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From the President's Desk

This seventeenth edition of the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI) Newsletter, presents an overview of the activities of IPAI and all the Chapters for the year 2016-17. This has been an eventful year for the Institute. Whereas, the Institute finalized 105 manuals relating to Panchayats in 29 States and 6 UTs, it also got assignments from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce.

We, after a gap of 3 years, organized a Seminar, titled “C&AG- an Effective Instrument of Public Accountability: The Challenges Ahead” in which Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Estimates Committee and other Speakers called for greater delegation of authority to CAG in areas outside its present ambit and also for an open and prescribed procedure for appointment of CAG. As a social event, we organized a get together on the 19th March 2017 which was attended by about 100 members belonging to the Indian Audit & Accounts Department, from 1952 batch to 2002 batch.

I gratefully acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the functionaries of the Institute at the Centre as well as State Chapters who helped us in achieving our aims and objectives. I believe our members will find the information assuring and indicative of the future direction of growth of IPAI.

IPAI needs to update the list of members and their emails and phone numbers etc. for which cooperation from all members is solicited.

Anupam Kulshreshtha

THE CENTRAL OFFICE

The Headquarters office of the Institute in New Delhi provides back office support to the Central Council and guides its Regional Chapters in their major functioning. The Secretariat helps the President, Central Council and Executive Committee to implement the policies of the Institute and liasoning with the Patron and the stakeholders. During the year, the office of the President was held by Shri Anupam Kulshreshtha, Dy C&AG(Retd).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 19th Annual General Meeting of IPAI was held on 30.11.2016 at 3.00 PM at Seminar Hall, Office of the C&AG of India, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi. The Patron of IPAI, Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, Comptroller & Auditor General of India, graced the occasion by his presence and addressed the inaugural session.

• President's Address

President while welcoming the Patron, the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, Dy. C&AGs, other Officers of IA&AD and members of the Institute to the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Public Auditors of India also extended greeting and good wishes to those members of the Institute who were not able to attend the AGM but whose continued support and encouragement was an important source of our strength. The President presented a resume of major activities of IPAI during the previous year along-with Annual Accounts for the year 2015-16. He also mentioned about the new assignments in pipeline - Internal Audit of All India Radio and Prasar Bharti and preparation of Internal Control Manual of Prasar Bharti by IPAI.

While presenting a resume of major activities of IPAI, Shri Kulshreshtha stated that the Institute had been doing well and had made its presence felt all over the country through its 18 chapters and headquarter at New Delhi. He further stated that over the years, the position had changed and now Ministries are entrusting consultancy jobs by inviting bids keeping in view the guidelines of the CVC and others. It had been noted that Institute cannot compete with consultancy firms run by CAs in bidding because of low rates being quoted by the CA firms as they can get the work done by engaging low paid younger people whereas IPAI cannot do so. But being experienced in the field, the work of IPAI was being recognized by the Ministries and recently the Ministry of Panchayati Raj had entrusted IPAI the assignment for preparation of State specific Budget, Accounts and Audit manuals for PRIs for all the 35 States/UTs. IPAI had put across three points to the Ministry - that IPAI had the best possible experienced people in the area, its presence was across the country through the 18 chapters, members of IPAI had the knowledge of local language and most importantly the IPAI had been recognized as a 'not for profit' organization by the Income Tax



Shashi Kant Sharma, CAG of India accompanied by Anupam Kulshreshtha, President and A.K. Patnaik, Vice President to address the AGM



CAG of India, Shashi Kant Sharma being welcomed with a bouquet at the AGM



Anupam Kulshreshtha, President addressing the audience at the AGM

Department. Satisfied with this approach, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj had entrusted the job to IPAI and had sanctioned a grant of about ₹1.5 crore. However, he raised the concern that if IPAI was to survive in the field, a solution to the problem had to be found. As regards the membership base, the President stated that our membership was largely restricted to our service and at present at the end of August 2016, there are 2135 members of the Institute. If the Institute had to progress further, we must make efforts to enrol members from other accounts services and young CAs/members of ICWA by changing our memorandum & rules.

He also stated that present Central Council took over from April 2015 and had resorted to work in such a way so as to change the face of IPAI from an auditing firm to that of a consultancy firm. IPAI had expertise and can provide good consultancy in public accounting & auditing. The Central Council was working in this direction.

He also informed that the regional chapters of IPAI had to step up efforts for providing training in accounts & audit, as it is felt that this was a core area of activity of the Institute. The President further stated that IPAI was providing platform to its members for doing constructive work and for this we look up to the C&AG and his officers to support IPAI in all its activities. He assured that for pursuing the cause of audit, we are thinking of organizing seminars on various accountability related aspects.

