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## **Welcome to the new Patron**



The Institute of Public Auditors of India welcomes our new patron, Shri Shashi Kant Sharma who assumed charge as Comptroller and Auditor General of India on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.

Shri Sharma belongs to the Indian Administrative Service. He was serving as Defence Secretary from July 2011 before taking over as the C&AG of India. Prior to this, he has served as Secretary, Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance and s Secretary, Information Technology in the Ministry of Communication and IT. He has also served on the Boards of Directors of State Bank of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India.

## **THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

The Central office of the Institute located in New Delhi provides back office support to the Institute, houses the office of the President and hosts the meetings of the Central Council. It keeps close touch with the Chapters and helps the President, Central Council and Executive Committee achieve their mandates.

### **1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the IPAI members was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at New Delhi. The CAG of India and the Patron of IPAI, Shri Vinod Rai graced the occasion and addressed the inaugural session.

President, welcomed the patron, the CAG of India, the Dy. C&AG, Shri A.K. Awasthi, senior officers of IA&AD and Members of the Institute and presented a brief of the major activities of IPAI during the year 2011-12 along with its Annual Accounts for the year.

The President complimented the previous President Shri Vijay Kumar and his colleagues for the excellent work done by IPAI under his President ship.

### **President's Address**

President expressed the hope that the new Central Council would realise its full potential to play a pro-active role as 'think tank' to promote advocacy for strengthening public accountability and transparency and professional oversight of public finances by independent functionary like the C&AG of India. To neutralize the motivated criticism of public accountability Institutions by vested interests, the Institute would proactively inform the public and the stakeholders on the role and responsibility of CAG as part of this objective.

### **Seminars & Workshops**

The Institute conducted a seminar on "Public accountability and Role of C&AG of India" on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at New Delhi. The panel discussions included on (i) Role and Mandate of CAG of India and; (ii) CAG and Parliamentary's Committees. The two panels had very eminent members viz. Sh. T.N. Chaturvedi and Shri V.N. Kaul, former CAG of India, Sh. B.K. Chaturvedi, Member Planning Commission, Sh. T.S.R. Subramaniam, former Cabinet Secretary, Sh. G.C. Malhotra, former Secretary General, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Prof. Kuldip Mathur, Sh. Prabhu Chawla (Media), Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, Spokesperson, BJP and Sh. Jagdeep S. Chhokar, Director, Association for Democrate Reforms. S/ Shri V.N. Kaul and T.N. Chaturvedi were the moderators for the two sessions. The 'wrap up' session was chaired by Shri Vinod Rai, CAG of India. The proceedings of the seminar were published and available in website.

Our chapters in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala respectively organised seminars on "Accountability of Panchayati Raj Institutions" (1<sup>st</sup> November 2011) and "Role of Audit in curbing corruption" (7<sup>th</sup> December 2011).

## **Research and Publication of Book**

For undertaking Research Activities, a Research Committee has been set up under the leadership of Dr. B.P.Mathur, a veteran IA&AS officer, who have authored number of books on public audit, accounts and Financial Management in Public Sector.

IPAI brought out a book titled “Contemporary Issues in Public Accountability and Audit” edited by a team of 3 senior retired IA&AS officers. The book was released on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 by Justice J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India at a function graced by Shri Vinod Rai, CAG of India. The Institute is contemplating to hold a discussion session in a premier Institution for this book.

## **IPAI Journal**

A major signpost of the academic activity of the Institute is the publication of the professional journal namely, “The Indian Journal of Public Audit & Accountability”. The 13<sup>th</sup> issue of the Journal was published in May 2013.

Institute has obtained the ISSN registration for this Journal and it brings a rare opportunity for the Institute to lift the exposure level and recognition of its efforts in promoting academic research and original thinking in areas of public accountability, oversight and financial management. The Journal through the ISSN registration can now provide international recognition to its authors/ contributors and its citations can be a value addition to the author’s accomplishments.

IPAI would also promote development of the discipline of government accounting and auditing at all levels of the Country’s financial administration and to that end solicit cooperation of the premier academic and research institutions and the government organizations.

## **Consultancy assignments**

During this period, the Institute successfully conducted consultancy assignments which included: (i) Financial Review of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 25 States/UTs, (ii) Internal Audit of 12 District Units of Medical Health & Family Welfare Department of Government of Uttarakhand; (iii) Internal Audit of ICAR units located at Hyderabad; (iv) Performance and Internal Audit of 21 Jan Shikshan Sansthan in Madhya Pradesh under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, and; (v) Review & Revision of existing Rules & Byelaws and Recruitment Rules of National Rural Road Development Agency. During 2011-12, the IPAI earned Rs.3.82 crore from consultancies.

