



Shashidharan

## MATTERS OF THE MIND

THE auditor has turned a poet. KP Shashidharan, director-general (commercial) in the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, has brought out a book of poems, *Whispering Mind* (Sterling). "My message to the world is that they should create positive energy and spread bliss," said the author at the book launch at the Constitution Club on Friday evening. An alumnus of the London School of Economics and member of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Shashidharan composed the 54 poems that have been compiled in the book in, what he calls, an effort to revive poetry as the language of the mind, heart, self and soul. Vinod Rai, comptroller and auditor general of India, said he was initially amazed that an auditor had come out with a book of poems. "Most people don't want to see an auditor, or listen to one, but here Shashidharan has balanced his life's balance sheet by being an auditor and writing poems. His poems are expressive and spread happiness," said Rai. Among those present at the occasion was K Rahman Khan, deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha. (EFS)