

Haryana Institute of Public Administration

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Foundation Course:

Officer Trainees of

ITS and IRRS 2020

Batches: Reminiscence

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Acknowledgement

We, the Officer Trainees (OTs) of Indian Telecommunications Service and Indian Radio Regulatory Service, express our sincere gratitude to Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Gurugram for successfully conducting the 15-week Foundation Course. It has been made possible with the blessings and guidance of Smt. Surina Rajan, Director General, HIPA and her team of officers who ably put together an effective training module. HIPA team worked hard to make all components, including class room study, village visit, trekking, visit to historical places, cultural evening and study visits, a rewarding experience. Through these activities a sense of friendship, camaraderie and motivation was fostered among the OTs. It has successfully groomed the trainees to be mature and confident officers, ready to serve the nation. Life at HIPA was fantastic. After being trained here, you come out as a different person. Every trainee finds himself or herself much more disciplined and knowledgeable individual. Above all, besides knowledge imparting sessions, adventure, fun and discipline help in an overall development. A mixture of all these components train to create strong and polished officers. We thank HIPA from the bottom of our hearts for hosting us and bringing positive changes in our lives.



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Inauguration Cermony

The batch of Indian Telecommunications Service and Indian Radio Regulatory Service was welcomed at HIPA by the Director General of HIPA, Smt. Surina Rajan. The ceremony had the Director General of National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training, Sh. Raju Sinha as the Chief Guest. The ceremony had senior officials from NTIPRIT as Guests of Honour. Smt. Surina Rajan gave the inaugural address and inspired the officers to excel in their professional as well as personal lives.









Inauguration Ceremony at HIPA



Interaction with Sh. Amit Khare, Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

The officers had an opportunity to interact with Sh. Amit Khare, Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Sh. Amit Khare emphasised the need for the officers to be in step with the developments across the world. He reiterated the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and how the young officers can contribute to making it a reality. He also inspired the officers to stay vigilant and faithful to their work.



Group Photo with Sh. Amit Khare

Interaction with Sh. Sanjay Kothari, Former Chief Vigilance Commissioner of India

The officers had an opportunity to interact with Sh. Sanjay Kothari, Former Chief Vigilance Commissioner of India. He inspired the officers to think of the last man affected by their decisions and to always stay honest. He also shared his experiences from when he was the Advisor to the Former President of India, Sh. Ram Nath Kovind. Sh. Sanjay Kothari also explained about the issues faced at various levels of administration and guided the officers on how to deal with them.



Group Photo with Sh. Sanjay Kothari

5G Workshop

An informative workshop on 5G and its use cases was conducted by HIPA in collaboration with National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research Innovation and Training. Specific emphasis was laid on essential concepts of Street Furniture and Right of Way, which will be instrumental in deploying 5G across the country. The workshop also demonstrated various use cases in which 5G will play an important role. These included Remote Surgery, Autonomous Vehicles, Advanced Drones, etc. The officers of the ITS and IRRS batch were also apprised of the technical aspects of 5G technology. The vital capabilities of 5G include enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB), ultra Reliable Low Latency Communications (uRLLC) and massive Mobile Type Connections (mMTC). Successful deployment of 5G across the country is critical for developing a trillion-dollar digital economy.



Felicitation of Director General, NTIPRIT by Director General, HIPA



5G Session by Sh. B. Sunil Kumar, DDG (Wireless Access), NTIPRIT



Group Photo of Organizers and Participants of 5G Workshop

Interaction with the Hon'ble Governor of Haryana

Hon'ble Governor addressed the ITS and IRRS officer trainees at Raj Bhavan Chandigarh. Our role in implementing 5G services and Rural connectivity was discussed. We briefed hon'ble Governor regarding various functions of the Department of Telecommunication and its field units, including but not limited to Policy Formulation, Rural Connectivity and related Bharat Net & PM WANI project, Border area connectivity, facilitation to Law Enforcement Agencies, Standardisation of Telecom Infrastructure and coordination with International Organisations viz ITU, APT. Hon'ble Governor guided us on how to be efficient Civil Servants. He encouraged us to enhance the Telecom Infrastructure so that various ministries could harness the digital services to implement the Schemes efficiently to maximise the benefits to the public.





Interaction with Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana

Interaction with Shri Vijai Vardhan, Chief Information Commissioner and Former Chief Secretary of Haryana

The ITS and IRRS officer trainees got a golden opportunity to interact with Shri Vijai Vardhan, Chief Information Commissioner and Former Chief Secretary of Haryana. Shri Vijai Vardhan had served in Haryana Tourism prior to his current assignment. His experience with the history of Haryana helped us gain essential insights into the state's rich culture. He briefed us about the history of Kurukshetra. He is a keen historian who has authored various books.