He also stated that the following projects were completed:

- (i) The work relating to Pre-Scrutiny of Central Subsidy claims in respect of Special Package Scheme for special Category of States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand being administered by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi.
- (ii) Internal Audit of 39 units of Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the year 2015-16 located in the states of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Bihar, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Himachal Pradesh.
- (iii) State specific draft Budget, Accounts and Audit manuals in respect of all 35 State/UTs have been finalized and sent to State/UTs for approval for implementation in their States/UTs. The IPAI followed a methodology where a common kernel of accounting arrangements among all States/UT was prepared and then a gap analysis was attempted for each State bringing out the gap between what was required and what existed. Specific requirements for each State were studied and a detailed country wide matrix of all provisions relating to Budgets, Accounts and Audit as provided for in the relevant acts of all the States was compiled. IPAI was able to complete the task within the allotted time and had produced 105 manuals. This was appreciated by the Secretary, MoPR. The manuals are with the State Governments and IPAI continues to provide assistance in finalizing the manuals to the satisfaction of the respective State Governments. A few of the States have already adopted the manuals.

This project undertaken by the IPAI to review the existing Rules, Manuals and Guidelines for preparation of budget, maintenance and audit of accounts in the Panchayats in each State/UT (except Delhi), and assist in preparation of State/UT specific Budget, Accounts and Audit Manuals and related Rules and Guidelines for Panchayats in close consultation with the States/UTs was based on the felt need for a Simplified Accounting System to be followed by the Panchayats all over the country towards making them accountable to various stake holders. IPAI worked on a concept that an accounting system can be made simple, if requirement of information from such a system can be reduced to a basic minimum. The ground realities in Panchayats have been lack of manpower and whatever little manpower is available does not have the required skills. We were driven by our concerns to keep the prescribed procedure for budgeting and accounting in tune with the relevant acts and also with the simplified accounting procedure as prescribed by the CAG in 2009 and adopted in the Model Accounting Codes and to make use of the existing software with modifications to simplify the procedure for the persons actually involved in preparation of budgets and in maintaining the accounts in the villages and thus keeping all the diversities intact, yet providing a simplified and uniform way for preparation of budgets and maintenance of accounts in the Panchayats.

Before concluding, the President expressed his sincere thanks to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and officers of the Indian Audit & Accounts Department for their help, cooperation 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 had helped and supported us all in our endeavors.

Address of the Patron, the C&AG of India

The C&AG of India in his address to AGM stated that he was happy to be present in the 19th AGM of IPAI. He further stated that he knows that this organization was doing good work in consultancy, as a Think Tank and in promotion of Public Auditing. Though performance wise the Institute was doing well as told by Shri Anupam Kulshreshtha, President of IPAI but at the same time, he was aware that there are some problems, problem in getting work, problem in financial issues, even in getting payments from the clients. The work which was given by Panchayati Raj Ministry, IPAI had done well. In fact, 105 manuals were prepared and presented to the Government and they had also appreciated it. It was a very mammoth exercise, very dedicated exercise, where IPAI had taken adequate inputs from the field. IPAI has worked very hard in the Headquarters to organize the things in a way that it was highly presentable. He was told that IPAI had got some assignments from the Prasar Bharti also and there also the modality had been worked out and some progress had also been made. Apart from that he understood that IPAI was introducing the system of Internal Inspection of its Chapters also because it was very important that the Chapters should also be functional. The organization had been undertaking visit to the Chapters and seeing that they are revitalised and if they are dormant, then make them function well. One of the important symbols for an Institute relating to technical expertise are its Journal and Publications and he remember last time when he had addressed this gathering then he had suggested that it should come out with theme based issues of your Journal and he was happy that one issue at least, had come out which was based on the theme of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Well, as he said there were problems and we here in CAGs organization were all committed to see whether we can help to sort out these issues. It will be our duty rather that we must do something and we would like to see the organisation as a vibrant, dynamic and functional organisation so that it can help in discipline of Public Auditing being understood by the people in its correct perspective. He said that it was not only for fault finding but it was an aid to Governance and in that positive aspect this had to be understood. You as a "Think Tank" had onerous responsibility to ensure that people really understood that what was a real mandate and mission for Audit in Public Auditing.



