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IEI celebrates World Habitat Day - 2014



1. Er. Kiran Wattal, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation flanked by Er. Hem Chander Jerath, FIE & Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE; Chairman & Honorary Secretary respectively of IEI, Jammu Centre on the dais during World Habitat Day-2014 celebrations.
2. A section of audience attending the seminar.

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated **World Habitat Day** in its auditorium at Channi Himmat, Jammu on 6th Oct., 2014. A seminar on the theme topic "**Voices from Slums**" was organized in which large number of engineers from various walks of life participated. **On this occasion, Er. Kiran Wattal, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu was the Chief Guest and Er. Hem Chander Jerath, FIE, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre presided over the function.**

At the outset, Er. Hem Chander Jerath, FIE; Chairman of Jammu Centre while presenting the Welcome Address made the audience aware about the World Habitat Day celebrations worldwide and the theme topic for this year vis - a - vis our J&K State.

Five speakers presented papers on the theme topic namely Er. S. C. Thukral, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE; Er. B. L. Rawal, MIE; Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, AMIE; & Er. Supinder Jeet Singh, AMIE. The speakers dwelt at length about the theme topic describing the state of slum dwellers with particular reference to J&K State. They advocated for adoption of such policies and plans by all the stakeholders like Governments, Civil Society etc. so that problems of slum dwellers are addressed with the available resources. They also requested them to check the rapid migration from rural areas to urban areas and provide the basic amenities in the rural areas itself so that influx of population growth in urban areas is checked and mushrooming growth of slums can be eliminated.



Er. Kiran Wattal

Er. Kiran Wattal, Chief Guest on this occasion appreciated the efforts of all the speakers for having presented very knowledgeable papers on the theme topic. He further informed the house that all the slums in the State of J&K have been identified and Govt. has been fully informed about rehabilitation of all the slum dwellers so that they are provided the basic necessities of life.

Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE; Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the function and presented the vote of thanks to the august gathering.



Engineers while presenting their papers on World Habitat Day - 2014

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47th Engineers' Day solemnised at IEI



Engineers posing for a photograph after paying rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on his 153rd Birth Anniversary on 47th Engineers' Day in the Institution's Auditorium.

A large number of engineers assembled at The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre to pay tributes to Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on his 153rd Birth Anniversary which was observed all over the country as 47th Engineers' Day. **Pertinently, against the usual gaiety which marks the occasion, the day was observed with extreme solemnity and simplicity in view of the extensive loss of life and property due to recent unprecedented floods in the J&K State.**

While paying glowing tributes to Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, Engineers present on the occasion condoled the loss of life and property due to recent natural calamity in J&K State and also observed 02 minute silence as a mark of respect in memory of those who lost their lives. Dedicated services of Engineers working in NDRF, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, J&K Police and other Para Military Forces were also applauded on this occasion due to their working round the clock in rescuing the people marooned and stranded in water in floods in various parts of J&K State.



Chairman & Hony. Secretary of Jammu Centre garlanding the bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya on 47th Engineers' Day.

Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE; Honorary Secretary of Jammu Local Centre presented the vote of thanks to the august gathering in the end.

47th AGM of The Institution of Engineers (India) held



1. *Er. H. C. Jerath, FIE & Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE; Chairman & Honorary Secretary respectively on the dais during 47th Annual General Meeting. Er. Anil Verma, MIE; Former Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Centre is also seen deliberating on a point during the course of AGM.*
2. *A section of corporate members attending the AGM.*

47th Annual General Meeting of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre was held at Institutional Complex, Sector - 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu on 18th October, 2014. It was chaired by Er. Hem Chander Jerath, FIE, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre. A large number of corporate members from all the engineering disciplines attended the AGM.

At the outset, Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE, Honorary Secretary, welcomed the members and got the Minutes of 46th AGM confirmed from the house. Thereafter, he presented the *Annual Report for the year 2013 - 2014* and highlighted the activities of the Jammu Local Centre. The audited accounts for the year 2013 - 2014 were also passed by the house.