Institute shall continue to devote part of its energy and resources to promote professional development of its members and earn recognition of the Institute’s competence to undertake large scale countrywide assignments. The Institute is presently actively pursuing the scope of obtaining fresh consultancy assignments from the GOI and State Governments.

## **Chapters’ Activities**

The President complimented the regional chapters who were quite active during 2011-12 in undertaking seminars and consultancy assignments, especially in the

field of internal auditing, preparation of Accounts Manuals, compilation of accounts, etc. Work done in this area has earned good recognition from the concerned governments.

### **Newsletter**

Institute's Newsletter gives an update of the activities of the Institute and matters of professional information for the benefit of its members, the 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter was published in July 2012. The newsletter can be accessed at the website of the Institute.

In concluding, the President expressed his sincere thanks to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department for their help, co-operation and guidance and look forward to their continued support. He also placed on record his gratitude to his colleagues on the Central Council, Chapter Presidents and all members of the Institute who have helped and supported the cause of the Institute.

### **ADDRESS BY THE PATRON, THE CAG OF INDIA**

In his address, the CAG of India thanked the President, Treasurer and office bearers of IPAI for inviting him to the 15<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Institute.

He appreciated and expressed his happiness over the achievement of some of the objectives set up by the Institute for itself. The CAG was happy about the financial position of the Institute, though there was slight decrease in the revenue earnings from consultancy assignments during the year as compared to last year. He hoped that Institute would make good this decrease during current year, by getting good number of consultancy assignments from Government departments and societies. In this regard, he mentioned about his meetings with the Chief Ministers of Odisha and Bihar, who were very keen to have our help in the capacity building of their officers and staff in the field of bookkeeping and accountancy, particularly in PRI and ULB Institutions. He informed that he agreed to provide the necessary support in this regard as our department has the excellent infrastructure for training in the country. For faculty, he said that we can draw upon the pool of retired and very competent officers, because the department may not be able to get serving officers for this purpose. In North-East States, the CAG mentioned that position of accounts was very bad particularly in Corporations, as they had not trained staff. He mentioned that the department has suggested the State governments to engage people who are B.Com or BA (Economics) or having knowledge of accounting work and our department can provide them training in the fundamentals of book-keeping and accounts. The CAG mentioned that he would like that the Institute should provide its resources in this regard.

The CAG mentioned about the sphere where so much was happening in public domain i.e environment was so charged about accountability, transparency, etc. and to that extent the department has charged the executive and the executive have also not spared and charged us back. He advised that in this regard we should educate people even in small number that this was an attempt to ensure objectivity in the system where we as a common people are able to ask anybody

in the Government as to how and why something was done and has been done in a transparent manner.

The CAG appreciated the attempt made by the Institute in organizing the seminar on “Public Accountability and Role of C&AG” in March 2012. He was of the view that the deliberations in the seminar, which was attended by former C&AGs, former Cabinet Secretary and other dignitaries, helped in clarifying large number of issues.

The CAG advised that the Institute should have collaboration with some more well known Institutes in the field in which we are well equipped. He assured that his office will be happy to provide the required assistance in this regard.

In conclusion, the CAG hoped that the Institute will keep up its good activities and continue to provide support to the IA&AD.

### **VOTE OF THANKS**

Shri Balvinder Singh, Treasurer expressed his sincere gratitude to the CAG of India for sparing his valuable time for the AGM and for his valuable suggestions and advices. He assured the Patron on behalf of the Central Council that the Institute would like to position itself to fill up the accountability gaps in the existing accountability structure as well as in the capacity in the various fields, so that in days to come the Institute makes a positive contribution in the accountability system of the Country.

Shri Balvinder Singh further expressed his thanks to Shri A.K. Awasthi, Dy. CAG, other officers of the Department for their presence and for their continued support to the Institute. He also thanked the Director(Personnel) and his staff for making arrangements for holding the AGM. He further thanked former Presidents and members of IPAI including those who had come from different parts of the country to attend the meeting for their presence and their active support to the Institute.

## **2. Agenda Items**

The following agenda items were taken up for discussion by the President and the AGM approved the proposals contained therein after due consideration and deliberation.