CAG of India Shashi Kant Sharma, addressing the audience at the AGM

With these words, he welcomed all the delegates who had come from all parts. He also congratulated the office bearers, the President, Vice-President for a smooth AGM and wished all success of IPAI.

Vote of thanks

Sri Ajit Patnaik, Vice President proposed a vote of thanks to all on behalf of the Institute. He stated that it was his proud privilege to offer vote of thanks on behalf of IPAI. He stated that Audit is a great intellectual tradition and Auditing is an intellectual activity. The Audit has to search out improved ways by continuous study and research to contribute to Accountability. Plato's Academy had greater influence on the evolution of Greek polity than any other dramatis personae of the time including Pericles. This was the need and justification for this institute which has been created by CAG office but at the same time, it needs more direct help and guidance & support of all

kinds as since now IPAI is facing financial crunch because of drying up of assignments. Institute should grow into an Academy of Research and Excellence apart from whatever it is doing by way of consultancy and it should stop being a bidding organization. He thanked the C&AG for sparing his valuable time from his busy schedule to come to address the AGM. He stated that already, we have in a small way started "Think Tank", and will be devoting more attention to this aspect. He thanked all the Dy. CAGs and all other serving Officers for sparing time out of their engagements. He thanked all the members of IPAI who had come taking time out of the comfort of homes and Director (P) and his staff for providing the necessary support.

AGENDA ITEMS

While initiating the discussion on the Agenda items, the President, IPAI stated that IPAI earned surplus of ₹187.64 lakh during 2015-16 and an amount of ₹115.61 lakhs has been transferred to Corpus Fund. The following Agenda items were taken up for discussions by the members:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM
2. Annual Report of the IPAI for the year 2015-16
3. Approval of Audited Annual Accounts of IPAI for the financial year 2015-16
4. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2016-17
5. Budget Estimates of IPAI (Hqrs.) for the year 2016-17
6. Grant of voting rights to Associate Members of IPAI



A Section of Veterans at the AGM

Think Tank (High level Committee) meetings held during 2016-17

Mrs. H.S.Narayanan, IA&AS (Retd) presented her book titled "Ponniyin Selvan (Son of Ponni)" on 7th February 2017.

Shri PK.Brahma, IA&AS (Retd) presented his book titled 'ON THE COORIDORS OF POWER: THE THEATRE OF THE ABSURD' on 4th October 2016.

Shri R.N.Ghosh, IA&AS (Retd) discussed the paper on "Devolution of Functions of Panchayat Raj Institutions" on 23rd August 2016.

Shri Ajit Patnaik, IA&AS(Retd) presented a paper on "CAG Report no. 7 of 2012-13 on Performance Audit of Allocation of Coal Blocks" on 29th June 2016.

Dr. S.C. Pandey, IA&AS presented a paper on "Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act 2003" on 29th April 2016.

CELEBRATION OF FOUNDATION DAY OF IPAI

The Institute of Public Auditors of India was registered a Society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (as applicable to the NCR of Delhi) on 19th March 1996. Accordingly, Foundation day was celebrated on 19th March 2017. The following five senior Members of the Institute of Public Auditor were facilitated by honoring with Shawls:

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| 1. S.C. Anand, IA&AS (Retd.) | 2. O.P. Goel, IA&AS (Retd.) |
| 3. R. Parmeswaran, IA&AS (Retd.) | 4. Harish Chander, IA&AS (Retd.) |
| 5. Arun Ganguly, Sr.A.O. (Retd.) | |



Training, Seminar and Workshop

The Seminar titled "C&AG - an Effective Instrument of Public Accountability: The Challenges Ahead" was organized by the Institute of Public Auditors of India on the 16th December 2016 at the India International Centre, Annexe New Delhi.

Eminent speakers who spoke in the seminar included Mr. Kamal Jaswal CEO, Common Cause, Mr. N.C. Saxena, Dr. BP Mathur, Retd. Dy. CAG, Mr. T.K. Arun from the Economic Times and Mr. H Pradeep Rao, Dy. CAG. The seminar was presided by Mr. Anupam Kulshreshtha, President of the IPAI.

The Seminar addressed three main issues, which included the need to redefine and adequately enlarge the scope of public audit; to make Audit findings and recommendations of PAC more effective through efficient follow up; and to increase the accountability of Ministries and Departmental Agencies to public audit through appropriate legislation and established procedures.