He briefed about books like Kurukshetra-Timeless Sanctity' which took over six years of research, and 'Pinjore- The Garden of Paradise' which is recognised as the first-ever book written in 17th Century Mughal Gardens of Pinjore



Dr. Vijai Vardhan, Chief Information Commissioner Haryana with Dr. Neeraja Malik, Course Coordinator, HIPA

Visit to Pinjore Gardens, Kurukshetra and Morni Hills

The entire state of Haryana sparkles with many attractive palaces, national parks, monuments, historical and religious spots, etc. The officer trainees of ITS and IRRS batch had the opportunity to visit places in Kurukshetra - Dharmakshetra like Jyotisar - where Lord Krishna had recited the Bhagwad Geeta under a Banyan tree to Arjun, Brahma Sarovar, Krishna Museum, Bhadrakali Temple, Kurukshetra Panorama & Science Centre and Dharohar Museum. We also experienced rock sculptures at Rock Garden and learnt about Nek Chand, the man behind this amazingly unique innovation. The visit to Pinjore Gardens included beautiful sprawling green lawns, high-rising fountains, orchards, a mini zoo and enjoying the scenic splendour of Shivalik hills. We had a fantastic experience at Morni Hills, a hill station situated on the outskirts of Panchkula. Here we sighted a wide variety of flora and fauna apart from mesmerising landscapes.





Officers enjoying at Morni Hills, Kurukshetra and Pinjore





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Officers with Sh. Aditya Arya, Founder & Curator of Museo Camera

Visit to Museo Camera

We had a unique and excellent opportunity to visit "Museo Camera", a museum of cameras, which greeted us with its picturesque ambience and lively history of cameras. The journey of Museo Camera began in 2009 in the basement of photographer Sh. Aditya Arya as a personal collection of photographic equipment. Today, it is the largest not-forprofit photography museum in South-East Asia. A partnership between the India Photo Archive Foundation and the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, Museo Camera is one of its kind in India, with 18,000 sq. ft. of space dedicated to the art and history of photography. The museum has a part of the collection that includes over 4000 cameras and other photographic equipment dating back to the 1850s. The Pinhole Camera, Camera Obscura, Camera Lucida and Wet Plate Cameras set the stage for a walk through 180 years of the art form.



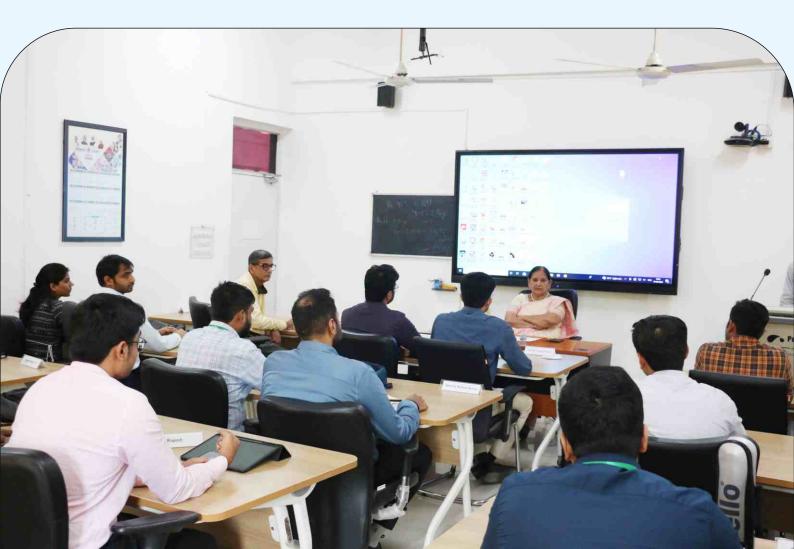
Exhibition of Camera Technology from across the years



Classroom Sessions

The officer trainees learnt about several subjects, including Public Administration, Law, Organizational Behaviour, Ethics, Computers, Economics, Finance, Polity, History, French & Hindi. Eminent speakers from across the industry and academia were invited.





























Session by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe Hon'ble Member of Parliament

The officer trainees got an opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, who talked about India's Soft Power Strength and how we can use it to further India's interests. He spoke about the ideas of Identity, Spiritual Democracy, Antyodaya, Confluence with Mother Nature and considering the Global Community as One Family. His session inspired the entire batch to serve the country with zeal and enhance our country's goodwill across the world.



Group Photo of ITS & IRRS Batch with Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, DG, HIPA and Other Officers of HIPA

Yoga

In HIPA, the day commences with an ancient form of spiritual exercise, YOGA. The session starts with prayers to God followed by Surya Namaskar and various other Asanas, which keeps our souls enthusiastic and bodies active throughout the day. Along with YOGA, we also underwent physical training, including running through the Campus. Because of this morning ritual, all the officer trainees came close to each other, formulating an enjoyable environment.