1. *Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM;*
2. *Presentation of Annual Report 2011-12;*
3. *Approval of Audited Annual Accounts of the year 2011-12;*
4. *Appointment of Auditors for the year 2012-13;*
5. *Budget Estimates of IPAI (Hqrs.) for the year 2012-13;*
6. *Proposal for amendment to Rule 4.03 (ii) of Memorandum & Rules of IPAI;*
7. *Any other item with the permission of the Chair.*

## **3. IPAI way forward**

In November 2011, the AGM i approved the “IPAI-Way forward” document including short / long term plan for IPAI and authorised the Central Council to effect the required amendments to the Memorandum and Rules of the Institute. The plan document interalia out lined action on (i) forming separate Divisions for

functional areas, (ii) having a full time CEO, (iii) close interaction with CAG's office for research and development function (iv) imparting training in PRI accounts and developing more additional programmes for audit professionals, (v) transform the proposed dimension of consultancy as high income generator (vi) certificate of practice to members (vii) revive the inactive chapters and finalising the vision and mission statements.

The Central Council is continuously reviewing and discussing the modalities and initiated action on training in PRI accounts and reviving the chapters while assessing the ground realities and infrastructure available with IPAI for implementation of other aspects of the plan.

#### **4. Consultancy Assignments**

##### **Projects completed**

- Some of the important consultancy assignments completed by IPAI Hqrs. since the issue of last Newsletter in July 2012 are internal audit of 28 units of Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 located at Mumbai, Puttur, Hyderabad, Chennai, Dirang, Jhansi, Calicut, Goa, Lucknow, Mathura, Almora, Cuttack, Indore, Solan, Meerut, Modipuram, Coimbatore, Pedavegi, Bareilly, Barrackpore, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Bangalore, Nagpur and Khozhikode.
- Internal audit of State Medical College & Hospital, Haldwani Government of Uttarakhand for the year 2010-11 & 2011-12.
- Study on 'Macro assessment of Public Financial Management Systems in India assigned by UNICEF.

##### **Projects in Pipe line**

- Monitoring / Financial Review of National Rural Health Mission relating to 35 Stats / UTs across the country (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
- Assessing the status of Local Fund Audit Systems and suggesting administrative improvements (Indian Institute of Public Administration).

#### **5. Research Project**

The Institute approved a project for study / research on "Implementation of budget announcements by Government of India in the budget for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07". The main scope of the research was to review the latest status of the progress in meeting the promises made in the budget speeches of the Government of India whose implementation was presented with the succeeding years' budget. The study has since been completed by Dr. Subhash Chandra Pandey, Pr. A.G. (Audit) J&K on of the subject has since been completed and the draft research paper is being examined by the Technical & Research Committee.

## **6. Seminars / Lectures**

### **Seminars held by Chapters**

Kerala Chapter organised a one day Seminar on 'Role and Mandate of CAG of India' in October 2012 at Thiruvananthapuram. Shri. T. Sethumadhavann, member National Level Audit Advisory Board and formerly Vice President of the IPAI delivered the key note address. He stressed the importance of the Institution of CAG and said that the CAG should have unlimited access to the records to perform its roll in a better way. While CAG does not comment on the government policy there should be no bar on his examining the implementation aspect. The following three Audit Reports of the CAG were thoroughly discussed in the seminar.

- (a) Issue of licences and allocation of 2G Spectrum by Deptt. of Telecom.
- (b) Allocation of Coal Blocks and Augmentation of Coal production.
- (c) Public Private Partnership at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi.

Many important personalities from the media and civil society actively participated in the deliberations. The seminar received wide publicity in the media.

### **Lectures / Discussions Sessions at Central Office**

The Institute organised a series of lecture cum discussion on topical issues as "CAG's Remit on Performance Audit" by Shri T. Sethumadhvan on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012, "Accountability of NGOs" by Shri S.C. Anand on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012, "Report of the C&AG of India on allotment of Coal Blocks" by Shri S. Krishnan on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013, "Accountability of Cooperative Sector in India" by Shri S.C. Anand on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 and Concept of Whistle blowing for IA&AD by Shri Mukesh Arya on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The talks were followed by lively discussions where participates evinced keen interest on the various aspects of the subjects. The discussions generated several useful suggestions. Members may look forward to a synopsis of the discussions in our future issues of the Journal.

