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Glimpses of Statutory Days celebrated by IEI, Jammu Local Centre during 2024-2025

57th Engineers' Day



The 57th Engineers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by IEI, Jammu Centre at its Institutional Complex Jammu on 15th September, 2024 in which Er. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE, Chief Administrative Officer, (Northern Railway) USBRL Project, J&K was the *Chief Guest* & Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, FIE; Former Secretary (Technical) cum Development Commissioner (Works) PWD (R&B) J&K Govt. was the *Guest of Honour*.

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, Jammu Centre greeted the *Chief Guest* & *Guest of Honour* for sparing their valuable time to grace this occasion.

Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, MIE; Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Centre in which sterling quality of Sir. M Visvesvaraya were highlighted.

Further, Er. A K Nagpal, FIE; Former Chairman, Jammu Local Centre was honoured with **IEI Award** for life time achievement, IEI, Jammu also presented *R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal* to Er. Joy Ganjoo, *Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal* to Er. B L Rawal & IEI Bronze Medal to Er Ranjeev Sawhney for presenting 1st, 2nd & 3rd best technical paper during the year 2023 – 2024.

In addition to above, first issue of 22nd Volume of quarterly IEI Jammu News – Newsletter of Jammu Local Centre was also released by the *Chief Guest* & *Guest of Honour* in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. Anil Verma, & Er. Sachin Tickoo, Hony. Secretary.

IEI also honoured Er. Ajay Sharma, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, Er. Sumil Goyal, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Er. Akash Dugotra, Er. Anil Kumar & Er. Lovleensh Talwar with mementoes for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2023 – 2024.

Sh. Sandeep Gupta, Chief Guest presented detailed presentation of Prestigious USBRL Project in J&K.

A Technical session was also organized on this day and 04 nos papers on the theme were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Joy Ganjoo & Er. Akash Dugotra.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the function and presented vote of thanks to the august engineers, guests, line departments, Information Department and media persons for making this function a grand success.

World Habitat Day



IE(India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated World Habitat Day on 7th October, 2024 in which Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Jammu & Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Limited was the *Chief Guest* whereas Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre presided over the function & also presented *Welcome Address*.

A seminar on the theme "*Engaging youth to create a better urban future*" was also organized on this day in which Four numbers technical papers were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Sumil Goyal, MIE & Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist.

Er Sachin Tickoo, MIE Honorary Secretary presented the *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation and coverage of the event.

Energy Conservation Day



IE(India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated **Energy Conservation Day** on 14th December, 2024 in which Er. Jagmohan Sharma, Chairman, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department – J&K Govt., Former Executive Director, POWERGRID & Former CEO, Aster Pvt. Ltd. was the *Chief Guest* whereas Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre presided over the function and also presented the *Welcome Address* in which he emphasis on this year's theme "*Powering sustainability – Every Watt Counts*".

It was followed by *Keynote Address* by Er. Sanjeev Rohmetra, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department – J&K Govt. who co-incidentally is the Nodal Officer for *PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana* for JPDCL.

Er. Jagmohan Sharma, *Chief Guest* in his concluding address touched the vital points regarding energy conservation and highlighted the importance of saving every watt of energy for a secure future.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary, while presenting *Vote of Thanks* & thanked the august gathering and media personnel for their coverage of the function.

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Regional Language Promotion Day



IE(India), Jammu Centre celebrated Regional Language Promotion Day on 21st February, 2025 in which Padma Shri Prof. Lalit Mangotra, President, Dogri Sanstha, Jammu was the Chief Guest and Er. Vageesh Sharma, President, Prime Association of Radio & Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists (Dogri Writer) was the Keynote Speaker.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI Jammu Local Centre presided over the function & also presented the Welcome Address. He informed the audience that Year 2025 marks the Silver Jubilee of International Mother Tongue Day and this year's objective is to promote linguistic diversity, multilingual education and preservation of endangered languages.

