in touch with real things inspires terror in him.”

Marshal McLuhan

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”

William Butler Yeats

“The ablest administrators do not merely draw logical conclusions from the array of facts of the past, which their expert assistants bring to them, they have a vision of the future.”

Mary Parker Follett

“Teachers and administrators sleepwalk through their responsibilities, dulled and discouraged by the endless pressures and problems”

David Perkins