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IEI, JAMMU CELEBRATES 56TH ENGINEERS DAY



Photo Caption: Sh H Rajesh Prasad, IAS, Chief Guest along with Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma & Er. Sachin Tickoo Garlanding the bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

PRESS RELEASE

The 56th Engineers' day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre at its Institutional Complex Jammu in which Shri H Rajesh Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Power Development Department, J&K Govt. was the Chief Guest, in presence of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE, Chairman and Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and attended by large numbers of engineers from various departments and organizations. This day is celebrated all over the country to commemorate the 162nd birth anniversary of the greatest engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna.

On this occasion, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary extended gratitude warm welcome to Shri H Rajesh Prasad, IAS, for having consented to grace the occasion as Chief Guest.

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE in her welcome address while recalling the distinguished services of Sh. Rajesh Prasad, IAS in various capacities while working in national capital territory of Delhi and at other important positions. She also extended special welcome to senior engineers who continued to exhibit their dedication and passion for their profession, going above and beyond to be part of our celebrations on this day.

Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by Er. Rabinder Shekher, FIE on behalf of IEI, Jammu Local Centre in which he highlighted the sterling qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like Austerity, Integrity, Competence and Discipline.

Further, on this occasion Er. Lalit Mengi, FIE; Retd. Chief Engineer, R&B & Retd. Managing Director, Housing Board was honoured with **IEI Award** for his outstanding services rendered to the engineering profession and to the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre. He was

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presented with a *Gold Medallion* as a mark of respect & Er. Rabinder Shekher, FIE with D. K. GUPTA Engineer of the year award for his life time achievements to the engineering profession.

IEI, Jammu also presented *R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal* to Er. Ajay Sharma for presenting the Best Technical Paper *Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal* to Er P K Nanda for presenting 2nd best technical paper and IEI Bronze Medal to Er Joy Ganjoo for presenting 3rd best technical paper during the year 2022 - 23.

IEI, also honoured Er. Ajay Sharma, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney; Er. Sumil Goyal, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Member Technologist, Er. Akash Dusgotra & Er, Anil Kumar with mementoes for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2022 - 2023. Further in recognition of active participation of students from GCET & MIET on the occasion of World Engineering Day & Energy Conservation Day merit certificate & participation certificate are also presented.

In addition to above first issue of 21st Volume of quarterly IEI Jammu News - Newsletter of Jammu Local Centre was also released by the Chief Guest in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. Anil Verma, Er. Pooja Wazir & Er. Sachin Tickoo, Hony. Secretary.

While speaking on the occasion, Sh. H Rajesh Prasad, IAS, highlighted role of engineers in the development of the country especially remarkable progress achieved in the Power sector, Roads & Buildings and modern artificial intelligence based applications to prepare the country to make huge impact on the world map. He acknowledged the role of J&K Engineers both public and private sector in making landmark progress towards the development of the union territory. He also sought cooperation from the institution in creating a techno vibrant environment in Jammu region so that dearth of skilled technically sound manpower is addressed and void felt by public and private sector are addressed.

The inaugural session was followed by a technical session which was chaired by Sh. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE, Chief Project Manager, USBRL, Norther Railways, Jammu. He presented detailed presentation on Udhampur, Srinagar, Baramula Rail Link Project (USBRL) which involves a 272 Km. long Railway Line from Udhampur to Baramulla joining the Kashmir valley with the Indian Railways network under USBRL. This project has been the most challenging works undertaken post-independence by Indian Railways. In view of importance of USBRL project in providing seamless and hassle-free connectivity, the Project was declared as "National Project" in 2002. The alignment of USBRL involves construction of a large number of Tunnels and Bridges in highly rugged and mountainous terrain with most difficult and complex Himalayan geology.

Further 05 nos papers were presented by Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Er. Akash Dusgotra & Er. Anil Kumar on the theme "*Engineering a Resilient Future: Building stronger, smarter and safer*".

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary of the centre 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.

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