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Indian Institute of Public Administration (U.P. Regional Branch)

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## (A) Editorial

IIPA U.P. Regional Branch lost its Honorary Secretary Sri T.N. Dhar, IAS (Retd.) on 4th October, 2018. Sri Dhar steered the cause of public administration as Honorary Secretary IIPA U.P. Regional Branch for about 35 years and wrote 63 books on varied subjects related to Governance, Environment and other aspects of public administration. His autobiography "A fair hand dealt" is still very popular. His sad demise is a great loss to all those who are connected with public administration and governance.



(Late Sri T.N. Dhar)  
IAS (Retd)

Elections to the office bearers and members of Executive Committee of IIPA U.P. Regional Branch were held in its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 17-11-2018.

Sri R. Ramani, IAS (Retd.) former Chief Secretary of U.P. was elected as Chairman and Sri Vidya Nand Garg, IAS (Retd.) was elected as Honorary Secretary. The following were elected as member of the Executive Committee for 2018-2022.



New Executive Committee of IIPA U.P. Regional Branch (2018-22)

### Name

- 1 Sri R. Ramani
- 2 Sri I.C. Dwivedi
- 3 Sri R.C. Tripathi
- 4 Sri P.C. Sharma
- 5 Sri B.B. Jindal
- 6 Sri A.C. Bagchi
- 7 Sri Y.S. Bhadauria
- 8 Sri V.N. Channa
- 9 Dr. L.M. Joshi
- 10 Dr. Raghuvendra Shukla
- 11 Dr. Chandani Balal
- 12 Dr. Padma Iyer
- 13 Sri Vidya Nand Garg



Sri R.C. Tripathi was facilitated in Lucknow for Paul H. Appleby Award Conferred on him

We welcome the new Executive Committee on their election and our best wishes to them for a glorious tenure.

We share with our readers the good news

### **(A Workshop on Role of Digital Technologies in Governance was organized in Lucknow by IIPA, UP Regional Branch)**

This issue of our quarterly newsletter Dynamic Administration is devoted to present role of digital technologies in governance, emerging trends and their future role. There is no doubt that digital technologies can radically improve the governance by providing efficient delivery of public goods & services. In the process, they also facilitate transparency, accountability and public participation in governance.

As digital technologies emerge and expand in governance, the need for expansion of broadband infrastructure, imparting digital literacy to illiterate persons, especially in rural areas, bridging the digital divide, disposal of e waste, challenge of cyber crime and cyber insecurity, digital surveillance, etc, have to be addressed.

The U.P. Regional Branch of the Indian Institute of Public Administration on 15th December, 2018 organized a high level

that Sri R.C. Tripathi IAS (Retd.) and former Secretary General of Rajya Sabha was conferred Paul H. Appleby Award on October 26, 2018 in New Delhi. He received this award from Sri Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India for his outstanding contribution to the cause of public administration as well as to the IIPA. Sri Tripathi was also felicitated by U.P. Regional Branch in its AGM held on 17-11-2018. We congratulate Sri Tripathi for this award conferred on him and feel a sense of pride for having Sri Tripathi in our Executive Committee. We hope to benefit from the rich experience and deep knowledge of Sri Tripathi.

Workshop on the issues related to the growth of digital technologies and their role in promoting good governance. Digital governance also empowers the people at the grass root level. This issue of Dynamic Administration is devoted to these subjects and it documents the highlights of the Workshop.

Chairman Sri R. Ramani in his opening remarks high-lighted the critical role that Digital Technologies are playing in governance. He hoped that the workshop will benefit the participants to update their knowledge on Digital

Technologies and also come up with recommendations to introduce the latest digital technologies in governance. Sri Vidya Nand Garg, Honorary Secretary welcomed the key note speaker Dr. Deepak Kumar Singh, PhD. in Artificial Intelligence from IIT Kanpur. He also introduced and welcomed Sri Dileep Kumar, Director of Awadh Software tech. Park Limited.



He welcomed Dr. Lalit Mohan Joshi and requested Dr. Joshi to deliver his talk on Training Course on building blocks for e-Governance. Dr. Joshi explained the details of Digital India and e-Kranti. He also showed two video films on Digital India.

Dr. Deepak Kumar Singh described emerging technologies and their effect on society and governance. He gave some details of cloud computing, big data analytics, 3D



Dr. Deepak Kumar Singh, Ph.D. Artificial intelligence, addressing the participants on emerging digital technologies)

Printing, internet of things, nano-technologies, robotics, drones, and block chain. He also analyzed the impact of the above technologies on unemployment and inequality. The participants asked a large number of questions from Dr. Singh who gave detailed replies. The participants highly appreciated his presentation.

Sri I.C. Dwivedi cautioned that the technology for making Bombs and other weapons is also available on Internet and this can result in a misuse of technologies by criminals and terrorists. He also warned the possibility of children having free access to pornographic literature on the internet. Sri R.C. Tripathi praised the knowledgeable talk by Dr. Deepak Kumar Singh and Dr. Lalit Mohan Joshi. He congratulated the office bearers for having organized such a useful talk. Sri Ravindra Singh raised question about the possible adverse effects of Digital technologies on employment situation.

## News :- No reimbursement of medical expenses for treatment in private hospitals till further orders

On 09.03-2018, Allahabad High Court bench comprising Hon'ble Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Hon'ble Justice Ajit Kumar delivered Judgment in Public Interest Litigation (PIL) No. 14588 of 2009 Snehlata Singh @ Salenta and others versus State of U.P. and others. The Court issued a number of directions to the state government through Chief Secretary to mitigate the plight of rural people of State in the matter of medical care which is their fundamental right, being part of Article 21 of Constitution. In their view "foremost apathy and lack of serious endeavour and attention on the part of higher authorities for not providing quality medical service is for the reason that they themselves are not affected at all. For them state medical service, in particular, rural health service programmes are meant only for poor rural class. They belong to different class. It is a class discrimination which is not allowing the system to improve in the last several decades."

In respect of reimbursement of medical expenses, the court passed the following order.

"It shall also be ensured that all Government Officials and others who receive salary or other financial gains from Government/ Public

exchequer, should avail Medical Care services from Hospitals run and maintained by Government and whenever any High Level officials, political Executives or other dignitaries go for treatment, Medical Officer on duty, by roster, shall attend him and there shall be no special VIP treatment. If medical care is obtained in Private Hospital etc. Government must not reimburse the same. However, if there are some kinds of diseases or ailment .treatment/care where - of is not available in Government Hospitals, treatment in private becomes necessary, this condition may be relaxed but in such contingency Government must ensure that for similar ailments and diseases if suffered by common poor people, arrangement should be made for their treatment also at Government expenses in such Private Medical Care Institutions".

In compliance of the above orders of Hon'ble High Court, Medical department of Government of U.P. issued an order No 3387/Panch-6-2018-05 (writ)/2018 dated 25th October 2018, staying the reimbursement of medical expenses of government officials and pensioners in respect of treatment in private hospitals.