## **7. Scholarships**

### **Snehlata Narang Scholarship**

Under the Snehlata Narnag Scholarship, instituted in 1999 out of a generous contribution of US\$ 15000 (equivalent to about Rs.6 lakh at the time) by Shri Jagdish Narang, a former official of IA&AD, the IPAI awards scholarship to the children of group 'B', 'C' and 'D' officials of IA&AD to pursue higher education courses. Each scholarship carries an award of Rs. 18000 per year. The following meritorious wards of the serving employees of IA&AD were awarded scholarship during 2012-13.

- Master Shyam Prasath B S/O Mrs. G. Ramani, Senior Auditor, office of the Pr. A.G. (G&SSA) Branch office Puducherry for pursuing Post Graduate Diploma in Management.

- Ms. M. Sarnyaa D/O Mrs. P.R. Lakshmy, Senior Accountant, office of the Pr. A.G. (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for pursuing P.G. Diploma in Management.

### **Sanjeev Saluja Memorial Scholarship for Professional Development of Girls**

Smt. Neeru Saluja wife of the late Shri Sanjeev Saluja, former Principal accountant General graciously donated Rs.40,000 per annum for 4 scholarship of Rs.10,000 each for professional Development of girls of Group 'C' staff of IA&AD. The scholarship is available for studies in graduate courses in various disciplines. The following meritorious wards of serving group 'C' employees of IA&AD were awarded scholarships:

- Miss Anjana Upadhyay D/O Shri Dhruva Dutta Upadhyay, Senior Accountant, O/O the Pr. A.G. (A&E), Assam, Guwahati for pursuing B. Tech course.
- Miss Reshima Chandran C D/O Shri Chandrasekhran I.P., Senior Accountant O/O the A.G. (A&E), Branch Thrissur, Kerala for pursuing M.B.B.S. course.
- Miss Tripati S. Deshpande D/O Mrs. Bhagya Shree S Deshpande, Senior Auditor, O/O the Pr. A.G. (E&RSA), Karnataka, Bangalore for pursuing B.E. (ECE) course.
- Miss Chaitali Anil Nishawals D/O Shri A.R. Nishawla, Senior Auditor O/O D.G. Audit (Central), Maharashtra, Mumbai for pursuing B.E. (Computer) course.

## **8. Publication**

Thirteen issue of "Indian Journal of Public Audit & Accountability" have been published so far, the last one published in May 2013, was well received by our readers. The Editorial Board has decided to bring out the next issue of Journal containig 'theme based' articles.

The Institute is presently working on publishing a Book of Readings on Public Accountability and Audit comprising high quality and outstanding articles from past issues of the Journal updated with current status on the respective subjects.

## **9. Membership**

Since the last news letter (July 2012) 149 new member have been enrolled bringing the total membership of the Institute to 1719 as on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. We welcome the new members and look forward to their active participation in our activities.

## **10. Tea with outgoing Patron**

Before demitting his office on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, Shri Vinod Rai CAG of India and patron of the Institute met the members of the Institute over a cup of tea on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the Banquet Hall of the office of the C&AG of India.

## 11. New Initiatives

- To improve the visibility of IPAI, advertisements may be given in selected periodicals of high academic repute and the house magazines of important institutions. The work is underway.
- IPAI and its chapters will from now maintain their accounts on common application software. The cost of software including training for the chapters will be met by Central office. The rules for elections by the Chapters have been updated and the Chapters are encouraged to hold elections on the basis of the updated rules.
- A pilot study in some chapters is underway to assess the training requirements in the Panchayati Raj Institutions after State Governments and the infrastructure available with the chapters to provide such training.
- To encourage and support the Chapters to hold seminars/workshops on topical issues related to public finance and accountability, Central office would provide assistance to each chapter upto Rs.50,000.

## 12. Obituary

Institute regret to report the unfortunate demise of S/Shri B.D.Duggal, (Membership No. 12), Rajendra Kumar (Membership No. 128), S.D. Pradhan (Membership No. 237), V. Shanmugavel (Membership No. 355), Pritam Sood (Membership No. 430), W.J. Arulsingh (Membership No. 764) and O.P. Natani (Membership No. 1372) and pray for their souls. We will surely miss them.

