**Proceedings of the Condolence Meeting on Demise of Prof L N Sharma**

The sad demise of the veteran member of IIPA Prof Lal Narayan Sharma, former Vice Chairman of IIPA Bihar Regional Branch, Patna was mourned by the Branch in a Condolence Meeting held in the premises of the former Chairman of the Branch Sri A V Sinha, IAS (retd) on 8th June, 2019. Professor Sharma, who served the Department of Political Science, Patna University, Patna as Professor and Head, breathed his last on 4th June, 2019 in a car accident. The meeting was presided over by Er J K Singh, the Chairman of the Branch.

A host of IIPA members, Alumni and teachers of Department of Political Science, Patna University and other universities, paid homage to the departed soul. Sri A V Sinha, the Chairman of Alumni Association of Political Science of P U, recalled Prof Sharma's erudite contributions in the field of Public Administration and Political Science and suggested to carry his academic legacy. Dr R K Verma, the Hony Secretary of the Branch, expressing grief on sudden demise of Prof Sharma, said that he was the pioneer of study of the leadership of Indian Prime Minister and an internationally reputed scholar of Modern Political Science as James Manor of UK had endorsed. His demise is the irreparable loss not only to academia of Bihar but the discipline of Political Science and Public Administration in India.

Mentioning his unique skill of explaining the difficult concepts of Modern Political Science, Professor Shefali Roy, Head, Department of Political Science Patna University, Patna said that Bihar has lost the doyen of the discipline of Political Sociology. Professor Randhir Singh, former Head, Department of Public Administration, A N College, Patna, Dr Seema Prasad of Patna University, Patna, Dr U C Shukla of Pataliputra University, Patna, Dr Archana Kumari, Dr P K Yadav and Dr Shashi Bhushan Kumar of B R A Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Prof Umesh Kumar of V K S University, Ara, Dr Kavita Kumari of St Xavier's Teacher's Training College, Patna and others threw light on the different aspects of Prof Sharma's personality and contributions.

Professor Ghanshyan N Singh, Chairman, Pataliputra Local Branch of IIPA, expressed grief on the sad demise of Prof. Sharma and shared his experiences as a close friend to him. Prof Rajiv Nandan Yadav, Vice Chairman of the Branch and Dr Navanit Sinha former Secretary of the Branch also conveyed, in absentia, their grief on his demise. In his presidential address, Er J K Singh said that the Branch will leave no stone unturned in bringing out a commemorative volume of his writings. All the members present in the meeting, prayed God may rest the departed soul in peace and give strength to his family members to bear the loss.

Finally, a Condolence Message was read out by the Chairman and two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul.