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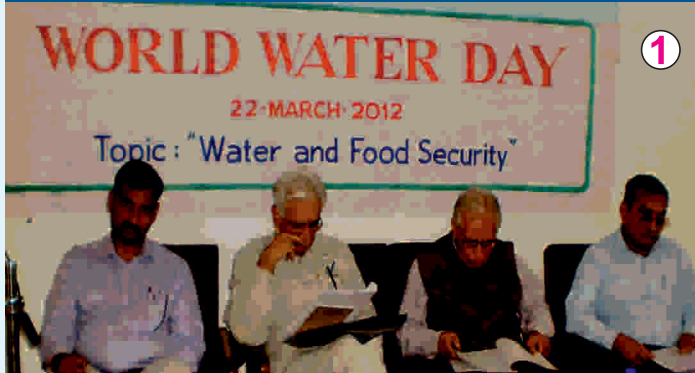
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World Water Day – 2012 Celebrated



1. Er. H. B. Khajuria, FIE, Former Chief Engineer, I&FC Department, J&K Govt. and Prof. Dr. O. N. Wakhlu, FIE, Former Principal, NIT, Srinagar flanked by Er. Braj Bhushan Sharma, FIE, Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre and Er. Rabinder Shekher, MIE, Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Centre on the dais on World Water Day.
2. A section of audience during the seminar.

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated "World Water Day" on 22nd March, 2012 at Institutional Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu by holding a seminar on theme topic "Water and Food Security". The seminar was attended by a large number of engineers from various departments and organizations. The seminar was chaired by Er. H. B. Khajuria, FIE, Former Chief Engineer, I&FC Department, J&K Govt. Prof. Dr. O. N. Wakhlu, FIE, Former Principal, NIT, Srinagar was the Guest of Honour. The function was presided over by Er. Braj Bhushan Sharma, FIE, Chairman of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre.

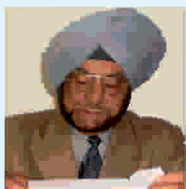
Six papers on the theme topic were presented by Er. Santokh Singh, FIE; Er. S. C. Thukral, FIE; Er. P.K. Nanda, MIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Ashok Kumar Sharma, MIE; and Er. Rajesh Kumar Angural.

All the speakers emphasized that water is the most important element for the survival of all the living beings as well as for our national development. According to them, where ever is the use of fresh water— be it agriculture, industry, domestic use etc; huge saving of water and improvement of water management is possible. A series of actions like following a healthier, sustainable diet, consuming less water intensive products, reducing the scandalous food wastage and ensuring more food of better quality with less water consumption, were suggested in the seminar. The authors highlighted the amazing reason to feel that every single drop of water on the earth is precious and its saving will help in ensuring food security, health security and ecological security for the people.

Er. H.B Khajuria, FIE while deliberating on the event said that "Water" is the Mother & Medium of life. It creates and sustains life. He lamented that no major project has come up for water conservation in our state for the last 15 years. He appealed the authorities/ Engineers at the helm of affairs to follow **Bhagidari** type Model of Delhi which proved to be a great success for National Capital Region.

Prof. Dr. O.N. Wakhlu, FIE also dwelt at length about the theme topic and suggested some remedies for future time to come vis-a-vis theme topic.

Er. Rabinder Shekher, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the seminar, delivered welcome address and presented vote of thanks to the august gathering. He also appealed to general public to make judicious use of water. He also thanked the press for the coverage of the occasion about the importance of water and food security.



Engineers while presenting their papers on World Water Day

Er. Manjit Singh departs

Er. Manjit Singh, FIE, Former Secretary to J&K Govt., Technical Education Department and Former Chairman & Honorary Secretary of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre passed away on 20th Jan, 2012.