## 13. NEWS FROM REGIONS

### Andhra Pradesh Chapter

The chapter has a membership of 144. The chapter (President Shri A. Krishna Rao, IAAS-Retd.) completed following assignments:

- (a) First spell of internal audit of the Salarjung Museum for 2012-13,
- (b) 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluation of Dr. K.L. Rao Sagar Project (Pulichintala) & AMR Project in Guntur Nalgonda Districts.
- (c) Physical verification of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Kits in Guntur and Warangal Districts, task assigned by Spices Board, Cochin, Kerala.
- (d) Internal Audit of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad for the years 2011-12 and first three quarters of 2012-13.

The chapter took up the internal audit of Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Company Limited (APCPDCL) Mahaboobnagar Circle for the year 2012-13, the verification of pay fixations and correctness of ACP's of nearly one thousand non-teaching employees of University of Hyderabad, the second spell of internal audit and also compilation of accounts of Salarjung Museum for the year 2012-13 and internal audit of NFDB for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012-13; the work is in progress.

### **Assam chapter**

Assam Chapter of IPAI (President Shri C.H. Kharshiing IAAS) is the only chapter of North Eastern Region since 2006. Presently the chapter has 41 members on its roll.

The chapter imparted training on Finance and Accounts to the officials of Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar on its upgradation of and conversion to Central University from State University of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Chapter is presently organising an interactive session with the Stakeholders like media persons and others to highlight the accountability of IA&AD in discharging its functions and scope of extending technical support in the field of financial activities of the various departments of Government in the region by the retired personnel of IA&AD.

### **Gujarat Chapter**

Since the transfer of Ms. Meera Swarup, Pr. A.G., Shri H.K. Dharamadarshi, A.G. (E&RS Audit), Gujarat took over the charge of the President of the Gujarat Chapter on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The membership of the chapter stands at 51 as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

During 2012-13, the chapter took up the internal audit of the following:-

- Gujarat Mineral Research and Development Society for the year 2011-12.
- Offices under the control of Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Gujarat State for the year 2011-12.
- Eight divisions / offices of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited for the year 2012-13.
- Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year 2012-13.

A speech on 'Invest money NOT for knee replacement' by an eminent orthopaedic doctor was organized on the day the General Body met in January 2013, for the benefit of the members.

### **Himachal Pradesh Chapter**

HP Chapter of IPAI (President Shri Satish Loomba IAAS) during 2012-13 conducted internal audit of a project related to Directorate of Mushroom Research, Chambaghat, Solan (HP). The chapter also conducted study on Financial Monitoring and Procurement Audit relating to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan, a project assigned by Central office.

### **Kerala Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 71. The Kerala Chapter of IPAI (President Shri James K. Joseph IAAS-Retd.) completed several assignments/activities:

- Internal audit of two units of ICAR viz Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram and Indian Institute of Spices Research , Calicut for the period 2010-11 and 2011-12

- Preparation of proforma accounts of Kerala State Insurance department for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11.
- Preparation of proforma accounts of the Text Book Branch of General Education Department for the year 2008-09.
- The Recruitment Regulations 2012 of the Spices Board.
- The internal audit of accounts of Spices Board, Cochin and its outstation units across the country was taken up by the Chapter . While the audit of Head office and units in Kerala was carried out by the Kerala Chapter, the audit of units outside Kerala was entrusted to the respective Chapters of IPAI.

#### **Assignments in the pipe line.**

- Preparation of proforma accounts of Text Book Branch for 2009-10 and 2010-11.
- Internal audit of Head office and ware houses of Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited, Thiruvananthapuram (including physical verification of stock in ware houses) relating to the period 2010-11 and 2011-12.

### **Madhya Pradesh Chapter**

The Madhya Pradesh Chapter (President Shri D.K. Sekar IAAS) established in October 2001 has a membership of 150. The MP Chapter of IPAI completed following assignments/activities:

- Internal Audit and Pre-audit for the financial year 2012-13 of Lakshmi Bai National University of Physical Education, Gwalior; half yearly Internal Audit of 69 Project Implementing Units and Head Quarters of Madhya Pradesh Rural Roads Development Authority for 2012-13. Preparation of Tender Documents for Assistance in implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana assigned by Women Empowerment Deptt. of Govt. of M.P; installation of Pandal for 2 lakh persons capacity and allied amenities for Kisan Maha Panchayat and installation of Colour Soartex Plants in 51 Mandies assigned by M.P. Agriculture Marketing Board; high Breed Tender Document for all the works Departments of Govt. of M.P. assigned by M.P. Water Resources Department; Awarding sand quarries in M.P. assigned by Mining Development Corporation; Balance Work of Cold Storage at Jaora Distt. Ratlam assigned by Krishi Upaj Mandi Jaora and Sub-letting of Lok Sewa Kendra's assigned by Director General, Environment and Coordination organization, Govt. of M.P;
- Preparation of "Medical Education Promotion Policy – 2013" of Govt. of M.P. assigned by Medical Education Department,
- Checking pay fixation cases under Time Scale and VI Pay commission of Officers and staff of M.P. Van Vikas Nigam (1250 cases), M.P. Beej Vikas Nigam (20 cases), M.P. Mahila Vitta Vikas Nigam (17 cases) and M.P. Laghu Vanipaj Sangh (188 cases); Enquiry into the loss of Blankets assigned by M.P. Khadi and Gramodyog Board; preparation of