During the course of AGM, all the corporate members including senior Fellows sitting in house gave voice to the long simmering demand for granting "State Centre" status to Jammu Local Centre. They reinforced their point by drawing analogy with twin capital status of J & K State and practice of having separate head of departments for Jammu as well as Kashmir Divisions. **They requested the chair to take up the issue with the Head Quarters so that Jammu also gets a "State Centre" instead of Local Centre.** The house unanimously and vociferously gave their consent to this point raised by the senior members in the house. *Members present in the house further augmented their point by declaring that membership strength of Jammu Local Centre is almost three times that of J&K State Centre, Srinagar and this itself is a valid & authentic reason for granting State Centre Status to Jammu Local Centre.*

Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE, Honorary Secretary of the centre conducted the proceedings and delivered the vote of thanks to the august gathering.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Er. Bimal Tickoo, FIE takes over as Development Commissioner in J&K PWD



Er. Bimal Tickoo, FIE

Er. Bimal Tickoo, FIE; Chief Engineer PMGSY Kashmir on further promotion took over as Development Commissioner, Public Works Department in the Administrative Secretariat of J&K Govt. in the month of October, 2014. Er. Tickoo is an alumnus of Regional Engineering College, Srinagar (Now NIT) having graduated in the year 1979 as BE (Hons) with distinction. Er. Tickoo qualified direct recruitment as AE through competition at entry level in J&K Engineering Gazetted Services and served subsequently in all the three regions of the State viz., Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in various capacities. *In his illustrious career spanning over 33 years, Er. Tickoo has several achievements to his credit including successful accomplishment of prestigious Mughal Road Project, an alternate highway connecting Kashmir province with Jammu region through Shopian and Poonch districts.*

Er. Tickoo is also life Member of IIPA, IRC besides being in-service arbitrator of Indian Roads Congress at the national level. The new Development Commissioner brings with him varied and elite experience of Project Management, Quality Assurance and time bound completion of projects. As Chief Engineer, Er. Tickoo has also been associated with conceptualization and rolling out of State Road Development Corporation cum State Highway Authority for J&K State.

As per the mandate, the Development Commissioner shall not only co-ordinate and oversee functioning of all the Chief Engineers of R&B, PMGSY, Project Organization, JKPC but also be the Technical Authority/Advisor to all other departments such as Tourism, Police Department, Estates Department, Housing Department, Agriculture Department etc. Indeed it is in conformity with the Government policy for making even the Chief Engineers accountable to higher technical authority.

By getting promoted to this highest rank in the engineering hierarchy, Er. Bimal Tickoo has made this Centre proud being a life fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India). Jammu Local Centre congratulates him for achieving this rare feat which is a dream of every technocrat and wishes him stupendous success in his new assignment.

Er. V. N. Sharma, FIE appointed as Member of Regional Empowered Committee



Er. V. N. Sharma, FIE

Er. V. N. Sharma, FIE; Former Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, J&K Govt. has been appointed as Member of a Regional Empowered Committee for the Northern Region for examining the proposals pertaining to diversion of forest land for non forestry purpose in the states of Haryana, Punjab & Union Territory of Chandigarh. Pertinently, Narendra Modi Govt. has decentralized the clearance of cases pertaining to use of forest land for non forestry purpose and constituted Regional Empowered Committees under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change which is a 1st of its kind initiative and would go a long way in minimizing the difficulties, which were being faced in obtaining clearances from the Union Environment Ministry. Moreover, this step would simplify the procedure as most of the issues will now be disposed of at the level of these Regional Committees instead of going to the Ministry.

It is worthwhile to mention here that these Committees comprise of experts from the fields of Mining, Civil Engineering & Developmental Economics and would advise the Union Ministry on various issues. Thus, by getting appointed as Member of the aforesaid Committee, Er. V. N. Sharma has added yet another feather to his cap. He is an eminent engineer of our state and has also served as Administrator of erstwhile Jammu Municipality (now Jammu Municipal Corporation). He is a life Member of Indian Roads Congress, New Delhi & Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. Presently he is also a Member of the Executive Committee of IIPA, Jammu.

Appointment of Er. V. N. Sharma as Member of the above prestigious Committee has made this Centre proud because he is a life fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India). Jammu Local Centre congratulates him for bringing laurels to this Centre as well as J&K State.

Er. H. C. Jerath, FIE attends conference on Jal Manthan in New Delhi



Er. H. C. Jerath, FIE

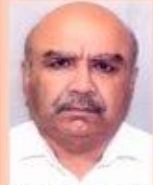
Er. H. C. Jerath, FIE; Chairman of this Centre and Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, J&K Govt., Jammu attended a conference on 'Jal Manthan' at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in the month of November, 2014 which was inaugurated by Sushri Uma Bharti, Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. Er. Jerath accompanied Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS; Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., PHE and I&FC Deptt., J&K who also attended this conference.