Er. Manjit Singh was an alumnus of Delhi College of Engineering, Delhi. He had also done B.Sc. from erstwhile Prince of Wales College, Jammu now known as Govt. Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu. He was an unassuming personality and always remained humane towards everybody whosoever came in touch with him. He started his career as Demonstrator in Govt. Polytechnic, Srinagar and was promoted as Lecturer there. Later, he was transferred to Govt. Boys Polytechnic, Jammu and remained Head of Electrical Engineering Department there. He was promoted as Principal of this College in the year 1967 and remained on this post till the year 1981. In the year 1981, he was promoted as Director, Technical Education Department, J&K Govt. and remained on this post till the year 1984. In the year 1984, he was further elevated as Secretary to Govt., Technical Education Department, J&K Govt. and remained on this Chair till the year 1985 and superannuated on this chair in the year 1985 itself. **It is the highest post ever occupied by any Engineer in the Higher/Technical Education Department of J&K Govt.**



Er. Manjit Singh, FIE

Govt. Boys Polytechnic, Jammu saw many developments and sea changes under his stewardship as Principal. Construction of Sports Complex and state of the art Library in the College premises were his brain child. The College used to have hustle bustle with cultural activities, sports activities and gardening activities over and above the academic activities during his stint in the College. He was a keen lover for plants and the College lawn/plantation was worth seeing during his times.

Er. Manjit Singh was not contributing to his work place alone. He had earned excellent professional recognition in the annals of *The Institution of Engineers (India)* too and was Life Fellow of this prestigious body and was attached with Jammu Local Centre. He was senior most Fellow from Electrical Engineering Division in our Centre next only to Er. R.L. Sharma, who too, is no more amongst us now. Er. Manjit Singh contributed a lot to our centre and remained Honorary Secretary of this centre from the year 1972 to 1978. He was elected as Chairman of this centre in the year 1980 and remained so till the year 1984. He organized many activities in Govt. Boys Polytechnic, Jammu apart from the institution premises to make the engineering fraternity know about IEI and rope them into our fold.

A Memorial Service was held in The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre on 24th Jan. 2012 to condole his sad demise and to commemorate the selfless service rendered by him for his profession in general and this centre in particular. Lot of engineers from all walks of life attended this Memorial Service and recalled their personal experiences with this great personality.

Though Er. Manjit Singh has departed for his eternal journey but his honesty, truthfulness, dedication, selflessness and unimpeachable character will be remembered for all times to come amongst all.

(With inputs from Er. Manvir Singh S/o Er. Manjit Singh as told to Er. Anil Verma, MIE)

LIST OF NEW & UPGRADED MEMBERS

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre congratulates the following Engineers for getting themselves enrolled as corporate members of the Institution of Engineers (India).

1.	JAI RAM SURI	F-1165875	CV
2.	SHIBAN KRISHEN	F-1167894	CV
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13.	ROHIT KR GUPTA	M-1449081	EL
14.	SANJEEV SHARMA	AM0999086	EL
15.	SUBASH PANDITA	A-5547106	CP
16.	HARPREET SINGH	M-1443636	ET
17.	ROHIT BHATT	A-5546959	ET
18.	NARESH MAHAJAN	M-1447194	MC



EARTH HOUR observed in J&K State on PDD's initiative



EARTH HOUR was observed on 31st March, 2012 throughout J&K State. Residents of all the towns and cities switched off their non essential lights from 8.30 PM to 9.30 P.M as a step towards expressing concern for Climate Change. Initiative to observe this day was taken by Power Development Department, J&K Govt. to make the general public aware about disastrous changes in the climate through this event. Lot of advertisements were carried out in electronic and print media regarding this event. Billboards and banners were also displayed at important rotaries of

Jammu and Srinagar cities mentioning therein about this event. Pertinently, Sh Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister of J&K State who is Incharge of Power Development Department had issued a message in the local dailies mentioning therein the importance of this event in light of rising climate change in this universe. Sh Sudhanshu Pandey, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt., Power Development Department had also issued a similar message in the local dailies regarding observance of this event.

