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IEI celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day



1. Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS, Chief Guest flanked by Sh. Ajay Khajuria, Keynote Speaker along with Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman & Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary on the dais on the occasion of World Telecommunication & Information Society Day
2. A section of audience present during the Seminar

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day on 17th May, 2026 by way of holding a seminar on the theme "Digital Lifelines-Strengthening Resilience in Connected World". The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Centre.

On this occasion, **Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS, Secretary to Government, IT Department, J&K Govt.** graced the occasion as **Chief Guest**, while **Sh. Ajay Khajuria, Professor-of-Practice, MIET, Jammu, Advisor-KPMG; Former Marketing Head-Bharti Airtel, J&K** was the **Keynote Speaker**. **Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre** presided over the function.

Er Anil Verma, FIE; delivered the *Welcome Address* in which he touched the pros & cons of the present days Digital Lifelines. While glorifying their versatility, he also lamented that although the ecosystem of present times is quite enabling but it is equally mind disabling. It was also emphasized that Artificial Intelligence has completely enslaved the humans and has halted their thinking & innovative capabilities. He also requested all the stakeholders to work in tandem to develop mechanisms to strengthen resilience in breaking this technological inertia of human minds which will go a long way in checking the self-imposed inrush of digital euphoria in the World. He also highlighted that professionals should develop such systems which strengthen the cyber security network of our nation.

Sh. Ajay Khajuria, *Keynote Speaker* dwelt at length about the importance of connectivity in the present day's World's and informed the house that 95% of the internet connectivity in the World is through submarine cables and resilience needs to be built to safeguard them to stay connected. He also suggested multiple fibre routes, backup power systems to sustain uptime and graphically separated sites of Data Centres for resilience. He concluded that when networks stay strong, societies stay strong.

On this occasion Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Gopal Krishan Sharma, FIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE & Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist presented their papers on the theme.



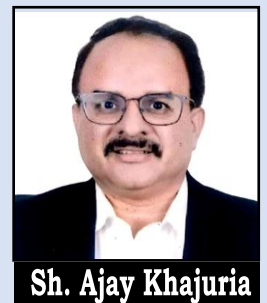
Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS

All the speakers advocated for adopting telecom as "Essential Service" with no complete shutdowns and establishment of separate CERT for J&K. They also desired for safeguarding the digital systems from floods and other such nature's furies. It was

also stressed that Digital resilience is now a public safety requirement and all the concerned need to work in the direction for ensuring that this becomes a reality.

While concluding the seminar the *Chief Guest* deliberated about various initiatives being undertaken by the government under Digital and technological driven administration and development of resilient digital infrastructure. He advised everyone to use data with diligence keeping in mind cyber hygiene. He also informed the house that J&K State Data Centre is now ISO Certified and our applications are one of the best in the World. He highlighted the initiatives being taken up by the government under e-governance, online citizen services, development of digital public platforms, e-office implementations, cyber security initiatives and transparent digital administration.

Er. Avneet Gupta, FIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre conducted the proceedings of the day and delivered the *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



Sh. Ajay Khajuria

Engineers presenting
their papers on
World
Telecommunication
& Information Society
Day



World Environment Day – 2026 celebrated at IEI, Jammu



1. Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, *Chief Guest*, Dr. Pratik Kumar, *Keynote Speaker* along with Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman & Er. Avneet Gupta, FIE; Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre on the dais on the occasion of World Environment Day
2. A section of audience during the World Environment Day celebrations

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2026 by organizing a seminar on the theme “*A Global Call for Climate Action*”. The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Centre.

On this occasion, **Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, J&K Govt.** was the *Chief Guest* and **Dr. Pratik Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil (Environmental) Engineering, IIT, Jammu** was the *Keynote Speaker*. **Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre** presided over the function.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE delivered the *Welcome Address* in which he mentioned about the Change of Climate in India by quoting early panicles formation on Mango trees in the month of February which was too early vis-à-vis the yesteryears. It was a glaring example of climate change and requested all the stakeholders especially the ones associated with infrastructure development to plan in such a way that our mother earth's ecological balance is not disturbed. He advocated for Ecologically sensitive wildlife/environmental corridors on the same lines as on Delhi-Dehradun expressway near Rajaji National Park.

Dr. Pratik Kumar, *Keynote Speaker* informed the audience that summer this year in India is 20°C warmer than past decades. It was also mentioned that scientific studies have proved that human driven climate change has made mother earth 10°C hotter than it would have been otherwise. He also emphasized that Hindu Kush Himalayas, could lose up to 75% of the glacier ice by 210C if global temperatures keep rising this way. He appealed for close coordination with academicians, Govt. and Industrialists to plan in a prudent manner for saving the climate.



