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Our New VC & DG



Shri Pramod Jain, IAS
(J&K Cadre, 1985 Batch)

1. Education

- B. Com. and M.A. History (University of Jammu)
- M.Sc. Development Studies (University of Bath, U.K.), 1997-98.
- Certificate of Advanced Study in Public Administration, Maxwell School, Syracuse, USA (2010).
- Was awarded six gold medals for academic accomplishments.

2. Trainings

- As an IAS Officer, he has been trained in India, the Netherlands, Thailand and Singapore, besides Cambridge and Harvard.
- At LBSNAA, he was the elected Secretary of the House Journal Society. He was also the Escort Officer to H. E. the Vice-President of India.

3. Positions Held

He has held many key assignments both in the field and at the policy-planning levels in the State and at the Centre, notably:

- Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri
- Director Information and PR
- Secretary to the State Govt. in the Departments of Rural Development and *Panchayats*, PWD, Transport, Higher and Technical Education, etc.
- Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Division
- Chief Electoral Officer
- Financial Commissioner Revenue, Financial Commissioner (Agriculture)
- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

4. As the Chief Electoral Officer of J&K (2002-2003), he was responsible for conducting the *Panchayat* elections, 2001 in the State after a gap of 23 years. His contribution in organizing the universally-acclaimed J&K Assembly Election, 2002 was acknowledged globally and brought a lot of goodwill to India. He was also an International Observer in the Sri Lankan Parliamentary Election, 2001.

5. He has published two books and spoken in international conferences including at Stockholm and Oxford. He has also written several papers on issues of importance in administration. His research interests include participation, leadership, governance and electoral affairs.

6. As Senior Joint Secretary in GoI, he spearheaded museum reforms and strengthened international cultural affairs, besides organizing over 10 Festivals of India abroad.

7. He has travelled extensively inside and outside India.

Training Activities

Sr. No.	Title of the Training Programme	Duration & Date	Venue	Course Coordinator	No. of Participants
1.	Best Practices in Implementation of Right to Information Act	3 days April 10-12, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. J. A. Jabeen, Associate Professor	23
2.	<i>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna</i>	3 days April 10-12, 2-17	Regional Centre Jammu	Ms. Manju Kapoor, Assistant Professor	28
3.	Planning & Management of National Skill Dev. Mission	3 days April 10-12, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Ruchi Gupta, Associate Professor	23
4.	<i>Beti Bachao Beti Padhao</i>	One day April 11, 2017	Regional Centre Jammu	Dr. Reva Sharma, Professor	34
5.	Issues & Challenges of National Food Security Act in J&K	3 days April 17-19, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor	16
6.	Planning & Management of National Skill Development Mission	3 days April 24-27, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. M. Ashraf Dar, Assistant Professor	18
7.	Accountability & Transparency in Public Administration	3 days April 25-27, 2017	Main Campus Srinagar	Dr. Ruqaya Amin, Associate Professor	16
8.	Right to Information	3 days April 25-27, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Sunita Zalpuri, Professor	28
9.	Solid and Liquid Waste Management in Rural Areas	3 days April 25-27, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Ruchi Gupta, Professor	25
10.	Workshop on Essential Behavioural Skills for Sr. Officers of Geology & Mining Deptt.	One day April 27, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Samia Jabeen, Assistant Professor	11
11.	Gender Issues	3 days May 01-03, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Sunita Zalpuri, Professor	15
12.	Sustainable Urban Transport	3 days May 02-04, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Humera Yaqoob, Assistant Professor	15
13.	Social Audit in MGNREGA	3 days May 08-11, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Shafia Wani, Assistant Professor	18
14.	Ethics and Evaluation in Public Governance	3 days May 08-11, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. J. A. Jabeen, Associate Professor	22
15.	Mainstreaming Disaster Management	3 days May 08-11, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. G. M. Dar, Associate Professor	24
16.	e-Governance	3 days May 15-17, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Sunita Zalpuri, Professor	50
17.	Solid and Liquid Waste Management in Rural Areas	3 days May 16-18, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. B. A. Kumar, Associate Professor	19
18.	Policies & Programmes for the Development of SC, ST, & OBC	3 days May 16-18, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor	21
19.	Disaster Preparedness with Reference to Earthquakes	3 days May 17-19, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. G. M. Dar, Associate Professor	10
20.	Development & Maintenance of Smart Cities	3 days May 16-18, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Samia Jabeen, Assistant Professor	23
21.	Planning & Management of National Skill Development, Mission	3 days May 22-24, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Dar, Assistant Professor	27
22.	Integrated Watershed Management Programme	3 days May 22-24, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Ruchi Gupta, Professor	22
23.	Book Keeping & Accounting	3 days May 22-24, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Ms. Manju Kapoor, Assistant Professor	29
24.	Computer Applications for Employment Department	5 days May 22-26, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Er. Sadat Nizam Buchh, CIO	18
25.	Food Safety in J&K	3 days May 23-25, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Humera Yaqoob, Assistant Professor	21
26.	Management of Public Distribution System	3 days May 29-31, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Ruquaya Amin, Associate Professor	--
27.	Book Keeping & Accounting	3 days May 29-31, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Neena Bhalla, Associate Professor	13
28.	Project Management	5 days May 29 – June 02, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. S. K. Islam, Associate Professor	19