Visit of ITS and IRRS officer trainees to Hampta Pass, Himachal Pradesh

Hampta Pass Trek, at an altitude of 14,000 ft, falls under rare, dramatic pass crossings in the Himalayas. On one side is the lush green valley of Kullu — with forests, grasslands, and flowers blooming on the side of our trail and the other side is an almost arid, stark landscape of Lahaul, with barren mountains and almost no vegetation. The beautiful valley, the mountains covered with beautiful white snow and the cold, peaceful environment makes it an alluring trek. We experienced wind, hailstorms and freezing conditions during the trek. But the beautiful landscape of vegetation on one side of the Pass and a blanket of snow on the other, made us forget all the hardships and motivated us to keep moving ahead. The sky looks crystal clear there since the place is far away from any pollution. Facing the harsh climate brought the entire batch closer and made us more appreciative of modern life and its comforts

Difficult Roads often Lead to Beautiful Destinations













Village Visit

The village-visit, a mandatory component of the Foundation course began with the celebrations of Haryana Day at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak on 1st November 2022. We were delighted to participate in the program, watched Haryanvi dances and relished variety of local food. The group was then divided into two teams to reach village Kahnaur of Rohtak district and village Baganwala of Bhiwani district. We met and spoke with villagers, including school-children and the village-officials to collect the actual data. We conducted surveys regarding Demography, Infrastructure facilities, Schools, Health facilities and socio-economic conditions of the villages.





Interaction with villagers of Bhiwani and Rohtak District



Interaction with Sarpanch of Kahnaur, Rohtak



Interaction with School Children at Bhiwani



Interaction with the Chairperson, Competition Commission of India

The officer trainees of the ITS and IRRS group had the opportunity to interact with the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India, Shri Ashok Gupta. He guided us on how to develop officer-like qualities and be better administrators. He emphasised on the importance of virtues like sincerity and honesty. His words motivated us to work for the nation with passion and pride.



Interaction with Sh. Ashok Gupta, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India

Study visit to Madhya Pradesh - Bhopal, Ujjain, Indore and Pachmarhi

HIPA, in collaboration with RCVP Noronha Academy, Bhopal, organised a study trip for the officer trainees of ITS and IRRS batch to the beautiful cities of Bhopal, Ujjain, Indore and Pachmarhi. The sessions in RCVP Noronha Academy were conducted to apprise us with the Best Practices being followed by the administration of Madhya Pradesh.



Arrival at Rani Kamlapati Railway Sta<mark>tion,</mark> Bhopal

Bhopal is also known as the city of lakes due to its various natural and artificial lakes. It is also home to several ancient architectural sites, including the Sanchi Stupa. We also visited the point that marks the Tropic of Cancer near Bhopal.

The city of Ujjain, situated on the banks of river Shipra, is home to the famous Mahakaleshwar Temple of Lord Shiva. Ujjain is also famous for the Kumbh Mela, which is organised every 12 years. We had an opportunity to witness the newly constructed corridor of the Mahakaleshwar Temple, which is designed to ease the flow of pilgrims through the Temple premises.

We got the opportunity to visit 'The Cleanest City of India', Indore, during the study visit. The best practices adopted by the Municipal Corporation of the city were showcased. Indore uses state-of-the-art technologies to collect, process, dispose-of and monitor the waste produced. The waste is then used to produce fuel for running city buses. The solution followed by Indore can be used as a template for the rest of the country.

We also visited Bison Lodge, Reechgarh Caves, Dhupgarh, Pandava Caves, Bee Falls and Jatashankar temple during our Pachmarhi visit. It was a wonderful experience to witness the sunset at Dhupgarh, the highest point in Mahadeo Hills (Satpura Range). Dhupgarh was named so because it is the first place to see the sunrise and the last place to see the sunset. The greenery and the sound of the Bee Falls waterfall is very soothing. The visit to Pachmarhi relaxed our minds and allowed us to be right in the lap of nature.

We thank HIPA and RCVP Noronha Academy for organising our study trip.













Sports

'Games give you a chance to excel. If you play with the spirit of sportsman, you do not mind losing, you just enjoy the game and the company.' It is with this spirit that a Cricket match was organized between two teams comprising of ITS and IRRS on one side and IPS, IRAS and IPOS on the other side at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Gurugram.

HIPA also provides fantastic sports infrastructure giving the officers an opportunity to play and grow.





Sports Facilities







Study Visit to the Parliament of India

It was our privilege to get an opportunity to visit the Parliament, the supreme legislative body of India. The Indian Parliament comprises the President and the two Houses - Rajya Sabha (Council of States) and Lok Sabha (House of the People). The President has the power to summon and prorogue either House of Parliament or to dissolve Lok Sabha. The experience of the visit was a memorable time not just for witnessing its adorned architecture but also for learning more about Indian law and the workings of the legislature. We also got a chance to visit Asia's 2nd largest library, which has a collection of more than 3 lakh books. The trip was an experience worth remembering and one that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.



Officers at the Parliament Museum



Session by Sh. Ravindra Garimella at PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat



HIPA Wishes All

Officer Trainees of Indian Telecommunications Service (ITS) and Indian Radio Regulatory Service (IRRS) a Bright Future and a Personal Life Full of Happiness



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