The CAG (DPC) Act was passed in 1971 and since then many developments have taken place. The Act needs to be replaced with a comprehensive new legislation. The existing Act talks about three types of audit, namely the Expenditure Audit, Receipt Audit and Commercial Audit. Since then new types of audits have emerged like the Performance Audit, the Environment Audit and Information Technology Audits. These need to be included in the Act. The new Audit Act must also, among other things, stipulate a time period within which CAG's Audit Reports should be presented to the Parliament/State Legislatures after being submitted to the President/Governor as provided in Article 151 of the Constitution of India.



A Section of Veterans at the Seminar



Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi being welcomed with a bouquet at the Seminar.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Estimates Committee delivered the Valedictory address. Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, in his address, emphasized the need for a new Audit Act. He expressed a concern that a culture of Accountability must develop in various wings of the Government. Only then the concept of 'Good Governance' will be realizable. He also said that the PAC has to be given more powers so that it can take up issues for investigation on its own. To make PAC more effective, apart from providing a time limit within which the departments must submit the Action taken Reports, the Parliament should also be told about those recommendations of the PAC, which have not been accepted by the Government along with reasons thereof. He said that audit has to take a holistic view of projects by including concerns relating to sustainability and Environment and this may require the Audit department to suitably train its man power.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SNEH LATA NARANG SCHOLARSHIP

Under the Sneh Lata Narang Scholarship Scheme, instituted in 1999 out of a generous contribution of US \$ 15,000 (equivalent to about ₹ 6.00 lakh at that time) by Shri Jagdish Narang, a former official of IA&AD, the IPAI awards scholarships to the children of Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' officials of IA&AD to pursue higher education courses.

Each scholarship carries an award of ₹ 9,000/- to each ward. The following meritorious wards of the serving employees of IA&AD were awarded scholarships during 2016-17.

- Ms Aparna Sekhar D/o Smt. Rajeshwary K.P., A.A.O., O/o the Pr.A.G. (G&SSA), Kerala
- Ms. Surbhi Sharma D/o Shri Suresh Kumar Pandit, Supervisor, O/o the Pr.A.G. (Audit), Punjab & UT
- Kumari Brinda K.S. D/o Shri S. Shivanna, Sr.Auditor, O/ Pr. A.G. (G&SSA), Karnataka

NEWS FROM REGIONS

KARNATAKA CHAPTER

The Karnataka Chapter has a membership of 137 members. The President of Chapter was Shri V. Kurian, IA&AS.. The activities undertaken by the Chapter during 2016-17 were :-

1. The Chapter has provided consultancy support for Coffee Board comprising 3 Consultants.
2. One Consultant was provided to Tourism Department for Internal Audit Support services.
3. Gram Swaraj and Panchyati Raj Accounts and Audit Manual was undertaken under Central Assignment
4. One Consultant was provided to BMRCL, NAMMA METRO. Two Consultants were provided for short term assignments.
5. One Consultant was provided to Gadag Institute of Medical Science (GIMS), Gadag on royalty basis.
6. Two Consultants were provided to Karnataka State Construction Workers Welfare Board, Bangalore. The Board requested for more consultants for their day to day activities.
7. Three Consultants were provided for Internal Audit of ICAR Karnataka unit at Puttur on behalf of Kerala Chapter.

ANDHRA PRADESH & TELENGANA CHAPTER, HYDERABAD

The Chapter has a membership of 56 and the President was Shri A. Krishna Rao, IA&AS (Retd). The activities undertaken by the Chapter during 2016-17 were :-

1. Salar Jung Museum entrusted the job of Internal Audit for the year 2015-16 along with compilation of accounts for 2015-16 in November 2015. The first spell of Audit was completed in January 2016 and the second spell of Audit along with compilation of annual accounts was completed in June 2016 and the results thereof have been submitted for the Management.
2. The internal audit of the Museum for the year 2016-17 was entrusted to IPAI. The first spell of audit was conducted from 17/10/16 to 16/12/16 and the report was submitted to the Museum. The second spell of audit was programmed from 17-4-2017.
3. A meeting was held with the District Collector, Mahaboobnagar District of Telangana State in April 2016 for entrustment of the job of Third Party Evaluation of land procurement processes and payments made for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift irrigation scheme. The work was taken up and completed during the period from May 2016 to August 2016.
4. The Internal Audit of five ICAR Units was entrusted to this chapter by the HQ. On completion of the internal audit during 11/2016 & 12/2016, the reports were submitted to HQ by the teams for further action.
5. Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad requested this chapter to take up Third Party Internal audit of 72 ULBs in Telangana State for "Improving financial Discipline and proper book keeping in ULBs". Chapter submitted the quotation and is awaiting the approval. At the request of the Director, Municipal Administration, the study of the World Bank aided project for Managerial control for speedy execution of the left over portion of the project of "Telangana Municipal Development project" was conducted during March 2017 and status report on the project was submitted to the Director, M A, Hyderabad.