29.	Methodology for Conducting Surveys	3 days June 05-07, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Farzana Shaheen, Professor	12
30.	Urban Solid Waste Management	3 days June 05-07, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Ms. Manju Kapoor, Assistant Professor	12
31.	Induction Training Programme for Newly Appointed Assistant Directors	3 months June 5, 2017 onward	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. M. A. Khan, Professor	22
32.	Institutional Training Programme for IAS Probationer Batch-2016	5 weeks June 01, 2017 onwards	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. S. K. Islam, Associate Professor	01
33.	Social Awareness about <i>Swachh Bharat</i> Mission	3 days June 12-14, 2017	Regional Centre, Jammu	Dr. Neena Bhalla	23
34.	Community Participation & Social Audit	3 days June 12-14, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. J. A. Jabeen, Associate Professor	40
35.	Disaster Mitigation & Climate Change Adaptation	3 days June 12-14, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. G. M. Dar, Associate Professor	20
36.	Urban Sanitation	3 days June 13-15, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Humera Yaqoob, Assistant Professor	19
37.	Workshop on Gender Budgeting	3 days June 19-21, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. B. A. Kumar, Associate Professor	10
38.	National Livestock Policy & its Ramification	3 dyas June 19-21, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. B. A. Kumar, Associate Professor	20
39.	RMSA in J&K	3 days June 19-21, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor	40
40.	Planning & Management of <i>Sansad</i> <i>Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)</i>	3 days June 28-30, 2017	Main Campus, Srinagar	Dr. M. Ashraf Dar, Assistant Professor	47

Special Focus Subjects

• Community Participation & Social Audit

Governments face an ever growing demand to be more accountable and socially responsible and the community has become more assertive about its rights to be informed and to influence governments' decision making processes. In view of this reality it is important for government functionaries to gain knowledge and skills to mobilize community members to join together and move from personal to collective concerns. It was in this backdrop that the Institute organized, at its Main Campus, Srinagar a three days' Training Course on "Community Participation and Social Audit" w.e.f. June 12 – 14, 2017.

Adv. Abdul Haq Khan, Hon'ble Minister for Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs; and Rural Development & *Panchayati Raj* inaugurated the Course.

The Course was coordinated by Dr. Jehan Ara Jabeen, Associate Professor, Centre for Social Justice.



Three days' Training Course on "Community Participation and Social Audit"
w.e.f. June 12 – 14, 2017.

Coordinated by Dr. Jehan Ara Jabeen, Head, Centre for Social Justice.

● **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**

Recognizing the need for urgent action to check the trend of decline in the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in the country the Govt. of India launched in 2014 the *Beti Bachao Beti Padoo (BBBP)* Scheme to enable the girl child to obtain education.

The Government of J&K is equally keen to implement the Scheme in the State. Therefore, in order to sensitize its functionaries about the Scheme, the J&K State Resource Centre for Women, Social Welfare Department, sponsored a one-day Training Event on "*Beti Bachao Beti Padoo*" on April 11, 2017 held at IMPARD Regional Centre, Jammu. It was attended by 34 officers from ICDS, Education, Health, and Police Departments.

Dr. Reva Sharma, Professor, Head, Centre for Rural Development and *Panchayati Raj* co-ordinated the Event.

The highlight of the Training was a lecture session delivered by Mr. Mushtaq Choudhary, Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), District Samba on "Programme Guidelines, Implementation and Administration of the Scheme in J&K". He stressed the need for the formation of a Task Force at various levels: National, State, District, Block and Village for the implementation of the Scheme.

Mr. Azmat Ali, Joint Director Planning, Social Welfare Department, J&K also spoke on the occasion.