Rationale behind the event:

Earth Hour is a worldwide event organized by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and is held on the last Saturday of March annually, encouraging households and businesses to "Switch-off" their non-essential lights for one hour to raise awareness about the need to take action on climate change. The event, conceived by WWF and the Sydney Morning Herald, first took place in 2007, when 2.2 million residents of Sydney participated by turning off all non-essential lights. Since then, it is observed every year globally.

CONTRIBUTION IN NATION BUILDING BY THE ENGINEERS OF THIS CENTRE

A. Some of the Engineering Marvels Created by J&K ERA, Jammu, viz.,



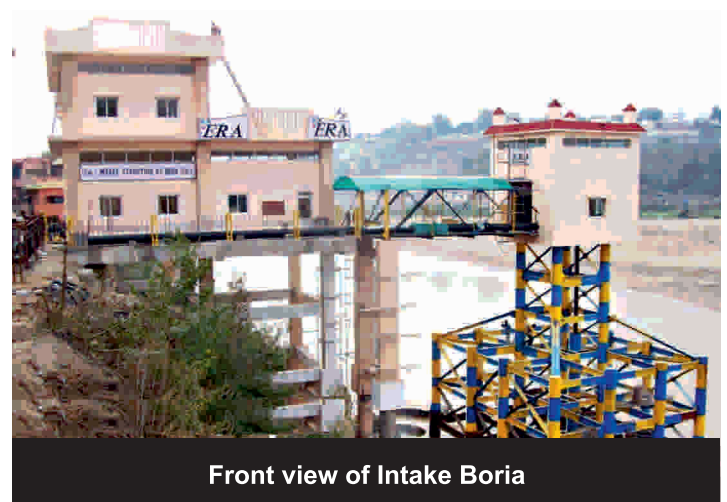
Pay & Use Toilet, Medical College
(Front of the Road)



Pay & Use Toilet, Medical College
(Facing main Hospital)



Intake Boria



Front view of Intake Boria

IEI COMPLEX



Facilities available at Institutional Complex, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

The institution has created facilities at Institutional Complex, Sector - 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu which is comprising of 03 Nos. AC Double Bed Rooms, 03 Nos. Non - AC Double Bed Rooms, 01 No. AC Lecture Hall and 01 No. AC Auditorium.

Tariff of the IEI Guest House has been revised. The new tariff is detailed below:-

AC Room = Rs. 700/- per day (April to October)
= Rs. 500/- per day (November to March)

Non - AC Room = Rs. 500/- per day (throughout the year)

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.

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTER

1. Announcement for Postgraduate Diploma Course

In order to open a window of opportunities to practising engineers, the Institution offers the postgraduate programme to its Graduates and Corporate Members in selected engineering disciplines. This programme facilitates the members to widen their knowledge and acquainting them with new and emerging technologies to upgrade their competence in the competitive industrial environment. This facility will continue for existing registered candidates only. No fresh registration shall be accepted.

2. Postgraduate Diploma Examinations

The Summer 2012 Postgraduate Examination will be held at six centres (namely, Kolkata, Delhi, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Ahmedabad and Chennai) during period May 03-06, 2012.

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FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

1) World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) on 17th May, 2012

Theme Topic: "Women and Girls in ICT"

2) World Environment Day (WED) on 05th June 2012

Theme Topic: "Green Economy: Does It Include You?"

The Interested corporate members / colleague engineers & engineering students are requested to submit their papers by 10th May, 2012 for WTISD and 28th May, 2012 for WED so that the same are listed for presentation.

AMIE SECTION – A (SUMMER SESSION) EXAMINATION HELD

AMIE Section-A Diploma Stream Summer Session examination shall be held on 2nd June to 5th June 2012 at Govt. Women Polytechnic, Shiv Nagar, Near AG office Jammu. 320 candidates from Jammu Local Centre have been registered for the examination.



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