ODISHA CHAPTER

The Odisha Chapter has membership of 48 members and 75 Associate members on its roll. Shri Aswini Kumar Mishra, IA&AS (Retd) was the President of the Chapter.

The Chapter completed the following assignments during the year 2016-17 :

1. Government of Odisha (Director of Local Fund Audit, Odisha, Bhubaneswar) has assigned the work of conducting the Audit of Gram Panchayat Accounts in respect of about 3000 numbers of Gram Panchayats. These accounts relate to the years 2010-11 to 2015-16. Out of these accounts allotted, the Chapter has completed the audit of about 2000 number of G.P. Exact figure will be known later. This audit work is carried out by members/Associate members and also resource persons hired and engaged by Chapter from among the Auditors/Accountants/Asstt. Audit Officers/Asstt. Accounts Officers of I.A. & A.D. having experience in the field.
2. Five consultants (Sr.Audit Officers/Sr. Accounts Officers) were provided to AIIMS, Bhubaneswar for accounts and finance work during the period from 1-1-2016 to 31-12-2016.
3. One consultant (Sr.A.O.) was provided to the Madhusudan Das, Regional Academy of Financial Management, Bhubaneswar (Government of Odisha Institution) for the period from 1-4-2016 onwards to assist them in conducting training programmes and conducting DDO work.
4. One consultant (Sr.A.O.) was provided for about seven months period to Finance Department of Government of Odisha during this financial year.
5. One consultant (Sr.A.O.) was provided throughout the financial year to Odisha State Agricultural Marketing (O.S.A.M) Board, Bhubaneswar for their financial internal check work.

RAJASTHAN CHAPTER

The Chapter has a membership of 144 and the President was Shri R.G. Vishwanathan, IA&AS, Principal Accountant General (G&SSA).

The activities undertaken by the Chapter during 2016-17 were :

1. Projects under taken & completed- Internal Audit thereof

- (i) 15 units of Executive Engineer (Medical & Health) of National Health Mission for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 on yearly basis.
- (ii) All the 15 units of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board for the year 2014-15 & 2015-16 on yearly basis.
- (iii) 19 units of Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Programme for the years 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 on quarterly basis.
- (iv) 8 units of National Rural Livelihood Project for the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 on quarterly basis.
- (v) 23 units of National Rural Livelihood Mission for the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 on quarterly basis.
- (vi) Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure & Finance Development Corporation for the years 2014-15 & 2015-16.
- (vii) 12 units of Integrated Watershed Management.
- (viii) Smart City, Jaipur for the year 2016-17.
- (ix) State Institute of Health & Family welfare for the year 2015-16.

2. Special Works

- (i) Monitoring of CAMPA accounts on State Level for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15.
- (ii) Preparation of draft replies to the Inspection Report paras issued by the AG (E & RSA) Rajasthan on the State CAMPA Accounts for the years 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- (iii) Internal inspection of 2 units of ICAR located at Ajmer & Bikaner assigned by the headquarters.
- (iv) Preparation of draft Audit Manual of Panchayati Raj Institution in Rajasthan assigned by Headquarter.
- (v) Preparation of draft Budget & Accounts Manual of Panchayati Raj Institution in Rajasthan assigned by Headquarter.
- (vi) Audit of overtime bills of drivers & conductors of Road ways for the last 10 years.

3. Services of consultants provided to other agencies on monthly basis

S.No.	Name of Agency	No. of Consultants
1.	Rajasthan Skill and Livelihood Development corporation, Jaipur	27
2.	State Resource centre (Adult Education Samiti)	1
3.	Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur	1
4.	National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, Ajmer	2
5.	Rajasthan State Road & Transport Corporation Jaipur	7

MADHYA PRADESH CHAPTER

The Madhya Pradesh Chapter has a membership of 169. Shri Deepak Kapoor, I.A. & A.S., Accountant General (Eco. & Revenue Sector Audit), Madhya Pradesh was the President. During the year, following activities were undertaken :

1. Internal Audit and Pre-audit for the financial year 2016-17 (up to 07.12.2016) of Laxmibai National University of Physical Education, Gwalior.
2. Half Yearly Internal Audit of 76 Project Implementing Units and Headquarters of Madhya Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority for 2015-16.
3. Checking of Pay Fixation cases under the Time Scale and VI Pay Commission of the officers and staff of the following organisations:
 - M.P. Agro Dev. Corp. Ltd. = 273 cases
 - M.P. Rajya Van Vikas Nigam, Bhopal = 03 cases
 - M.P. Audhyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam = 60 cases (Bhopal = 39 & Rewas = 21)
4. Translation from English to Hindi- Annual Report for FY: 2014-15 of M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd., Bhopal.
5. Calculation of depreciation and net value of obsolete assets of Obedullaganj Krishi Upaj Mandi.