Ms. Juhie Mohan delivered a lecture on "Role of Media in the Implementation of the Scheme". She said that Media had a role in the formation of perceptions regarding the position of a women in society; and emphasized that women should be accepted and respected not only because she is a mother, sister, wife, or daughter-in-law but in her own right as an individual. Changed perceptions about women will help in the successful campaigning of *Beti Bachao Beti Padoo*.

The Training Coordinator presided over the valedictory session. Ms. Sameena, Gender Expert, J&K State Resource Centre for Women, State Social Welfare Department, spoke on various aspects of gender discrimination.

● **Urban Development**

Cities and towns have over time emerged as centres of domestic and international investments where most of the commercial activities take place. Urban areas offer employment opportunities and attract settlement of people. Congestion of people creates new issues such as creation of slum areas, production of more waste, inhibition of free movement because of traffic jams which in turn affect the productivity of these urban areas. Efficient management of cities and towns both in terms of their living standards and commercial productivity depends upon the availability and quality of infrastructure like roads, water supply, food supply, power, telecommunications, education, medical facilities, mass transportation, waste management, pollution control, etc. With a view to sensitize the participants with these issues related to urban management, a number of training courses were organized by the Institute, at its both campuses, such as "Sustainable Urban Transport", "Development & Maintenance of Smart Cities", "Urban Solid Waste Management", "Urban Sanitation".



Three days' training course on "Development & Maintenance of Smart Cities" w.e.f. May 16-18, 2017 held at IMPARD Main Campus, Srinagar.

● **Food Security and Food Safety**

Food Security is a condition related to the ongoing availability of food for all. Although concerns for food security have always existed, it was at the 1974 World Food Conference that the concept became formalized. Originally the concept of food security was understood to mean that "a state was secure in terms of food if it could muster it in sufficient quantity to sustain a steady expansion of food consumption and if it could offset fluctuations in production, supply and prices". However, a new definition emerged at the 1996 World Food Summit which laid emphasis on individual enjoying food security, rather than the state. According to Food and Agriculture Organization, food security exists when people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. According to the Universal Declaration for the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, 1974, "every man, woman, and child has the inalienable right to be free from hunger and malnutrition in order to develop fully and maintain their physical and mental faculties".

Food security must be complemented by food safety for the general welfare of society which means "handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that prevent food borne illness".

So in order to sensitize participants with issues related to food safety and food security, the Institute organized training courses on "Issues & Challenges of National Food Security Act in J&K" and "Food Safety in J&K".



Three days' training course on "Food Safety in J&K" May 23-25, 2017 held at IMPARD, Main Campus Srinagar



Three days' training course on "Best Practices in Implementation of Right to Information"
April 10-12, 2017 held at IMPARD, Main Campus Srinagar

• Right to Information

Dr. Jehan Ara Jabeen, Associate Professor, Centre for Social Justice organized a three days' Training Course on "Best Practices in the Implementation of Right to Information" from April 10-12, 2017. The main thrust of the Course was to develop the capacities of Public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities to meet the information requirements of citizens; and to discuss and deliberate on the issues and problems faced during the implementation of RTI Act.

• Cleanliness of the Country

A clean India was only a dream since olden days. However, it has become a mission since 2014 when on October 2nd Gandhi Jayanti Day, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi launched Swachh Bharat Mission with a hope that by October 2nd, 2019 cleanliness would be an established fact throughout India. It would be by then the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhiji and a clean India would be the nation's gift to the father of the nation. In order to achieve the Mission of Clean India we need to have toilets, manage our waste, refuse unnecessary packaging, reuse what we can, recycle the rest to reduce waste. As such it is the duty of the citizens of the country to develop habits of personal hygiene and to preserve the natural environment.

It was in this context that the Institute organized a three days' Training Course on "Swachh Bharat Mission" at its Regional Centre, Jammu w.e.f. June 12 – 14, 2017. The Course was co-ordinated by Dr. Neena Bhalla, Associate Professor, Centre for Infrastructure Development and Urban Affairs.



Training Course on "Social Awareness about Swachh Bharat Mission"
June 12-14, 2017 held at IMPARD Regional Centre, Jammu

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* Conference of State *Panchayati Raj* Ministers

A conference of State *Panchayati Raj* Ministers organized by Ministry of *Panchayati Raj*, GoI was held at Jehan Numa Palace Hotel, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, on 27th June 2017. It was attended by Hon'ble Union Ministers for Rural Development and *Panchayati Raj*, Shri Jitendra Singh Tomar and MoS Shri Parshottam Rupalla along with twelve State Ministers, senior bureaucrats and some selected Sarpanchs of the country. Prof. Reva Sharma, Director Trainings, IMPARD Regional Centre, Jammu also attended.