About 300 experts attended this conference at National Level and the focus of the conference was on refining policies of the Ministry to make them people friendly and responsive to the needs of the states. Threadbare discussions were held in this three day conference on the three flagship schemes being implemented by the Govt. through Ministry of Water Resources i.e. Accelerated Irrigation benefit programme, Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies and Flood Management programme. The issues related to Inter-Linking of Rivers in the country and Water Conservation & Management with Civil Societies, NGOs etc. were also discussed in the conference.

It is a matter of pride for Jammu Local Centre because Er. Jerath was the lone engineer from J&K State amongst the experts at National Level to attend the above conference.



Sushri Uma Bharti, Union Minister discussing a point with one of the experts while Er. H. C. Jerath is seen listening to the discussion.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS (Contd...)**Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE adds 2 more Awards to his credit****Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE**

Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE former Executive Engineer Hydraulics, J&K Govt. and working as Consultant with M/S GVR Infra Projects Ltd. has been awarded with **Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award & Certificate Of Excellence** for Outstanding Individual Achievement and Distinguished Services to the Nation in a seminar held at New Delhi on 04.09.2014 by International Friendship Society. The award was presented by General (Retd.) S. J. J. Singh, former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in presence of Sh. Bisham Narayan Singh, Ex. Governor and S. Joginder Singh, former Director CBI. It is pertinent to mention here that Er. Nanda has already been awarded with **Bharat Jyoti Award** in March, 2014 and **D. K. Gupta Engineer of the Year Award** by the Institution of Engineers Jammu for Life Time Achievements in the field of engineering and technology in Sept., 2011. In addition to this, recently he has also been awarded with the **Best Citizens of India Award** by International Publishing House.

Er. Nanda is a life Member of Indian Water Works Association and Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi apart from being a life Member of the Institution of Engineers (India).

This Centre congratulates Er. Nanda for adding another set of awards in his bouquet of awards.



*Er. P. K. Nanda while receiving the Awards at New Delhi.
His wife is also seen in the picture.*

New & Upgraded Corporate Members**Er. K.K. Gupta, FIE**

Er. Kishore Kumar Gupta has been elected as Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India). Presently he is working as Chief Engineer, Ravi Tawi Irrigation Complex, J&K Govt. Jammu. He is an alumnus of Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala (Now Thapar University, Patiala) and passed out in 1980. He started his career as an Assistant Engineer in Hydraulic Wing of J&K Govt. in 1983 and rose to the rank of Chief Engineer in October, 2012.

**Er. Nitin Mahajan, AMIE**

Er. Nitin Mahajan has been elected as Associate Member of the Institution of Engineers (India). He is an alumnus of Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi & passed out in the year 2006 in Electronics & Communication Engineering securing distinction.

Presently he is working as Assistant Engineer in Power Development Department, J&K Govt., Jammu. It is worthwhile to mention here that Er. Mahajan got appointment as Assistant Engineer through the prestigious J&K Public Service Commission in March, 2011 and figured at Serial No. 1 in the merit list of newly appointed Assistant Engineers at that time. He has presented various papers on Reduction of Noise in Electronic Devices in IEEE (Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers) conventions held at BIT, Mesra, Ranchi during his college days.

While, Er. Kishore Kumar Gupta, FIE has been elevated as Life Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India) from Life Member category, Er. Nitin Mahajan, AMIE is a new entrant in the elite family of the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu.

This Centre extends its heartiest congratulations to the above two engineers for joining the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre & wishes them roaring success in their future endeavors.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITY**World Water Day**On 22nd March, 2015 (Sunday)**Theme Topic: "Water and Sustainable Development"**

The interested corporate members, colleague engineers & engineering students are requested to submit the papers by 15th March, 2015 for the above mentioned activity, so that the same are listed for presentation.

AMIE SECTION-A (WINTER SESSION) EXAMINATION HELD

AMIE Section-A Diploma Stream Winter Session examination were held at Govt. Ranbir Higher Secondary School, Parade, Jammu from 6th to 9th December, 2014. 490 Nos. candidates appeared in this examination. This Centre is grateful to the Officer-In-Charge of the Examinations and the staff of the above said school, who remained associated with the examinations for extending full cooperation for conducting the examinations smoothly.

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