2 parts of Accounts Manual of M.P. Hastshilp and Hathkargha Vikas Nigam and Internal Audit of 2 units (Guna and Chhindwara) of Spices Board assigned by Kerala Chapter.

- The Chapter also completed the translation from English to Hindi of Separate Audit Report of M.P. Housing Board for the Financial Year 2011-12, Financial manual of Urban Local Bodies assigned by Intercontinental Consultants, Delhi and M.P. town and Country Planning Contract service (Appointment and conditions of services) Rules – 2012 assigned by M.P. Town & Country Planning Deptt.
- Internal Inspection of 2 units of ICAR assigned by IPAI H.Q. – viz Directorate of Soyabean Research, Indore and National Research Centre for Agro Forestry, Jhansi.
- Provided services of five resource persons to M.P. Rural Road Development Authority, two to Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre, and three to Jila Garibi ummoolan yojana.

### **Maharashtra Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 55. During 2012-13 the chapter (President Smt. Mala Sinha IAAS) conducted internal audit of:

- (i) 4 units of ICAR located at Nagpur, Mumbai and Goa.
- (ii) One unit of Spice Board of Ernakulam located at Mumbai

### **North West Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 203. During 2012-13 the chapter (President Shri Onkar Nath IAAS) conducted the following assignments/activities :

#### **(a) Excise and Taxation Department, Punjab**

Two teams, each consisting of three consultants were provided to the Department for scrutinising returns filed by the Assesses under Punjab Value Added Act, 2005. The scrutiny of returns revealed underassessment of tax amounting to Rs.67 crores.

#### **(b) Forest Department, Punjab**

Under the National Bamboo Scheme, the chapter continued examination of the accounts of Grants-in-aid provided by the Centre to the State Government and issued necessary utilisation certificates.

#### **(c) Provided Services of consultants to:**

- Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (16 consultants)
- Forest Department, Punjab for maintenance of accounts of Punjab Afforestation management and Planning Authority. Efforts made by our consultants resulted in recovery of Rs. 25 lakh representing interest on bank deposits, which escaped the notice of the Department for several years (13 consultants)
- Forest Department Haryana for maintenance of accounts of CAMPA (2 consultants)

- National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Haryana for conducting Internal Audit and providing assistance to the Staff towards maintenance of accounts on double entry system in 21 districts of the state (6 consultants)
- Food and supplies Department, Punjab for conducting internal audit (3 consultants)
- Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for audit and accounts related duties (3 consultants)
- Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar for audit and accounts related duties (2 consultants)
- National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, for conducting internal audit (2 consultants)
- Society for promotion of Information Technology, Chandigarh Administration for conducting internal audit (one consultant)

**(d) Assignments Completed**

- Internal Audit of the accounts of the Chief Engineer, Border Zone, Amritsar for 4 months in July 2012
- Internal Audit of the accounts of the Punjab state Transmission Corporation Limited from April to September 2012.

### **Odisha Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 76. During 2012-13 the chapter (President Shri Amar Patnaik IAAS) conducted the following assignments/activities :

- Internal Audit of Electricity duty collected & remitted through 4 (four) distribution companies for the years 2003-04 to 2010-11 (Excluding 2008-09); the task in respect of one company i.e. CESU was completed during 2011-12 & 2012-13 and the internal audit of other three companies was in progress and scheduled to be completed during 2013-14.
- District Centric Audit of three districts (Anugul, Koraput and Mayurbhanj) assigned to the chapter by Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha; during March 2013 was in progress.
- Provided services of consultants to:
  - Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar (3 consultants)
  - Department of Energy, Govt. of Odisha (1 consultant)

### **Rajasthan chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 110. Consequent upon promotion and transfer of Mrs. Suman Saxena, as Additional Dy. CAG, Shri S.K. Bahri, Pr. A.G. (Audit), Rajasthan took over charge of the President IPAI, Rajasthan chapter.