The following assignments were in progress:

- Revision of existing "M.P. Works Department Manual- 1983".
- Half yearly Internal Audit of 76 PIUs and HQs of M.P. Rural Road Development Authority for 2016-17.
- Updation of M.P. Police Housing Corporation Manual.

GUJARAT CHAPTER

The Chapter has a membership of 56. Shri D.P. Yadav, IA&AS, Principal Director of Audit (Central), Ahmedabad was the President. During the year 2016-17, the Chapter took up following assignments :-

1. Internal audit of Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year 2015-16.
2. Verification of subsidy claims of Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited and its subsidiary companies for the year 2014-15.
3. Verification of admissibility of 15% amount receivable by the GMB as administrative charges for the year 2015-16.
4. Translation work was undertaken for Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL), Gujarat Maritime Board and Office of the Senior Deputy Accountant General, Ahmedabad.

Assignment of Verification of subsidy claims of GUVNL and its subsidiary companies for the year 2015-16 and internal audit of Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year 2017-18 were in pipelines.

KERALA CHAPTER

The Chapter has a membership of 94. Shri James K. Joseph, IA&AS (Retd.) was the President. The Chapter took up following assignments during 2016-17 :-

1. **Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP):** The work was started in June 2014 and the audit for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 was completed. The Government of Kerala in its order dated 12-5-2016 has appointed the Chapter for Internal Audits of ASAP for 2015-16 also.

Audit of 38 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) was completed by IPAI during 2015-16. Audit of 68 SDCs and Institutions were entrusted to IPAI during 2016-17. A workshop was conducted by the Chapter for the members of local audit parties to discuss how best we can improve the quality of audit of the SDCs and help the field officers of ASAP units in the maintenance of accounts. The audit of 14 District Programme units and the second round audit of certain SDCs are in progress.

2. **Kerala State Insurance Department:** Preparation of proforma accounts of Kerala State Insurance Department for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14 was assigned to the Chapter by the State Government in December 2015. The work was started in January 2016 and the accounts for both the years were finalised by the end of April, 2016.
3. **Proforma accounts of Text Book Office under Education Department:** Finalisation of proforma accounts of Text Book Office relating to the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was assigned to the Chapter by the Government of Kerala. The accounts up to 2009-10 has been finalised and the preparation of accounts for the year 2010-11 is in progress.
4. **Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd, Ernakulam:** The internal audit of the accounts for the year 2014-15 was in progress.
5. **Internal Audit of Head Office of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ernakulam:** The assignment was taken up in the middle of February 2017 only and the work was in progress.
6. **Internal Audit of Agency for Non-conventional Energy and Rural Technology (ANERT), Kerala:** The internal audit of ANERT for the period 2013-14 to 2016-17 has been entrusted to the Chapter. The work was started in the middle of March 2017 only.
7. The internal inspection of the 4 units of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Kerala relating to 2015-16 was completed by the Chapter.
8. **Lending the services of Members for internal audit:** The service of one Member was lent the Spices Board in 2013-14 and he was still continuing.
9. **Workshop on Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS):** The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in its notification dated 16-2-2015 has issued orders covering a road map for adoption and applicability of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS). As per the road map, it is mandatory to implement Ind AS in respect of all companies having net worth of ₹ 500 crores or more from 1st April 2016 and ₹ 250 crores or more by 1st April 2017. In order to train our members, a workshop on the implementation of Ind AS was successfully conducted by the Chapter on 24th and 25th January 2017 at Thiruvananthapuram. Chartered Accountants from Thiruvananthapuram and Hyderabad conducted the Training classes. About 20 retired as well as servicing DAGs/SrAOs/AOs/AAOs with commercial accounting background participated in the workshop.
10. **Foundation Day celebrations:** As suggested by the Headquarters, the Chapter arranged a Luncheon get-together of our members at Saj Luciya Hotel at Thiruvananthapuram from 11.30 to 3 pm on 18.3.2017. All the active members of the Chapter were invited. About fifty members participated in the get together. Shri Amar Patnaik, Principal Accountant General (ERSA), Kerala was our Chief Guest.
11. **Election to the Regional Council of Kerala Chapter for the period 2017-19:** The election for the Regional Council of the Chapter for the period of three years 2017-19 was conducted by the Chapter in the last week of January 2017.

