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## IEI Jammu celebrates World Environment Day - 2024



1. Sh. Lal Chand, IFS, Chief Guest along with Prof (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, FIE, Chairman & Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary on the dais
2. A section of audience presents during the Seminar

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated the World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 & a seminar was held on the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience". The event was attended by large number of Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and also by Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

The day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June every year since 1973 to mark the importance of nature and the environment. It also gives out a message to the global population that nature should not be undervalued and be not taken for granted at any cost. World Environment Day is the most significant international day as regard to environment is concerned.

On this occasion, Sh. Lal Chand, IFS; PCCF (Retd.) J&K and Chairman J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority, (GOI) was the Chief Guest, whereas Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre presided over the function.

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE in her *Welcome Address* highlighted the day's them to the august audience present on the occasion. She also emphasized the importance of the day, reminding everyone of collective responsibility to safeguard our planet. She highlighted critical issues such as land degradation, desertification, and the increasing frequency and severity of droughts, which not only threaten our environment but also the fabric of our societies. These challenges affect food security, water availability, and the livelihoods of millions of peoples worldwide. Dr. Bhawna also advocated for the development of robust frameworks that integrate science, technology, and policy to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for all.



Sh. Lal Chand, in his address appreciated the initiatives of Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre for celebrating this day and creating awareness among masses on the sensitivity towards environment protection. He also urged the populace of Jammu and Kashmir to protect environment and take necessary measures on priority to safeguard our interest and that of future generations also.

During the seminar, Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist; & Er. Akash Dusgotra, AMIE presented the papers. Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, MIE; also submitted the paper on the theme of the World Environment Day.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event. While speaking on the occasion, he said that we cannot turn back time, but we can put efforts to grow forest, revive water bodies and restore back soils. We are the generation that has to make peace with land. He also presented *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for their active participation.

Engineers presenting  
their papers on  
**World Environment Day**



## WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY – 2024 CELEBRATED



1. Er. Vijay Kumar Surendra, ITS, ADG, Department of Telecom J&K LSA along with Sh. Prachish Khanna, DDG, Er. Ravi Chanyal, FIE, Former Chairman & Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre on the dais
2. A section of audience during the World Telecommunication & Information Society Day celebrations

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre in collaboration with Department of Telecommunications (J&K LSA) celebrated the World Telecommunication & Information Society Day on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A seminar on the theme “*Digital innovation for sustainable development*” was also held on this day. The event was attended by large number of Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

On this occasion, Sh. Vijay Kumar Surendra, Additional Director General, Department of Telecom, J&K, Jammu was the *Chief Guest* & Sh. Prachish Khanna, Deputy Director General, Department of Telecom, J&K Jammu was the *Guest of Honour* & *Key Note Speaker* whereas Sh. Ravi Chanyal, FIE Past Chairman, IEI Jammu Local Centre presided over the function.

At the outset, Sh. Ravi Chanyal, FIE while welcoming the guests stated that World Telecommunication & Information Society Day underscores the pivotal role of digital innovation in advancing sustainable development across the globe. In this era, technological advancements offer transformative solutions to pressing societal and environmental challenges.



**Sh. Vijay Kumar Surendra**

Sh. Vijay Kumar Surendra, the chief guest said human mind has to innovate keeping in view the sustainability and excess of everything is bad. Starting from fighting climate change to eliminating hunger and poverty, digital technologies can help achieve targets under the UN Sustainable Development Goals. He also emphasized that more than ever, building a sustainable future demands innovative thinking and action in the digital world.

Sh. Prachish Khanna, Key Note Speaker on the occasion said, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024 offer the chance to explore how digital innovation can help connect everyone and unlock sustainable prosperity for all.