The Chapter conducted the following assignments /activities during 2012-13 :

**Internal audit of :**

- 28 units of RWSRP – a World Bank Project – for the period April 2012 to December 2012.
- 10 units of Rajasthan Health System Development Project (RHSDP) – a World Bank Project – for the year 2011-12.
- Commercial Accounts of 14 circles of Jaipur Discom and 9 circles of Ajmer Discom for the year 2011-12.
- 14 units of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board for the period April 2012 to September 2012.
- Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation for the period September 2012 to March 2013.
- Medicines / non Medicines consumables consumed in Ambulances in NRHM.
- Jodhpur Unit of Spice Board of Kerala on behalf of Kerala Chapter of IPAI.
- Audit of price escalation payments of 6 packages of Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project made by various Divisions of Rajasthan.
- Supplied information for reconciliation relating to the reimbursement claims of RWSRP to World Bank authorities after collecting the same from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Rajasthan and recasting it in the desired proforma.
- Services of 10 consultants were provided to various agencies on monthly basis.

### **Tamil Nadu Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 83. During 2012-13 the chapter (President Shri T.S. Kannan IAAS (Retd.)) conducted the following assignments/ activities:

- Extended advisory support to the Auroville Foundation.
- Compiled Service Rules for the Madras Institute of Developmental studies.
- Conducted a ten day training programme in Indian Auditing practices for the Audit managers of the Ethiopian Audit office.
- Provided manpower support for assignments directly taken up by the Head of Office.
- Instituted the T. Narasimhan Memorial Lecture series on Good Governance & public Accountability, which was inaugurated on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and the first lecture delivered by Shri Vinod Rai, Comptroller & Auditor General of India.
- A commemorative volume on “Good Governance & Public Accountability” was compiled, which was released by Shri Vinod Rai, CAG of India.

## **West Bengal Chapter**

The Chapter has a membership of 82. Consequent on transfer of Ms. S. Talapatra. Pr.AG (G&SS), West Bengal, Ms. M. Basu, Pr.AG (G&SS), West Bengal took over as President of the chapter in May 2013.

During the year 2012-13, the Chapter completed internal audit of:

- i. West Bengal Central School Service Commission and 5 Regional Commissions.
- ii. 2 Units of ICAR in West Bengal
- iii. Regional Units of Spices Board in the States of West Bengal, Tripura & Sikkim

The Chapter did not so far have an office of its own and performed its functions under constraints. The Chapter was allotted an office in the GI Press building of the O/O Pr.A.G. (Audit) in Kolkata by the outgoing Chapter President. The new office is under repair.

## Three Minutes with Dr. Rajendra Prasad *A Personal Memoir*

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It was the summer of 1960 and I was a young probationer at, what was then known as the IA&AS Training School in Shimla. While the School functioned from the Gorton Castle, the probationers were accommodated in the main 'Yarrows' building which is a heritage mansion associated with several historical personalities of the pre-partition colonial days. On the Glen side of the lush green lawn, there was a beautifully landscaped rose garden which was later sacrificed to construct the present 'modern' residential block. The Principal of the 'School', late Shri R.N. Joshi, lived in a cottage below, where the present day Academy building stands.

As a part of the training, the probationers are often given the opportunity to meet the high government dignitaries and eminent public figures. That year the first President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad, was spending his summer at the Rashtrapati Niwas, Shimla, which was earlier the British Viceroy's residence and now houses the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.

The then Comptroller & Auditor of India, Shri Ashok Chanda had invited the President to visit Yarrows and address the trainee officers. The President had accepted the invitation but had conveyed that, since he was not keeping good health, it should be treated as an informal visit and no other public function should be organized during his visit. Accordingly, it was decided not to invite any other central or state government officials, much to their disappointment.

Dr Rajendra Prasad was undoubtedly one of the most eminent personalities in the modern political history of India and it was a rare opportunity for youngsters like us to personally meet him face to face. Before the appointed day, a detailed minute-to-minute schedule was drawn up for his 2 hour visit to Yarrows. It was decided that after a general address by the President, each of us would be introduced to him for a brief interview. We were 16 of us and since the time available was very limited, we were allotted 3 minutes each. Long discussions were held about how to address the President and what we should talk during the allotted time. Since he followed a simple life style and did not like formal ceremonies, we were advised to address him only as "Sir" and respond to his questions briefly and factually, without entering into any controversial issues.