NORTH WEST CHAPTER

The North West Chapter has a membership of 238. Shri D.K. Bakshi, (Retd. IA&AS) was the President. The following assignments were taken up by the Chapter during 2016-17 :-

1. **Double Entry System of Accounting in Punjab University:** As the Chapter had conducted pilot study of switching over from Cash based system of accounting to Accrual based system of accounting in respect of Transport and Public Works Departments of Punjab Government, we were appointed by the Punjab University to conduct Pilot Study on Accrual based system of accounting up to March 2015 as the University intends to adopt Double Entry System of Accounts from the year 2015-16 onwards. Two teams each headed by a retired DAG with two Sr. Accounts/Audit Officers were put on the job. The Annual Accounts of the University were finalized in a period of two months. We provided theoretical training in the system of Double Entry Accounting to the officials of the University. (Assistant Registrar, Superintendents, Sr. Assistant, Assistants, and clerks numbering 75). The practical training is also being given regularly by our two Sr. AO's (Commercial-Retired) posted as Consultants on regular basis with the main task of overseeing that the accounts of the University having 65 DDO's are being maintained on Double Entry System accurately.
2. **Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science Education and Research (PGIMER):** Services of 17 Consultants have been provided on annual basis in the field of Purchase, Administration, Accounts, Medical Science, Research, and Engineering. Wings of the PGIMER
3. **Forest Departments of Governments of Punjab and Haryana:** 10 Consultants including one Senior and 3 Consultants have been deputed on annual basis in the Forest Departments of Government of Punjab and Haryana respectively for compilation of accounts of Compensatory Afforestation Funds Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Not only the accounts are compiled but the Consultants assist the Departments towards Bank Reconciliation, Preparation of Annual Plan of PUNCAMPA also training of staff in accounts etc.
4. **National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Haryana:** The National Health Mission Haryana has been provided 4 Consultants on annual basis. They conduct Internal Audit as also guide the staff in keeping accounts on double entry system.
5. **Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh:** We have provided 5 Consultants to the Corporation on six monthly bases. They have been deployed on various duties i.e. accounting of House Tax Receipts, Internal Audit etc. The Services are continuing year after year.
6. **Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar (IIT):** Four Consultants have been provided to the IIT, Ropar for services in the field of Pre-Audit, Consultancy in Administrative, Procurement and other activities of the IIT
7. **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India (NIELIT):** One Consultant had been provided to this Institute for Internal Audit. Besides, the services of the Consultant are used in the advisory capacity on Service Tax matters. This post has been withdrawn from August 2016.
8. **University Institute of Engineering and Information Technology (UIET):** We have provided services of one Consultant on regular six monthly basis for Internal Audit of its accounts. This is continuing year after year.
9. **Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTC):** For Internal Audit of its Half-yearly Accounts, PSTC engages regularly one team consisting of three Consultants. The performance of the team is being acknowledged in the Annual Meeting of the Company where all auditors (Chartered Accountants for each districts and IPAI) present their Reports.

10. **Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited Panchkula:** One Consultant has been posted on regular basis in this Company in May 2016. One team consisting of two Consultants was posted for two months for Review of Internal Audit Report of the Departmental Audit Now the Company has allotted Internal Audit of the accounts for the year 2015-16 to us and we have deployed two consultants for a period of 6 months. The Work was completed on 28-02-2017.
11. **Panchayati Raj Institutions of the State of Punjab:** The Government of Punjab has given this Chapter assignments of Training Programme of its Panchayat Secretaries and other officials numbering 4000 at a cost of Rs. 20 Lacks and Internal Audit of its accounts for 2014-15 at a cost of Rs. 5 crores. Training assignment was completed by 30-12-2016 and Internal Audit has been taken up with effect from 09-01-2017 with deployment of Three Teams each consisting of one DAG/SR. DAG, 5 Sr. AO/AO's 25 AAO's/Supervisors/Auditors etc. thus 93 officers have been deployed. The entire assignment has been put under the direct control of Retired AG acting as Project Director PRI.
12. **Panipat Co-operative Sugar Mills:** Haryana Co-operative Department has entrusted Special Audit of Panipat Co-operative Sugar Mills for 2015-16 for a period of one month with a team consisting of One DAG and three Consultants. This assignment has been taken up on 09-01-2017 and completed on 09-03-2017 after seeking extension in this regard.
13. **Haryana Pollution Control Board:** One Consultant has been posted in the Haryana Pollution Control Board with effect from 07-03-2017 for a period of 6 month on regular basis for rendering Consultancy Services.