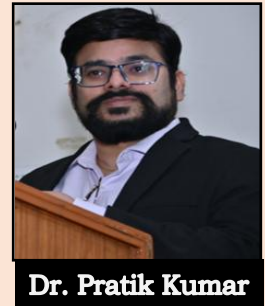
Dr. V.S. Senthil Kumar, IFS

Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, *Chief Guest* while concluding the seminar appreciated the concerted efforts put in by senior engineers for presenting the papers. He highlighted the action plan being undertaken by the Govt. of J&K to address Climate Change;

the main focus areas of the Govt. being tourism, ecosystem preservation and disaster management. He also underlined various steps been taken-up to mitigate unprecedented environmental challenges – climate change, Bio diversity loss, Pollution, degradation of natural resources and increasing pressure on eco-system and underlined the need to develop the sustainable solutions that balance development with environmental stewardship.

During the seminar, Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Gopal Krishan Sharma FIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE & Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist also presented their papers on the theme.

Er. Avneet Gupta, FIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre conducted the proceeding of the day presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



Dr. Pratik Kumar



Engineers presenting their papers on World Environment Day

POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FELICITATED**Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra**

The Power Development Department, Jammu & Kashmir Govt. achieved a significant milestone in the implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana by securing 2nd position (First Runner up) in the country for the month for May 2026 for RTS Applications, Installations & Inspections. The Award was conferred by the Ministry New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India during the national event titled "2 years of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana" held at New Delhi.



Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Ltd. while receiving the Award from Mr. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of MNRE in New Delhi

The Award, on behalf of UT of J&K was received by Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Ltd. This prestigious recognition reflects the collective efforts of J&K Power Development Department – DISCOMs namely JPDCL & KPDCL.

Pertinently, efforts of Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra, Executive Engineer, JPDCL, J&K PDD who is Nodal Officer, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for JPDCL; were highly lauded by the engineers on the World Environment Day celebrations in IEI, Jammu Local Centre on 5th June, 2026.

MEMORABILIA OF WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY – 2026



MEMORABILIA OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY- 2026

**Election of Jammu Local Center for the Session 2026 - 2028**

Election of Corporate Members (Division Wise) for Jammu Local Centre, for the Session 2026 – 2028 are due as per the regulations of The Institution of Engineers (India).

As per Bye Laws and Regulations of The Institution of Engineers (India) following are the seats to be elected division wise from all the corporate members attached with Jammu Local Centre and the division wise seats are shown in the table below:

DIVISIONS	AG	AR	AS	CH	CP	CV	EL	EN	ET	MC	MM	MN	MR	PR	TX	TOTAL
Corporate Members	6	2	4	3	71	702	243	6	197	222	2	1	Nil	7	2	1468
No. of Seats)	01	01	01	01	01	03	02	01	02	02	01	01	Nil	01	01	19

Interested Corporate Members are requested to get in touch with The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre for further details regarding elections.

IEI COMPLEX SECTOR – 3, CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU



The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre has created facilities at Institutional Complex, Sector – 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu which comprises of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation - Domestic & International”, which is available to officer for corporate meeting.

In addition to this AC Auditorium and 06 Nos. AC Double Bed Rooms & Air-Conditioned library which is being used by the AMIE students and other engineers of this region for consulting the latest technical books for updating their knowledge.

Moreover, the rooms can be utilized by the Corporate Members of the Institution for their/their guests' use. Auditorium can be utilized for techno-commercial activities like Technical Seminars, Commercial Exhibitions, Science Exhibitions, Book Fairs, etc. related to engineering/technological fields. Further, information of Members Auditorium Hall will also be available for small parties and mini functions with restriction that DJs will not be allowed to be played inside it.

It is pertinent to mention here that “Donation to the Institution is exempted from Taxable Income of the donor under Section 80G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act.

Hence engineers of this region are requested to donate generously for the upliftment of Jammu Local Centre.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. Royal Charter Day

9th September, 2026

2. 59th Engineers' Day

15th September, 2026

Theme: “Engineering Excellence for a Sustainable and Technologically Sovereign India”

The interested Corporate Members, Colleague Engineers & Engineering Students are requested to submit the papers by 31st August, 2026 up to 4:30 P.M. so that the same are listed for presentation. The theme shall be circulated among all members as and when it is received from IEI, HQs.

D. K. GUPTA MEMORIAL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

All Corporate Members attached with Jammu Local Centre are hereby intimated that the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre presents “**D. K. Gupta Memorial Engineer of the Year Award**” every year which is sponsored by Late Er. D. K. Gupta, FIE on Engineers' Day based on the following

“Lifetime Achievements of an individual during his/her whole professional career up to the year of submission of his/her credentials to this Centre”

The award is “*application based*” and any Corporate Member attached with IEI, Jammu Local Centre is eligible for applying. The applicant staking claim for the aforesaid award has to submit his/her credentials in a “*prescribed format*” available in Institution's Office located at Sector-3, Channi Himmat, Jammu, in which Self Appraisal has been sought from him/her along with supporting documents as per term and conditions.

The last date for submission of applications is 30th of August, 2026 up to 4:30 P.M.

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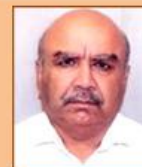
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