**Sh. Prachish Khanna**

During the seminar, Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawheny, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist and Er. Akash Dusgotra, AMIE presented the papers on the theme on the occasion.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event. While speaking on the occasion, he said that with 2.6 billion people still unconnected, glaring digital gaps hinder innovation across much of the world. Many countries – lacking key policies, investments, and digital skills – are struggling to keep up in today’s fast-changing digital landscape. WTISD 2024 reminds the world of the progress yet to be made to ensure that everyone can be benefited from digital technologies. He also presented the *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



**Engineers presenting their papers on World Telecommunication & Information Society Day**

### Er. B. L. Suri passes away

Er. B. L. Suri, one of the senior most Fellows of The Institution of Engineers (India) & former GM, National Hydro Electric Power Corporation breathed his last on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

He was born on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1935. He did his schooling from Sri Ranbir Higher Secondary School, Jammu, B. Sc. from Prince of Wales College (Now G G M Science College), Jammu, B. Sc. Electrical Engineering in 1959 from Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh (Punjab University), PG Diploma in Business Management in 1981 from University of Jammu.

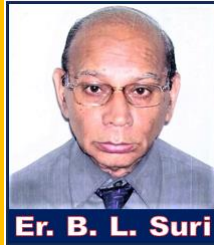
Er. Suri joined Power Development Department, J&K Govt in 1959 and served in almost all wings of PDD. Besides being master of many other skills, his most technically commendable & worth mentioning professional projects include

- Commissioning of 220 KV Sarna-Jammu Transmission Line.
- Commissioning of Salal Hydro Electric Project, Jyotipuram, Reasi.

He has also remained as Honorary Secretary of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre for the term 1978 - 1979. He retired as General Manager (Commercial), NHPC, New Delhi in 1995.

He was a great Friend, Philosopher, Guide to the entire Engineering Fraternity and was always forthright for any Social Cause.

*This Centre expresses its deepest condolences on his sad demise and prays to Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and bestow courage to the bereaved family members to bear this colossal loss.*



Er. B. L. Suri

### 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 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.

The last date for submission of applications is 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024 up to 4:30 P.M.

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## ELECTION NOTICE

Election of Corporate Members (Division Wise) for Jammu Local Centre, for the Session 2024 - 2025 & 2025 - 2026 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
Strength of Corporate Members	6	2	4	3	69	673	236	5	194	219	2	1	Nil	7	2	1423
No. of Seat(s)	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.

### Lighten Your (Electrical) Load During Summer Break.....And All Year Long!

#### Before you leave for break:

- Unplug consumer electronics like TVs, microwaves, stereos and computers - they use electricity even when they are turned off!
- Turn off you lights, and other gadgets!
- Turn off copiers and other unnecessary research & office equipment!



### Help prevent global climate change

Excessive electrical use can really weight down our environment, for example, leaving the lights on in a small classroom or office for just **2 unnecessary hours every day** causes over **600 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>** to be released by commercial power plants each year.

**SO TURN IT OFF BEFORE YOU GO!**

## IEI COMPLEX, JAMMU



The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre has created facilities at Institutional Complex, Sector - 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu which comprises of 01 No state of the art Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation - Domestic & International", 01 No. AC Auditorium and 06 Nos. AC Double Bed Rooms. In addition to this, there is an Air-Conditioned library which can be used by the AMIE students and other engineers of this region for consulting the latest technical books for updating their knowledge.

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 and the like. Further, corporate members of this Centre are informed that now Auditorium Hall will also be available to them for small parties and mini functions with restriction that DJs will not be allowed to be played inside it. Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation is also available for official and corporate meetings.

***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.***

### List of New & Upgraded Members

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre congratulates the following engineers who have been enrolled as Corporate Members of the Institution of Engineers (India).

M-1800994 HARJIT SINGH

AM3124153 SAHIL CHOWDHARY

AM3124161 PRABJEET SINGH ARORA

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Royal Charter Day

On 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

### 57<sup>th</sup> Engineers' Day

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Theme: "Awaited"

The interested Corporate Members, colleague engineers & engineering students are requested to submit the papers by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 up to 4:00 P.M so that the same are listed for presentation. The theme shall be circulated among all members as and when is received from IEI, HQs.

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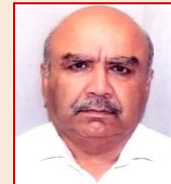
SAVE ENERGY FOR BENEFIT OF  
SELF AND NATION



## Editorial Board



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