WEST BENGAL CHAPTER

The West Bengal Chapter has a membership of 99. Ms Madhumita Basu, IA&AS, Principal Accountant General (General & Social Sector Audit) was the President. The details of work done during 2016-17 were as given below :

1. Compilation of Accounts (2015-16), Internal Audit (2016-17 April to June) and preparation of a draft reply to Audit objections of Asiatic Society, Kolkata.
2. Internal Audit of ICAR, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
3. Pay Committee Report on 7th CPC in respect of all employees of Damodar Valley Corporation, Kolkata

LUCKNOW CHAPTER

The Lucknow Chapter has a membership of 22. Shri K.P. Yadav, IA&AS, Principal Director of Audit (Central) was the President.

The following activities were undertaken during 2016-17 :

- (1) The Chapter completed Internal Audit of following units of ICAR in November 2017, which were secured by IPAI hqrs and entrusted to the Chapter:
 - Indian Grasslands and Fodder Research Institute Jhansi (8 working days).
 - Central Agroforestry and Forest Research Institute, Jhansi (5 working days).

ASSAM CHAPTER

The Chapter has a Membership of 42. Sh. C.H. Kharshiing, IA&AS was President from April 2013 to July 2016. Sh. Deepak Narain, IA&AS was President from July 2016 to February 2017 and Ms Rashmi Aggarwal, IA&AS was the President from March 2017 onwards.

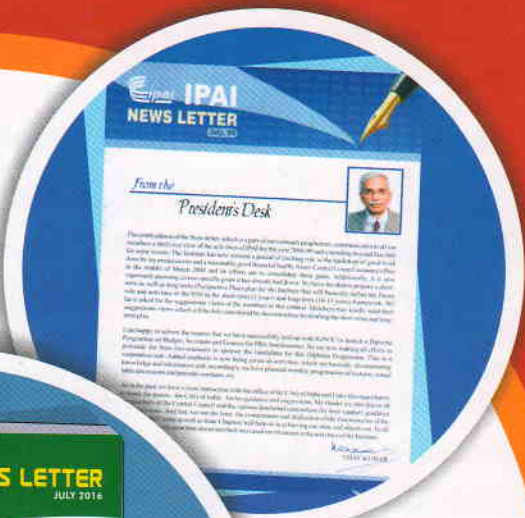
The following activities were undertaken during 2015-16 and 2016-17:

1. Internal Audit of the following ICAR units for the years 2014-15.
 - a) ICAR Research Project, NEH Region, Umrol, Umiam (Barapani), Meghalaya,
 - b) Zonal Project Directorate, Zone III, Umiam (Barapani), Meghalaya,
 - c) National Research Centre, Mithun, Jharnapani, Medziphema, Nagaland,
 - d) National Research Centre, Yak, Dirang, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh.
- (2) Preparation of State Specific Budget, Accounts & Audit Manual of Panchayati Raj Institutions of Assam
- (3) Internal Audit of the following ICAR units for the year 2015-16:
 - a) ICAR Research Project, NEH Region, Umrol, Umium (Barapani), Meghalaya,
 - b) Zonal Project Directorate, Zone III, Umium (Barapani), Meghalaya,
 - c) National Research Centre, Mithun, Jharnapani, Medziphema, Nagaland,
- (4) Assignment arranged by the Chapter:
 - (i) Concurrent Audit/Internal Audit of Organising Committee, 12th South Asian Games, 2016, Guwahati and New Delhi conducted during February – May 2016,
 - (ii) Internal Audit of State Project Management Unit (SPMU) – National Register of Citizens (NRC) Office including 8 (Eight) Districts (Phase-I) conducted during May – July 2016,
 - (iii) Internal Audit of District National Register of Citizens (District NRC) Cells of 19 (Nineteen) Districts (Phase-II) completed during February – March 2017.

OBITUARY

The Institute regrets to report the unfortunate demise of the following members:-

	S/Shri	Membership No.	Chapter
1.	Ram Swaroop Singh	179	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Brahma Dutta Tripathi	1189	Uttar Pradesh
3.	R.B. Suri	1650	Gujarat
4.	A.P. Raman Kutty	373	Karnakata
5.	K.S. Rao	190	Karnakata



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