On the appointed day, the President arrived at 10.30 am without any fanfare, accompanied by a small entourage of personal staff. Apart from a few accredited newspaper reporters and a small Doordarshan crew, no other media persons were present. On alighting from his car, Dr Rajendra Prasad was warmly received by the Comptroller of Auditor General and was greeted by all the probationers and staff who had lined up at the entrance. After all of us had gathered in the lounge, brief welcome speeches were made by the C&AG and the Principal. The President responded by addressing the gathering in his soft but convincing voice,

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briefly highlighting the importance of statutory audit in our parliamentary democracy and congratulating us to be a part of this great service.

After the inaugural session, arrangements had been made to serve light snacks and tea in the lounge. However, the President expressed the desire to first go round our garden which had been adjudged as the best garden in Shimla successively for many years. This delighted our Principal Shri Joshi and he took more than half an hour in showing the President all the new varieties of various flowers which had been cultivated with great care under his personal supervision. Since we were running behind schedule, it was decided to serve tea in the verandah overlooking the lawn and arrange for the President to meet the probationers there.

The President looked quite impressed with the garden and was happy to relax in the verandah. As we had been advised not to serve any heavy snacks, a cup of tea and a plate of cashew nuts were placed before him on the table. The probationers were then called one by one and were presented to the President for a brief conversation. I was 13<sup>th</sup> on the list and by the time my turn came people had already started looking at their watches. I was pretty nervous when the Principal announced my name and I took my seat awkwardly in front of the President.

“Good morning, sir”, I muttered hesitantly and started searching for my next possible sentence.

Looking straight into my eyes, the President asked in chaste Hindi:

*“Aap to Kayastha hain? Phir to aap U.P ke honge!”* (You are a Kayastha? So you must be from UP)

For a moment I was completely flabbergasted as we had prepared and rehearsed all the expected questions and answers in English. However, recovering myself in a few seconds, I managed to get into the Hindi mode and replied:

*“Ji, sir. Par mere father Punjab Civil Service men the, so main Lahore men paida hua aur wahin padha hun. So is hisab se to hum Punjab ke hi hue!”*  
(Yes, sir. But my father was in the Punjab Civil Service and I was born in Lahore. So we belong to Punjab only)

Raising his bushy eyebrows, he said: *“Achha? To aap Partition ke bad hi idhar aye honge. Waise, yahan to mostly Kayastha U.P aur Bihar men hi hain.”*

(OK, then you must have migrated to this side only after the Partition. But here the kayasthas are mostly from U.P or Bihar)

This was more of a statement rather than a question and did not call for a reply. So I kept quiet and waited for the next question. But The President took a sip from his tea cup and looked up at me again, expecting me to continue the conversation. To get away from the Kayastha topic, I simply asked: *“Sir, Shimla aapko kaisa lag raha hai?”* (How do you like Shimla?)

“Achha hai,” he replied, *“par yahan thand ziada hai. Hamen bahut suit nahin karti. Isliye normally to ham garmion men Pachmarhi jate hain.”* (It’s good, but it is rather cold here. It does not suit me. That’s why we normally we go to Pachmarhi during the summer.”).

From the corner of my eye, I could see Joshiji glancing at his watch, which was a signal that my time was up. So I folded my hands in a *namaste* and finally said, "Thank you, Sir". The President graciously smiled and nodded in reply as I got up from my seat to make way for the remaining three probationers. The visit concluded shortly thereafter, with brief thanksgiving speeches, leaving us to compare notes and congratulate each other over the successful event.

Two weeks after this memorable visit, all of us were invited by the President at an official reception held in the lawns of the Rashtrapati Niwas, at which the Governor, Chief Minister and all the senior dignitaries of Himachal Pradesh government had been invited. In total contrast to the President's informal visit to Yarrows, this turned out to be a very formal and protocol-ridden function. The President arrived with the playing of the National Anthem and briefly shook hands and spoke to the senior guests while others waited for their turn. Since we were the junior most in the bureaucratic hierarchy, we had to remain content with enjoying the excellent snacks and imbibing the impressive atmosphere of our first experience of such a distinguish gathering.

Since then, over the long years of service, I have attended many such high profile official functions, but those three minutes spent with Rajen Babu more than 60 years ago, still remain with me as a precious memory in my life.