Er. Vageesh Sharma, Keynote Speaker stressed upon the importance of using mother tongue in our day-to-day interaction at home as well as in the work place. He also highlighted the growth journey of Dogri language from 1974 onwards since inception of Dogri Sanstha Jammu & its introduction in academic courses of Jammu University.

Padma Shri Prof. Lalit Mangotra, *Chief Guest* in his address dwelt upon the importance of regional languages in evolution of ethnicity, culture and civilization identity of the societies.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary, presented the Vote of Thanks to august gathering and media personnel present.

World Engineering Day



IE(India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated the World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development on 4th March, 2025 in which Er. Raheela Wani, FIE; Managing Director, J&K Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Power Development Department, J&K Govt., Jammu was the Chief Guest, whereas Er. Anil Verma, FIE, Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function & presented *Welcome Address*.

While presenting Welcome Address Er. Verma eulogized that 17 Nos Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the ideal benchmarks for making living on this earth sustainable. He also highlighted the role of citizenry in achievement of these SDGs & requested them to help themselves as well as the engineers by getting the Roof Top Solar's installed in their houses under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana which will not only make the electrical energy cheap & affordable but also will be a boon for the environment in reducing the carbon footprint.

On this day a seminar was organized in which Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Hemdeep Singh Ishar, AMIE & Er. Anil Kumar Shan, AMIE presented their papers.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event and presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for their active participation.

World Water Day



IE (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Water Day on 22nd March, 2025 in which Mr. Javed Ahmed Rana, Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs Department, Government of J&K UT was the *Chief Guest* and Mr. Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for IT, Youth Services & Sports, Transport, Science & Technology, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, ARI & Training graced the occasion as *Guest of Honour*.

Mr. Khurshid Ahmad Shah, JKAS, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K, was also *Guest of Honour*.

In addition to above Er. Iftikhar Ahmed Kakroo, Chairman, J&K Water Resources (Regulation & Management) Authority (JKWRRA) & Mr. Jose George Pottakkal, Head, Western Himalayan Regional Centre, National Institute of Hydrology, Jammu were the *Keynote Speakers*.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function and presented *Welcome Address*

During the seminar, technical paper on the theme "Glacier Preservation" were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Er. Gopal Sharma, MIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Hemdeep Singh Ishar, AMIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist, Er. Akash Dugotra, AMIE & Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary, presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel.

World Telecommunication & Information Society Day



IE (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day on 17th May, 2025. The occasion was graced by Mr. Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for IT, Youth Services & Sports, Transport, Science & Technology, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, ARI & Training, Govt of J&K UT as *Chief Guest* while Mr. Manish Jain, Director Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India, Jammu was the *Keynote Speaker*.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Local Centre presided over the function & presented *Welcome Address*.

During the seminar Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist & Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE also presented their papers on the theme.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre conducted the proceedings & presented the *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for their active participation.

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World Environment Day

IE (India), Jammu Centre celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2025. In which Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation & Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Ltd. was the *Chief Guest* while Dr. Pratik Kumar, Assistant Professor, Environmental Engineering, IIT, Jammu was the *Keynote Speaker*.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function & also presented *Welcome Address*.

On this occasion a technical seminar was organized on the theme "*Beat Plastic Pollution*" in which Er. P. K. Nanda, FIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, FIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, AM Technologist, Er. Akash Dugotra, AMIE & Er. Anil Kumar, AMIE presented their papers.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre conducted the proceeding of the seminar and presented *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering & media personnel for their active participation.

IEI Jammu celebrated Royal Charter Day – 2025



1. Er Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Jammu Centre greeting Er Devinder Singh Pawar, FIE; the Chief Guest on Royal Charter Day
2. Engineers while attending the Seminar

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated Royal Charter Day at Institutional Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu. The function was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

On this occasion, Er Devinder Singh Pawar, FIE, Former Member (Technical), J&K State Electricity Regulatory Commission was the *Chief Guest* whereas Er Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, IEI Jammu Local Centre presided over the function.