The main objective of this conference was to make *Panchayats* SMART by way of effective leadership which needs to be participative, motivating and technologically attuned to new developments so that *Panchayats* conform to sustainable development goals (SDGs) which include access to basic services, safety, housing, water and sanitation, employment and income generation, promoting decentralized work, integrated planning, effective set up of GP's, data management, monitoring framework, inclusive social development and above all effective governance of funds, functions, and functionaries.

* Field Visit to Solid and Liquid Waste Management Centres

Dr. Shafia Wani, Assistant Professor, Centre for Rural Development & *Panchayati Raj*, was deputed to Jammu from April 15 – 20, 2017 in connection with research activities and field visits to Solid and Liquid Waste Management Centre. As part of the *Swachh Bharat* Mission two pilot projects for Solid and Liquid Resource Management (SRLM) have been started in Bishnah and



Solid and Liquid Waste Management Centre, Block Bishnah, Jammu

Akhnoor in Jammu District. SRLM is a conception of Vellore-based Indian Green Service (IGS) for disposing off solid and liquid wastes generated by households. It starts with segregation of waste into disposable and non-disposable categories. For this purpose the *Panchayat* has provided two dustbins each to 300 families of Akhnoor and Chaklala, two blocks selected for implementation of the scheme in Jammu District. The waste is collected twice a day from houses and taken to collection centres by a dozen workers employed by the Rural Development Department. Here the non-biodegradable objects like plastic bottles, tin, polythene, etc. are

packed and sold in the recycling market. The biodegradable products are turned into compost. The liquid waste which emanates from households is channeled to a pond where the non-dissolvable component gets decomposed creating feeding material for fish, ducks, and frog while as the water sucking plants including canna, banana, and bamboo suck the liquid.

* All-India Conference for Exchange Alumni of US Government-sponsored Exchange Programmes for India and Bhutan

The US Mission to India held an all-India conference for Exchange Alumni of U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programmes for India and Bhutan on April 21-22, 2017 entitled "Building Bridges through Exchanges: Strengthening the US – India Partnership" at India Habitat Centre New Delhi in partnership with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Dr. Khurshid-ul-Islam attended the Conference from Kashmir which was a follow-up to his visits to USA in 2014 under one such arrangement called International Visitors Leadership Programme (ILVP).

The Conference connected about 150 alumni from India and Bhutan by creating a common platform of the Alumni. The Conference offered opportunity to reconnect with fellow participants and build on their experience. A cultural evening and conference dinner was hosted on April 21, 2017 by U.S. Charge d' Affairs Ms Mary Kay Carlson at the Roosevelt House, Embassy of United States, while a field trip was planned for Saturday morning April 22, 2017 to Rashtri Bhawan, Walk Along Yamuna and Humayun's Tomb & Batashewala – Mughal Tomb Complex.

Dr. Khurshid-ul-Islam made a presentation on "Role of Civil Society and Media in Upholding Democracy – The Realities of J&K".



Conference on "Building Bridges through Exchanges: Strengthening the US-India Partnership" held at India Habitat Centre New Delhi in Partnership with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).



Adieu



Dr. S. N. Alam. Took Voluntary Retirement on 31 December 2016



Dr. Mohammad Parvez, Research Officer. Retired on 30 April 2017



Mr. Abdul Gani Bhat, A. O. Retired on 31 March 2008; and passed away on 23 January 2017. May his soul rest in peace.



Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Junior Assistant. Retired on 30 June 2017



Mr. Nisar Ahmad Shah, Lib Attendant. Retired on 31 December 2016



Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhat, S. O. Retired on 30 April 2017



Mr. Irshad Ahmad Khan, Sr. Mechanic. Retired on 28 February 2017



Mr. Gh. Mohammad Shah, Class IV. Took Voluntary Retirement on 30 September 2015



Mr. Gh. Qadir Wagay, Gardner. Retired on 31 August 2016

Photo Gallery



Training Course on
"Disaster Preparedness w.s.r.t. Earthquakes" May 17-19, 2017



Training Course on
"Gender Budgeting in Rural Development" June 13-15, 2017



5 days' Training Course on
"Project Management" May 29 – June 03, 2017



5 days' Training Course on
"Computer Applications for Employment Department" May 22-26, 2017



Training Course on
"National Livestock Policy & its Ramification in J&K" June 19-21, 2017



Training Course on
"Disaster Management & Climate Change Adaptation" June 12-14, 2017



One Day Conference on
"Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" April 11, 2017



Training Course on
"e-Governance" May 15-17, 2017



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