At the outset, Er. Anil Verma presented the *Welcome Address* and introduced the relevance of the day to the august audience. In his address, he said this day is celebrated not only to commemorate a significant milestone in our Institution's history but also to reflect upon the enduring legacy of engineering excellence that has shaped our country, region and profession. He emphasized that the engineers are at the forefront of addressing issues such as sustainability, renewable energy, digitalization and infrastructure development.



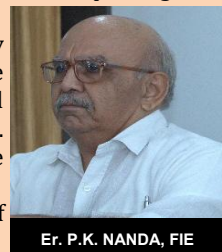
Er. Rabinder Shekher, FIE

It was followed by *Keynote Address* by; Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre & former Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, J&K Govt. He described about the History, Relevance & Privileges granted to the Institution by virtue of being given the Royal Charter by His Majesty, The King and Emperor George V at the Court of Buckingham Palace, London on 9th of September, 1935. Pertinently, IEI is the only professional body in India to have been granted this Royal Charter and it practises these privileges even today in Independent India.

During the course of celebrations of this day, Er. P. K. Nanda FIE; Former Honorary Secretary Jammu Centre also spoke on the Role of Engineers in Developing India. He highlighted that the Engineers are the architects for overall development of the mankind besides being one of the important pillars of the world to provide sustainable Environment.

Er. Devinder Singh Pawar, FIE; *Chief Guest* while concluding lauded the elaborate address of the Keynote Speaker and appreciated the efforts of the Jammu Local Centre for organizing this event.

Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the function and presented *Vote of Thanks* to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.



Er. P.K. NANDA, FIE

IEI Jammu Celebrated 79th Independence Day



The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre, celebrated 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at its premises. The National Flag was hoisted by Er Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman in presence of Er Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary, Committee Members, Corporate Members and other distinguished Guests.

On this occasion, Members paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the independence of the country. The gathering also reflected on the significance of the day and reaffirmed their commitment to contribute towards the nation's progress through engineering excellence.

The event concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and exchange of greetings among the Members.

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 State-of-the-art Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Centre for Arbitration & Conciliation - Domestic & International, 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 & engineers 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.

IEI CONDOLES LOSS OF LIVES IN NATURAL DISASTER AT PADDAR

An emergency meeting was held on 15th August, 2025 in the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre in the aftermath of tragic cloudburst incident at Chashoti in Paddar belt of Kishtwar on 14th August, 2025 triggering devastating flash floods in which dozens of human lives were lost and hundreds of pilgrims of Annual Machail Mata Yatra are washed away.

Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary and all the Members of the Executive Committee condoled the sad & untimely loss of human lives and prayed to Almighty for granting peace to the departed souls.

Herculean efforts of District Administration, Kishtwar and Govt. of J&K UT were also commended & applauded for timely taking of all possible steps for rescue and relief operations.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITY

World Habitat Day

6th October, 2025 (Monday)

Theme: "Urban crisis response"

The Interested corporate members/ colleague engineers & engineering students are requested to submit their papers by 30th of September, 2025 for the above mentioned activity, so that the same are listed for presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS ! 58th ENGINEERS' DAY



Sir M. Visvesvaraya

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre congratulates all the engineers on the auspicious occasion of 164th birth anniversary of the greatest engineer of the soil **Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya**. 15th of September is celebrated every year as Engineers' Day all over the country as a mark of respect to

Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya who was born on this day in the year 1861.

Let us all pledge on this day to strive for emulating the qualities of this great engineer.

AMIE Section- A & B (Winter Session) Examinations held



Examinations (Winter Session - 2024) for AMIE aspirants were conducted at Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Shiv Nagar, Jammu w.e.f. 30th August to 7th September, 2025. 23 candidates were registered for the examination. This Centre is grateful to the Er. Neelanjana Manwati, Principal; Officer-In-Charge of these examinations & the staff of the above said Institution for their association and cooperation for conducting the examinations smoothly.



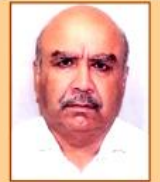
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